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Own: Ferguson Donald, Carr, William and An



B. c. 3 (Feb) FTKOCT19 \$60,000
 Sire: Munnings (Speightstown) \$40,000
 Dam: Gold Medalist (Medaglia d'Oro)
 Br: Rod Ferguson Farms Ltd. (Ont.-C)
 Tr: Day Phillips Catherine(41 4 3 3 .10) 2021:(41 4 .10)

Life	3	1	1	0	\$79,063	73	D.Fst	1	0	1	0	\$16,000	66
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2020	0	M	0	0	\$0	-	Synth	2	1	0	0	\$50,686	73
Wo	2	1	0	0	\$63,063	73	Turf(318)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
							Dst(291)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

11Jly21-4WO fst 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ 233 :473 1:114 1:444 Md Sp Wt 102k 73 6/10 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hernandez R M L118 6.35 87-10 TakeaChance $\frac{1}{2}$ TaleofMineshaft $\frac{1}{2}$ Runninforcover $\frac{3}{4}$ Held under a drive
 20Jun21-6WO fst 7F 23 :46 1:11 1:233 Md Sp Wt 114k 68 11/11 7 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ Fukumoto D L118 *2.80 81-07 ArtiesStorm $\frac{1}{2}$ BeyondBorders $\frac{1}{2}$ TaleofMineshaft $\frac{2}{3}$ 3-4w,gamely in vain
 Previously trained by Brown Chad C 2020: (746 174 144 129 0.23)
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WORKS: Aug7WO 5fst 1:00 $\frac{4}{5}$ B 17/60 Jly31WO 4fst :49 $\frac{2}{5}$ B 54/85 Jly24WO 5fst 1:00 $\frac{3}{5}$ B 16/53 Jly3WO 4fst :48 $\frac{2}{5}$ B 18/98 Jun12WO 5fst 1:01 $\frac{1}{5}$ B 19/81 Jun5WO 5fst 1:01 $\frac{1}{5}$ B 70/123
TRAINER: 31-60Days(27.00 \$0.00) WonLastStart(6.00 \$0.00) Routes(62.10 \$2.40) Stakes(7.00 \$0.00)

- Take a Chance was bred by Rod Ferguson, raised at Anderson Farms in St. Thomas, ON, and nearly orphaned on arrival. His dam colicked during his birth (and subsequently survived). Take a Chance was raised by one of David Anderson's Clydesdale mares. Take a Chance initially was sold by Ferguson via Anderson Farms for \$60,000 at the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearling Sale.
- Initially trained by Chad Brown, Take a Chance was sold to Anderson, Don Ferguson (Rod's son) and first-time horse owner Bill Carr, all of St. Thomas, ON, for \$150,000 at the 2021 Keeneland April Horses of Racing Age Sale. The horse was purchased primarily to take a shot at the Queen's Plate.
- "He's a very classy horse. He's very professional. There's something about him. There's an inner strength to him. He's just great to be around," said trainer Catherine Day Phillips of the horse, who broke his maiden last time out on July 11, in a 1 1/16-mile Tapeta race at Woodbine. "He's a big, strong, good-looking horse ... He's playful and feels good and, at the same time, doesn't do anything bad."
- "He likes to sleep a lot. I'll go down to see him and he'll be down for the count quite often," said Day Phillips. "I think it's a very good thing. I think it shows his confidence in his surroundings."

Owners – Don Ferguson, Bill Carr, Anderson Farms Inc.

Anderson Farms of St. Thomas, ON was founded in 1969 by the late Bob Anderson, a long-time Woodbine director who was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame as a builder in 2015. Bob and Take a Chance's breeder, Rod Ferguson, were long-time friends and partners. Rod's son, Don Ferguson, a lawyer in St. Thomas, ON, is a long-time friend and partner of Bob's son, David Anderson who now operates Anderson Farms. Anderson Farms bred the 2018 Plate winner Wonder Gadot and was the breeder of Plate third-place finishers Inflexibility and All On Red in 2017 and 2016, respectively. Bill Carr owns Carr's Delivery Service in St. Thomas, ON. Take a Chance is the first horse he has owned.

Trainer – Catherine Day Phillips

Catherine Day Phillips comes by her profession honestly. Her father, Jim Day, and late mother, Dinny Day, both were trainers and her maternal grandmother, the late Janet Burns, was the founder of Kingfield Farm, which remains the domain of Day Phillips and her husband, Todd Phillips. The stable's success stories include A Bit O'Gold, Canada's Horse of the Year in 2005, and Hall of Famer Jambalaya, who provided Day Phillips with her first Grade 1 wins in the 2007 Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup Turf Stakes and Arlington Million. Day Phillips was a Sovereign Award finalist in 2017.

Jockey – Kevah Nicholls

The multiple stakes-winning jockey has already set a career-best in earnings in 2021. The Woodbine regular has ridden the winners of \$571,830 to surpass his previous best total set in 2020. Nicholls, who is looking for his first Queen's Plate victory, finished ninth in the 2020 Plate riding Truebelieve.

Groom – Angel Romo Sotelo

