

H C HOLIDAY

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TRAINER: Routes(197.19 \$1.49) Stakes(48.25 \$2.15)

- Owner/breeder Ivan Dalos has experienced several near misses in the Queen's Plate with trainer Josie Carroll, watching Avie's Flatter (2019), Amis Gizmo (2016), and Ami's Holiday (2014) all emerge second-best.
- "He relaxes really well," said trainer Kevin Attard, who is confident the 1 ¼-mile Plate distance will not be an obstacle. "When you're going that far, I think he's a horse that's able to come off the bridle. It's something he can do very easily."
- H C Holiday was at the track last year but did not get to the post at the Woodbine meeting.
- "He came in early," said Attard, who received six juveniles from Dalos. "We had a couple of little two-year-old setbacks with him. He was ready to make a start at the end of the year and then COVID hit again, and they cancelled the meet."
- H C Holiday's connections wanted him to have at least a taste of racing as a juvenile before the calendar turned and the colt was shipped to Mike Maker at Turfway Park.
- "He didn't run like we were expecting so then we just kind of decided to bring him back home after that race, and regroup with this race in mind," said Attard. "He'd always worked like he had talent."
- H C Holiday, returning late this spring, rallied strongly to get up for the win only to lose the purse when it was ruled that Lasix protocols had been violated due to a technicality. That AGCO decision currently is under appeal.
- Next time out, the son of Ami's Holiday raced with Lasix and was fourth against older horses and fellow 3-year-old
- Facing Avoman again in the 1 1/8-mile Plate Trial, H C Holiday ended third and was moved up to second behind that winning rival after his stablemate Truffle King was disqualified for interfering with fourth-place Derzkii.
- "With the big field you're going to need a lot of racing luck, but at least you could be a little more positive of an honest pace scenario as opposed to his last race," said Attard, adding that H C Holiday is a fairly straightforward animal.

Owner - Ivan Dalos

Ivan Dalos, master of Tall Oaks Farm, a long-time force in the racing and breeding games, took home Sovereign Awards as Canada's Outstanding Breeder in 2018 and 2020. Born in Budapest, Hungary, Dalos, a partner in a Toronto-area wood flooring business, was introduced to racing in the mid-1980s and eventually became an owner of some claiming horses before embarking on a mainly breed-to-race operation. His first superstar was Victory Gallop. Sold for \$25,000 as a yearling in Kentucky, the son of Cryptoclearance won the 1998 Belmont, the Eclipse Award as Top Older horse in 1999, and was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2010. Sovereign winners for Dalos include Amis Gizmo (Three-yearold Male, 2016), Ami's Mesa (Older Female and Female Sprinter, 2017), and Avie's Flatter (Two-year-old Male, 2018). He also collected Sovereign Awards for Outstanding Broodmare with Galloping Ami (2016), Victorious Ami (2017) and In Return (2018). The Dalos-bred Channel Maker was the 2020 Eclipse Award winner in the older turf male category.

Trainer – Kevin Attard

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Jockey – Luis Contreras

Born in Mexico City, Luis Contreras began his career in Mexico at age 16 and rode more than 100 winners in four consecutive seasons before moving to Golden Gate. Since coming to Woodbine in 2009, Contreras has won three riding titles from 2011 to 2013 and back-to-back Sovereigns as outstanding jockey in the first of those seasons. He won the Queen's Plate with Inglorious, and then took the Prince of Wales and Breeders' Stakes with Pender Harbour to become the first rider to win all three Canadian Triple Crown races with different horses. In 2017, Contreras took the first two Triple Crown legs with Holy Helena and the John Ross trainee Cool Catomine. He also finished second in the 2018 Queen's Plate aboard 28-1 Aheadbyacentury and was the runner-up with Amis Gizmo (2016) and Ami's Holiday (2014). Last October, he partnered Belichick to victory in the Breeders' Stakes. Contreras has recorded 203 career stakes scores and over 2,300 wins.

Groom — Peter Singh

