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Own: Barber Gary and Archer Racing LLC



B. c. 3 (Apr)
Sire: Karakontie*Jpn (Bernstein) \$15,000
Dam: Certainly Special (Distorted Humor)
Br: Jayson Horner (Ont-C)
Tr: Casse Mark E (242 53 38 37 .22) 2025 : (864 138 .16)

13Jly25-9WO fst 1 ¹ / ₁₆ C 231 :464 1:114 1:433 34 OC 50k/n2L-N 79 7/10 21 ¹ / ₂ 22 2 nd 12 2 ^{nk} Civaci S L119 3.95 85-18 SpclSssnkAshlsArchr ¹ / ₂ ElsActr ¹ / ₂ Led 1/4,clear,collared
9Apr25-7Kee fst 1 ¹ / ₁₆ 234 :484 1:133 1:451 OC 125k/n1x-N 69 6/9 53 52 3 ¹ / ₂ 54 ¹ / ₂ 68 ¹ / ₂ Geroux F L118 14.56 80-14 SktAwynkLionofJustc ¹ VIntnn ⁶ Pull 4w,bid 3w2nd,fade
2Mar25-6Tam fst 7 ¹ / ₁₆ 223 :453 1:101 1:223 OC 75k/n1x-N 70 6/8 5 52 ¹ / ₂ 31 ¹ / ₂ 22 ¹ / ₂ 25 Gallardo A A L118 *1.10 82-15 ArtFr ⁵ AshlysArchr ³ / ₄ ShdwFctr ¹ / ₄ Brush brk, no match
30Nov24-9WO fst 1 ¹ / ₁₆ 491:1:132 1:39 1:523 R CorntnFutB251k 77 3/10 2 ¹ / ₂ 21 2 nd 2 nd 32 ¹ / ₄ Civaci S L122 2.40 76-31 NtrsGngstr ² DlfmkAshlysArchr ³ / ₄ Btw,led 5/16-3/16,duel
6Oct24-9WO gd 1 ¹ / ₁₆ 231 :462 1:104 1:423 R CupSaucerB251k 80 1/10 54 ¹ / ₂ 44 ¹ / ₂ 52 ¹ / ₂ 31 ¹ / ₂ 1 ^{no} Vives S L122 5.10 81-21 AshlsArchrnoScrchn ² Dlfhd Bump foe 3/16,surge,up
Disqualified and placed 5th
15Sep24-1WO fm 1 ¹ / ₁₆ 232 :47 1:11 1:404 Md Sp Wt 82k 75 1/7 11 1 ¹ / ₂ 1 ¹ / ₂ 12 ¹ / ₂ 13 ¹ / ₂ Husbands P L118 7.15 90-12 AshlysArchr ³ / ₄ SgrB ¹ / ₄ Hmmrhdnk Well rationed up top
18Aug24-4WO fst 7 ¹ / ₁₆ 223 :454 1:112 1:244 Md Sp Wt 86k 36 5/10 9 86 ³ / ₄ 98 89 ¹ / ₂ 91 ¹ / ₂ Husbands P L118 3.55 63-20 FortyNFvnkSpclSsson ³ / ₄ Groot ² / ₄ Bounced btwn at start
WORKS: Aug7WO 4 ¹ / ₂ fst:48 ¹ / ₂ B 5/24 Jly26WO 4 ¹ / ₂ fst:48 ¹ / ₂ B 10/75 Jly3WO 5 ¹ / ₂ fst 1:00 ² / ₄ B 11/20 Jun21WO 4 ¹ / ₂ fst:48 ³ / ₄ B 56/112 Jun15WO 4 ¹ / ₂ fst:47 ³ / ₄ B 14/97
TRAINER: 2Off45-180 (323.16 \$1.41) Routes (1081.16 \$1.62) Stakes (490.17 \$1.66)

