



BRACHETTO

Brachetto						B. c. 3 (Apr)		Life		5	2	1	2	\$171,363	82	D.Fst		0	0	0	0	\$0	-				
Own: McKague Dr. Ross A. and McKague, Bren						Sire: Vekoma (Candy Ride*Arg) \$100,000		2026		3	2	0	1	\$148,330	82	Wet(436)		0	0	0	0	\$0	-				
						Dam: Colorino (Include)										Synth(436)						\$0	-				
						Br: Dr. Ross A. McKague (Man-C)		2025		2	M	1	1	\$23,033	67	Turf(335)		0	0	0	0	\$0	-				
						Tr: Carey Julia (35 7 5 7 .20) 2026 :(35 7 .20)				Wo		5	2	1	2	\$171,363	82	Dst(301*)		0	0	0	0	\$0	-		
27Jun26-6WO				fst	1¹/₁₆◇	232 :47 1:121 1:444		Marine-G3		82 5/6		55¹/₂	65¹/₂	63¹/₄	32¹/₂	1¹/₂	Munger R		L118		18.30		81-15 Brachetto¹/₂ MagiclFctor³/₄Csson⁸/₁		Inside,angled 1/8,up		
7Jun26-8WO				fst	7f ◇	23 :462 1:103 1:231		QueenstonB125k		78 1/6		4	45¹/₂	45	43¹/₂	32³/₄	Munger R		L118		5.45		86-15 Hghyttm¹/₄MlirTm¹/₂Brcht¹/₂		Closed belatedly 3rd		
10May26-5WO				fst	6f ◇	213 :441 :57 1:11		3A Md Sp Wt 78k		78 5/5		1	44	34	22¹/₂	1³/₄	Munger R		L119		2.70		85-16 Brcht²/₃MstrB¹/₆SmknEmpr²		Reluctant,tenacious1/8		
14Dec25-3WO				fst	6f ◇	221 :461 :584 1:12		Md Sp Wt 104k		67 4/6		6	56	64	44¹/₂	31¹/₂	Munger R		L119		2.20		76-21 WAffrWhsknkPpprPtch¹/₄Brct¹/₄		Hop st,best stride1/8		
13Nov25-1WO				fst	6f ◇	224 :461 :583 1:113		Md Sp Wt 75k		67 2/6		6	67¹/₂	63¹/₂	32¹/₂	2no	Munger R		L119		14.65		80-18 VoodooDolhoBrcht²/₂Flyonby²/₄		Poor st,gutsy effort		
WORKS:				●Jly30WO ◇		5fst :594 B 1/6		●Jly22WO ◇		5fst 1:01 B 1/5		Jly12WO ◇		4fst :484 B 30/96		Jun21WO ◇		4fst :482 B 23/88		●May31WO ◇		5fst 1:00 B 1/48		May24WO ◇		5fst 1:013 B 29/58	
TRAINER:				31-60Days (19 .16 \$1.51)		WonLastStart (11 .00 \$0.00)		Routes (27 .15 \$2.61)		Stakes (7 .14 \$5.51)																	

