

Luster

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Own: Gainesway Stable (Antony Beck) and Ro		Gr/ro. f. 3 (Feb) KEESEP24 \$80,000		Life		5 4 0 1 \$672,916 97	
		Sire: Knicks Go (Paynter) \$15,000		2026		4 3 0 1 \$618,556 97	
		Dam: Ruby Frost (The Factor)		2025		1 1 0 0 \$54,360 71	
		Br: Mr. Ravi Sugrim & Ms. Joannie Dass (Ont-C)		Wo		3 2 0 1 \$571,200 97	
		Tr: Carroll Josie (84 20 9 12 .24) 2026 :.(111 24 .22)					
19Jly26-10WO fst 1½ 48 1:12¹ 1:37³ 1:50⁴		©R WoOaksB750k 97 7/7 31½ 21½ 1½ 13 15½		Velazquez JR		L121 *.70 87-23 Luster5½DixieLw1¾BoldTim1½ Hand ride,gear down70y	
27Jun26-8WO fst 1¼ 23¹ :47⁴ 1:12⁴ 1:44		© Selene-G3 91 2/7 33½ 33½ 31½ 11½ 11½		Aebly F		L120 *.145 85-15 Luster1¾KatieGrceDixieLw5¾ Led 5w 3/16,kept task	
16May26-8WO fst 7f 22³ :45 1:09² 1:22²		© RlngAngelL114k 84 2/6 3 21½ 21½ 31½ 31¼		Aebly F		L120 *.40 92-14 Dixie LawMeilani1¾Luster5¾ Stalk 2-3w, no headway	
9Apr26-4Kee fm 1¼ 24 :49² 1:14¹ 1:43¹		© Alw 87271n1x 76 9/9 21 21 2½ 13 15		Velazquez JR		L118 4.85 82-13 Lustr5Ambrgln2¾Bckgmmon1¾ 2w,good energy,rdn out	
17Aug25-5WO yl 7f 242 :48⁴ 1:13¹ 1:26¹		© Md Sp Wt 86k 71 1/6 4 32½ 32½ 12½ 16¼		Aebly F		118 4.40 67-34 Luster6¼El BarrioLa Culasse1¼ Powered past 1/8th	
WORKS: ●Aug1WO ♦ 5f fst :58⁴ B 1/17 ●Jly8WO ♦ 4f fst :47¹ B 1/8 Jun17WO ♦ 5f fst 1:00 B 2/14 Jun10WO ♦ 4f fst :49 B 14/27 Jun3WO ♦ 5f fst 1:01 B 7/13 May27WO ♦ 4f fst :48² B 11/35							
TRAINER: WonLastStart (57 .19 \$2.31) Routes (158 .18 \$1.97) Stakes (69 .12 \$1.28)							

- In five career starts, Luster has recorded four wins and one third-place finish. She broke her maiden in a maiden special weight at Woodbine in August 2025 before earning her second victory in an allowance race at Keeneland in April 2026. Her most notable and most recent wins came in the Grade 3 Selene Stakes in June and the Woodbine Oaks in July, where she delivered a dominant performance that propelled her to the top of Woodbine's 2026 earnings list. “I thought she would run really well in it, she's a very, very athletic horse,” said trainer Josie Carroll. “She actually exceeded what I expected in that race. Looking at a horse like that, I thought she impressed in that race.”
- Luster stopped the clock in 1:50.99 in the Oaks. By comparison, the colts in the Plate Trial, contested over the same distance and surface earlier that day, recorded a winning time of 1:52.17.
- "There are so many factors, they’re two different races,” said Carroll. “I'm not going to count on that [the speed]. I'm just going to count on her running her race.”
- Interestingly, Luster’s Beyer figures have increased with each start, peaking at 97 for the Oaks.
- The daughter of Knicks Go has also shown exemplary times in her morning works, with bullets for her last two works, with 4 furlongs in :47.20 and 5 furlongs in :58.80 over Woodbine’s all-weather track.
- “She's had her final work for the race. She's not a great big filly. She's very fit. She doesn't need a lot. So, she's had a very, very strong 5/8ths.”
- Luster is part of her sire’s first crop, which for some would make her a wild card, but Carroll has considered Knicks Go’s running style. “I have no idea what to think, he really hasn't had that many starters, but I will say, when you think of Knicks Go, you kind of think of speed, but we forget he was a classic distance winner.”
- Carroll says Luster’s greatest strength is simple. “Versatility. She has tactical speed, but she can run on.”
- Luster is striving to be the third filly in five years to win the coveted King’s Plate.

Trainer – Josie Carroll

Josie Carroll made history with Edenwold in 2006 as the first female trainer to win the Queen’s Plate. Later, she replicated this success in Canada’s most prestigious race in 2011 and 2020, winning the Plate with filly Inglorious and Mighty Heart, who went on to also win the Prince of Wales Stakes, the second leg of the Canadian Triple Crown, just over two weeks later at Fort Erie. Carroll began her career at Windfields Farm under trainer Mac Benson, who was inducted into the Canadian Hall of Fame in 2002. She took on training in her own right in 1994 and since then, Carroll has trained several stars, which include Mighty Heart, winner of four Sovereign Awards, including two Horse of the Year awards, Careless Jewel, winner of the Grade 1 Alabama Stakes, Inglorious, Avie’s Flatter and Lukes Alley. Her success also earned her a spot in the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2019. Over the course of her career, Carroll has garnered nearly 1,100 wins and recorded more than \$64 million in purse earnings.

Owner – Gainesway Stable (Anthony Beck) and Andrew Rosen

These multiple stakes winning owners have been in the racing business as combined owners since 2015. They have each won several graded stakes in their own right, both having owned thoroughbreds for multiple decades. Some of their notable horses owned as partners include Grade 3 Comely Stakes winner, Bees and Honey, Inside Information Stakes winner, Pink Sand, and this year’s King’s Plate contender, Grade 3 Selene Stakes and Woodbine Oaks winner, the one and only Luster. In 85 starts, this ownership combination has earned \$1,902,997.

Jockey – John Velazquez

John Velazquez, affectionately known as Johnny V., is one of the top jockeys in the world. He began developing his skills in June of 1988 when he started in jockey school in Puerto Rico. Not long after, he began professionally racing, securing his first win at El Comandante Racetrack in 1990. In March of that year, he relocated to New York and won his first Grade 1 races in 1995. He is the sport’s all-time purse earnings leader and on June 13, 2025, became the first jockey in North America to surpass \$500 million. Throughout his career, Johnny V. has made over \$526 million in purse earnings with 6,871 career wins. In 2012, Johnny V. was inducted into the Natural Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. And his success is not only noteworthy in the US. He won the King’s Plate in 2018 aboard Wonder Gadot for trainer Mark Casse. This year marks his 37th year as a professional jockey. He is the all-time leading rider at Saratoga and has also accomplished another astounding feat, having won than 800 graded stakes races. As he recently told Thoroughbred Daily News' Tim Wilkin, one of the secrets to his success is his attention to detail; “You have to know every horse in the race. I have to know who is coming from behind, who is in the middle, who has speed. All those things have to be in place when you get to the paddock, and be ready to talk to the trainer. Once the gates open, I have to be ready for everything.”

Groom – Brandon Duchaine

Breeder – Mr. Ravi Sugrim and Miss Joannie Dass