

AVOMAN

Avoman

Own: D-Mac Racing Stable Inc. and La Huert

Dk. b or b. g. 3 (Feb) CANSEP19 \$45,096
 Sire: Old Forester (Forestry) \$3,100
 Dam: Cosa Rara (Tethra)
 Br: Joey Gee Thoroughbreds (Ont-C)
 Tr: MacRae Donald C(34 7 6 3 .21) 2021:(36 8 .22)

Life	5	2	0	2	\$176,058	83	D.Fst	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2021	2	1	0	1	\$100,110	83	Wet(351)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2020	3	1	0	1	\$75,948	70	Synth	4	1	0	2	\$92,494	83
Wo	4	1	0	2	\$116,058	83	Turf(219)	1	1	0	0	\$60,000	70
							Dst(270*)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

1Aug21-3WO fst 1/8 51 1:15 1:40 1:52 4 Plate Trl B 150k 83 4/4 4 1 1/2 4 2 1/2 3 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 Gallardo A A L126 b 1.55 77-17 Avoman 3/4 Truffle King 2 1/4 H C Holiday 1 1/4 Bid 3w, proved best
 3Jly21-10WO fst 1/8 24 :49 1:13 1:44 3 4 OC 40k/c-N 83 10/11 6 4 6 3 4 1 1/2 2 1 3 1/2 Stein J L118 b 5.20 90-12 Rogue Affair 3/4 Green Fleet 3/4 Avoman 1/4 4-5w, gamely thru str
 20Nov20-8WO fst 6 1/8 223 :45 1:09 1:16 5 Frost King B 100k 70 1/9 5 5 3 1/2 7 5 6 5 1/2 5 1/2 Stein J L122 3.35 89-07 Red River Rebel 2 1/4 Forst Survivor 3/4 Cndy Ovrlod 1 1/4 Steadied turn, mild run
 27Sep20-9WO fm 7 1/8 232 :47 1:12 1:31 3 Bull Page B 100k 70 6/7 5 6 3 1/2 6 2 1/2 3 1 1/2 1 1/2 Stein J L119 6.55 84-15 Avoman 1 1/2 All Canadian 1/2 Dragon's Brew 1/2 Off slow, led 16th out
 7Sep20-7WO fst 6 1/8 224 :45 1:10 1:17 Md Sp Wt 100k 68 6/8 7 5 3 1/2 5 3 3 3 2 1/2 Stein J L118 4.35 87-10 Threefiftyseven 1 1/4 Excellerator 1 Avoman 3/4 2w, determined drive

WORKS: Jly24 WO 5f fst :59 4 B 9/53 Jly16 WO 5f fst 1:03 3 B 21/23 Jun25 WO 5f fst 1:00 2 B 2/20 Jun17 WO 5f fst 1:00 B 3/30 Jun6 WO 5f fst :59 3 H 8/131 May27 WO 5f fst 1:01 4 B 32/52

TRAINER: WonLastStart(20.25 \$2.93) Routes(54.19 \$2.19) Stakes(4.50 \$5.05)

- The idea for his name came from a popular vegetable and now 3-year-old Avoman, this year's Plate Trial champ, could be ripe for victory in Canada's most famous horse race.
- "La Huerta Imports supplies tropical produce, including avocados," stated trainer MacRae, who co-owns the dark bay with Jim and Graeme Bruce, of La Huerta. "When it came to the naming process, Jim mentioned that we call him Avoman. To me, that's the coolest name you could possibly come up with. We all love it."
- Having trained horses for 27 years, MacRae has had several good ones over time. None, however, are as special as his Queen's Plate contender. "We're dreaming big... that's the whole part of being in this business."
- A son of top Canadian sire Old Forester, Avoman, bred by Joe Gee Thoroughbreds, finished third in his debut last September at Woodbine. After taking the Bull Page Stakes, he closed his 2-year-old campaign with a fifth in the Frost King Stakes. The Ontario-bred came into the Plate Trial on August 1 off a third-place effort on July 3 at the Toronto oval.
- "I still think he's learning. I don't think we've reached the bottom of him yet. His last race ... I only think he ran as hard as he needed to. Once he got the lead, he eased up on the gas a little bit. I still think there is more for him to give. The race didn't take a lot out of him. His arrogance level is even higher than before that race. I'm not going into the race with wild dreams thinking he's the horse to beat. We're hoping he can run the race of his life. It's a big field and a wide-open field."
- Avoman will have his own personal Plate cheering section, courtesy of Jim Bruce. "He's very excited, to say the least," said MacRae. "Their biggest concern is the animal and that is my motto. We try to surround ourselves with those people, and that's exactly who Jim and Graeme are."

Owners - Don MacRae Racing Stable & La Huerta Inc.

Jim Bruce has been enamoured with racehorses and racing since he was 16 and went to the racetrack with his brother Warren. The opportunity for ownership came several decades later in the summer of 2017 when Jim's son Graeme met Don MacRae at a men's league hockey game. MacRae suggested a grey named Arthur's Pass as their first acquisition. The trio put a claim slip in for the horse in an August 2017 race, won a six-way shake for him, and three weeks later watched the gelding win a Starter Handicap. The Bruces own La Huerta Imports, 11-17 Food Services Inc. and the Powassan Voodoos of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League.

Trainer - Don MacRae

A multiple stakes winning conditioner, MacRae launched his career in 1995. His breakout campaign came two years later when he posted an 8-13-4 mark from 56 starts, a season that included his first career win. That milestone moment came on June 6 of that year, at Fort Erie, with Dawlish. MacRae's first Woodbine win was courtesy of Lucky Currency on August 26, 1998. Consistency has been a hallmark of MacRae's career. A lifetime winner of 532 races, MacRae has a career win strike rate of 22 percent and an in-the-money rate of 54 percent. Some of his top horses over the years include 2013 Grade 3 Whimsical champion Acting Naughty, 2016 Grade 3 Bold Venture winner Puntrooskie, and 10-time winner Civil Code.

Jockey - Antonio Gallardo

Antonio Gallardo, who moved his tack to Woodbine in July, has been one of North America's leading riders, by wins, the past seven seasons. Hailing from Jerez de la Frontera, in Cadiz, Spain, he made his U.S. debut with one mount on New Year's Eve 2008. It was in 2013 when Gallardo established himself as a rider on the rise, with one of his highlights coming aboard 14-1 Flatter in the Challenger Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs. He counts five riding championships at Tampa and four riding titles at Presque Isle Downs among his accomplishments and has won nine graded stakes races. Gallardo recorded his 2,000th career win on February 3, 2021, at Tampa Bay Downs.

Groom - Richard Taylor