- The homebred bay son of Karakontie (JPN) was second in his last outing, a \$114,600 Allowance Optional Claiming event on July 13 at Woodbine. "I think his race the other day was very good," trainer Mark Casse said. "He needed it, and he should be a better horse for the King's Plate."
- In 2024, Ashley's Archer finished first in the \$250,000 Cup and Saucer Stakes at Woodbine, only to be disqualified and placed fifth for interference in deep stretch. It was then that Casse began thinking about the King's Plate. "Any time I have a talented 2-year-old, I'm always thinking about the King's Plate."
- Ashley's Archer was bred by Jayson Horner and is co-owned by him with his daughter Courtney under Archer Racing LLC. "Jason called me a couple times and said he would like to race him, but he would like a partner," Casse said. "He must have emailed me and texted me for three months, or longer, maybe. And finally, I said, 'Why don't you do this? Why don't you send him over and let me train him for a couple of weeks, and if I like him, I'll get Gary [Barber] to buy part?' That's what he did, and that's what happened... I called Gary Barber, told him the story, told him [Ashley's Archer] could be a King's Plate horse and that he should buy half of him, and he did." It is the first horse the Horners and Barber have owned together, Casse said. "We got [Ashley's Archer] in Ocala, and he always impressed me. He always worked well. I think he's a nice horse. I don't think you've seen his best yet."
- Ashley's Archer is the ninth horse out of Certainly Special. His half-brother Coltimus Prime earned \$644,125, won the 2014 Prince of Wales Stakes at Fort Erie and was ninth in the 2014 Queen's Plate. Half-sister Crysta's Court earned \$241,044. Total progeny earnings for Certainly Special's foals is more than \$1.3 million.

Trainer – Mark Casse

Plate Starters: 34 - Plate Wins: 3 (2014, 2018, 2023)

Mark Casse has won a record 16 Sovereign Awards as Canada's outstanding trainer. The Indianapolis, IN native has two U.S. Triple Crown wins: 2019 Preakness (G1) with War of Will and 2019 Belmont (G1) with Sir Winston. He also has six Breeders' Cup wins. Casse trained Eclipse Award winner Tepin who he sent to win the 2016 Queen Anne (G1) during the prestigious Royal Ascot meet in England. He has trained three Plate winners – Lexie Lou (2014), Wonder Gadot (2018) and Paramount Prince (2023). He was inducted into the U.S. Racing Hall of Fame in 2020 and the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2016. His North American career purse earnings exceed \$262.5 million, and he recently recorded his 4,000th career victory.

Owner – Gary Barber and Archer Racing LLC

Former MGM executive Gary Barber is the co-founder of Spyglass Entertainment and CEO of Spyglass Media. Spyglass Entertainment produced such motion pictures as Seabiscuit, which was nominated for seven Academy Awards. Barber has executive-produced more than 50 films. The South African native has owned horses alone and in partnership with his brother Cecil and others. Tourist won the Breeders' Cup Mile in 2016 for a partnership that included Barber. Barber won two Canadian classic races in 2018 with Wonder Gadot and in 2019 won the Preakness with War of Will. Barber added another Breeders' Cup crown when Belvoir Bay won the 2019 Turf Sprint. The 2023 campaign was one to remember for Barber, who captured his first ever Sovereign Award for Outstanding Owner after he recorded 22 wins, including six stakes tallies, for over \$1.8 million in purse earnings across 96 starts on the Canadian Thoroughbred circuit. Last year, Barber was second in the King's Plate with My Boy Prince and the owner had his highest seasonal purse earnings (\$4,465,332) since 2019. He won 69 races in 2024. Lifetime, he has won more than 750 races and has purse earnings approaching \$48 million. Archer Racing is owned by Jayson Horner and his daughter Courtney. Horner also raced Ashley's Archer's half-brother Coltimus Prime who won the Prince of Wales Stakes, part of Canada's Triple Crown. Horner is the President and CEO of CanDeal, which provides data and analytical solutions.

Jockey – Sahin Civaci

Plate Appearances: 4 - Best Plate Finish: 2nd (2023, 2024)

Multiple graded stakes-winning rider Sahin Civaci was born in Vancouver, and moved to Ankara, Turkey with his family when he was 10. In his early teenage years, he enrolled in a course sponsored by the Turkish Jockey Club and quickly realized he wanted to ride thoroughbreds for a living. He made the move to Woodbine, and his first win at the Toronto oval came on June 5, 2019, aboard Phil's Glory. In 2019, he won 39 races in 363 starts. He had 92 wins in 2022 before ascending to new heights in 2023, where he set career-highs in starts (624), wins (141), and earnings (\$6.5 million). Civaci has more than 700 career wins and purse earnings of nearly \$25 million.

Breeder – Jayson Horner

Groom – Ivan Forde