

## TIDAL FORCES

Tidal Forces

TRAINER: 31-60Days(42.12 \$4.32) Routes(62.15 \$4.14) Stakes(22.23 \$4.18)



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- Tidal Forces, the "pretty cool guy", may only have three starts under his saddle, but the Sam-Son Farm homebred is all systems go for Sunday's 162<sup>nd</sup> running of the Queen's Plate.
- Listed at 50-1 in the Queen's Plate Winterbook, the son of Malibu Moon was unraced at two. He debuted in April at Gulfstream Park and galloped away with a win. Next time out, in mid-June at Woodbine, he was back in the winner's circle. In his final race before the Plate, the Marine Stakes on July 11, he was fifth.
- "He ran so well in his first start [April 10, at Gulfstream]," said trainer Gail Cox. "I really like him. Running that first race at Gulfstream, it's tough there. He ran so well and it was a very impressive effort." As was his encore at Woodbine. At the end of the 8.5-furlong main track race, Tidal Forces crossed the wire a half-length winner.
- Tidal Forces earned himself a catchy nickname early on. "We call him Brutus," noted Cox. "As a young horse, he had this huge neck, a big, fat, wide neck. As he's grown up, he's certainly lengthened out a bit and become much more refined. He's really quite beautiful. He's a pretty cool guy."
- According to Cox he's also as laid-back as they come, that is until it's time to race. "When you're walking out to the track with him, you'd almost think he's lazy. He kind of wanders out and wanders back. But when you turn around to gallop him, he's quite powerful. That's just the type of horse you love to have, one who can turn the dial from laid-back to all business."
- "He eats well and he's pretty easy to deal with. He walks over the paddock calmly. He's just very professional in everything he does. There are times when you see little signs of immaturity, losing focus a little bit, but I'm really happy with everything when it comes to him."

## Owner - Sam-Son Farm

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## Trainer - Gail Cox

Gail Cox, born and raised in the Toronto neighbourhood of Willowdale, was an early participant in the show horse world and opted to pursue that vocation following high school, riding for Sam-Son Farm when that outfit was a major player in the field. When Sam-Son made their move into Thoroughbred racing, Cox continued with the show horses while also starting to gallop Thoroughbreds. Her first employer at Woodbine was trainer Jim Bentley and she went on to work for Dave MacLean and for Sam-Son at the racetrack when Jim Day was their trainer. Later, while an exercise rider for trainer Danny Vella, Cox took out her trainer's license and started out with one horse, saddling her first winner at Woodbine in the fall of 2006. Her most accomplished performer to date has been Something Extra, who she also owned in partnership with John Menary, a winner of five stakes races and \$1 million.

## Jockey - Emma-Jayne Wilson

Champion jockey Emma-Jayne Wilson started her riding career in 2004 and recorded her first win at Fort Erie that year. She quickly became Woodbine's leading rider in 2005 as an apprentice rider. Wilson won both the Sovereign Award and Eclipse Award as Outstanding Apprentice Jockey in 2005, and captured both the Woodbine meet title and a second Sovereign Award as Outstanding Apprentice Jockey again in 2006. In 2007 Wilson made history, becoming the first female rider to win the Queen's Plate aboard Mike Fox. Wilson is now the most successful Canadian female rider of all time with more than 1,650 career victories. Wilson has taken her talents across the world, becoming the first North American female rider to be granted a license to ride in Hong Kong in 2008, and she also captained the Girls Team to an historic victory in the Shergar Cup at Ascot Racecourse in 2015. Wilson, who has dedicated her time and efforts to various charitable initiatives over the years, was named the Avelino Gomez Memorial Award recipient in 2018, which honours significant contributions to the sport of horse racing from a jockey.

Groom - Juan Balbuena