- For a colt, Brachetto is surprisingly laid back. “He’s very well behaved,” said trainer Julia Carey. “He doesn’t do anything wrong. They did a good job breaking him over in Manitoba. We’ve had no problems with him; he’s been a good boy. He’s very chill. Hopefully, it works to his advantage on the big day.”
- Carey believes that for a race of this stature and prominence, Brachetto’s relaxed demeanour will be an advantage for him amidst the hustle and bustle of the big day. “The fact that he’s very laid back, he doesn’t really get shook up. It’s a big day, there’ll be a lot of excitement in the air. So far, he hasn’t shown to me that that will get him all riled up. Keeping him chill is hopefully going to help us.”
- Brachetto ran third in the Queenston Stakes in June and won the Grade 3 Marine Stakes that same month. Carey reflected on his training journey from winning the Marine heading into the King’s Plate. “This is now six weeks from his last race, and that was the first time he went a mile and a sixteenth; now he’s got to go a mile and a quarter. So, I just need to make sure I’ve trained him properly to have the stamina and to keep him on his game for that long.”
- Brachetto is training well leading up to the big day. “Everything is on schedule. He’s acting well, eating well, and travelling well. He loves to train. I can’t seem to do enough work with him. He’s not a real big, tall horse, but he’s a very well-built horse.”
- For Carey, Brachetto’s Marine win was the most impressive race of his career thus far. “It was his first time going long. He relaxed beautifully, rated really nice, and came on with determination. His first race was pretty good because of how it all went, and he only just got beat. But winning the Marine was probably, so far, his best.”
- This year marks Carey’s second Plate appearance, the first being in 2009. “It feels like the first time because this time we’ve got a bit of a chance.”
- This time, Carey is solely focused on the race itself and not overthinking it. “I’m trying to keep cool as the horse is. Don’t get too excited. Keep it focused, just keep on track, and don’t start getting all excited that you got to do this and do that and everything else, when it’s not necessary.”

Trainer – Julia Carey

Julia Carey launched her training career in 1998 and sent out two starters that first year, increasing that number to nine in 2000. Her first win came on August 23, 2001, when Semi Demi pulled off a 26-1 upset. Carey has over 220 career wins. Top horses she has trained over the years include Disfunction, Lac Macaza, Midnight Milley, and Flag Of Honour (AUS). This year, Carey, who has nine career stakes victories, is off to a strong start, sporting a 7-5-7 mark from 35 starts as of xx. Her sister, Joan Mitchell, runs a small stable in Fort Erie.

Owner – Dr. Ross McKague and Brenda McKague

Ross McKague met Brenda Lee Wood at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, and the two married in 1971. Ross, who graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, raced his first horse, Commanche Raid, in 1976. In September 1993, he became one of the six founding members of the Manitoba Jockey Club, which purchased Assiniboia Downs. The McKagues’ Brinello won the Agassiz Stakes (now known as the Phil Kives Memorial) four years in a row (2007-2010). Albarino, a Manitoba-bred gelding, won the Gold Cup, Speers, Agassiz, and the Manitoba Maturity in 2005, collecting \$103,798 (USD) in purses and setting a single-season earnings record at the Downs. McKague bred Albarino and Brinello, purchased Kentucky-bred Colorino outright, and campaigned Katie McLaury in partnership with Centrust Stable. Earlier this year, Dr. McKague was presented with the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society’s award for breeding for 50 years, becoming just the third person to receive the honour. The McKagues, who call Manitoba home, name their horses after wine grapes. Typically, red wine grapes are reserved for dark brown horses, and white wine grapes are used for chestnuts and greys.

Jockey – Ryan Munger

Born in Durban, South Africa, and raised in Johannesburg, Munger, who also holds Canadian citizenship, started his career by attending the South African Jockey Academy from 2011 to 2015 in Johannesburg. His first mount came aboard Vladimir (SAF) on October 23, 2012, at Scottsville in South Africa, and just over two months later, he guided Nordic Lass (SAF) to victory at Clairwood, also in his homeland. In the decade following, he developed into one of the continent’s leading jockeys, winning titles in Zimbabwe in 2017 and 2018, and was a fixture in the top 10 in South Africa and Singapore. He has made an immediate impact since launching his career at Woodbine, winning 48 races in 2023. Munger won three stakes that year, including the Glorious Song with A Little Frisky, and the Shady Well with Shamans Girl. In 2024, he won 54 races, including the Durham Cup (G3) and Ontario Derby (G3) with Dresen Row (Canada’s champion 3-year-old male), and the Lake Ontario with No More Options. Munger has won 16 career stakes at Woodbine to date. This year marks Munger’s fourth Plate appearance.

Groom – Gary Sutherland
Breeder – Dr. Ross A. McKague