

Magical Factor

Magical Factor Own: Chiefswood Stables Limited			B. g. 3 (Jan) Sire: The Factor (War Front) \$5,000 Dam: Think Magic (Malibu Moon) Br: Chiefswood Stables Limited (Ont-C) Tr: Halden Rachel (28 7 7 4 25) 2026 : (35 8 23)		Life 5 1 2 0 \$97,967 90 2026 5 1 2 0 \$97,967 90 2025 0 M 0 0 \$0 - Wo 2 0 2 0 \$54,340 81		D.Fst 1 0 0 0 \$680 57 Wet(360) 0 0 0 0 \$0 - Synth(372) \$0 Turf(319) 2 1 0 0 \$42,947 90 Dst(258) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -	
27Jun26-6WO fst 1 ¹ / ₆ 23 ² :47 1:12 1:1:44 Marine-G3		81 2/6 3 ² / ₂ 3 ³ 21 1 ¹ / ₂ 2 ¹ / ₂ Kimura K		L118 1.55 80-15 Brchetto ¹ / ₂ MgclFctor ³ / ₄ Csson ⁸ / ₄ Hold 3/8, led 3w1/4, nail				
23May26-7WO fst 1 ¹ / ₆ 24 ¹ :50 1:15 1:1:45 3+ OC 32k/n1x-N		81 3/7 3 ³ 2 ¹ / ₂ 2 ¹ / ₂ 2 ¹ / ₂ 2 ¹ / ₄ Campos J L		L119 *.80 76-22 Sugn ² / ₃ MgclFctor ¹ / ₂ WhskyN Sod ¹ Bid2P1/4, repelled 1/8				
11Apr26-5Kee fm 1 ¹ / ₆ 23 :47 1:11 1:1:41 2 Mid Sp Wt 89k		90 4/11 3 ¹ / ₂ 3 ¹ / ₂ 21 13 13 ³ / ₄ Kimura K		L120 8.59 91-09 MgclFctor ³ / ₄ Cmprhnsv ² / ₃ Prvdr ¹ Ins, bid 2w1/4, kick awy				
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25Jan26-7GP fst 1 23 ⁴ :46 3 1:11 1:1:36 1 Mid Sp Wt 68k		57 6/8 52 51 ³ / ₂ 64 ¹ / ₂ 612 619 Egan D		122 53.90 73-13 Cnletto ⁸ LostMony ³ / ₂ Autobhn ² / ₂ Tracked, 3p turn, tired				
WORKS: Aug2WO 5f fst 1:00 ⁴ B 6/40 Jly26WO 4f fst :49 ¹ B 46/95 ● Jly20WO 4f fst :46 ³ B 1/26 Jun21WO tr.t 4f fm :47 ⁴ B 7/17 Jun14WO 5f fst :59 ³ B 2/33 Jun6WO 4f fst :49 B 49/106								
TRAINER: 31-60Days (25.20 \$4.01) Routes (61.20 \$3.19) Stakes (19.16 \$2.84)								

- Magical Factor's path to the King's Plate began as a statuesque, yet immature 2-year-old with the pedigree and all the right attributes. He just needed time. "He was just very big, for a 2-year-old when he came in, and we had to be patient with him until he grew into himself and became more balanced," said trainer Rachel Halden. "It was evident early on that he probably wouldn't run at 2, but then at 3, he's grown into his large physique, gained strength, and improved with every start."
- A son of The Factor out of lightly raced Malibu Moon mare Think Magic, Magical Factor broke through in his third career start with a confident 3 %-length victory over the Keeneland turf on April 11. "He did very well that day," said Halden. "We leaned towards the turf as opposed to the dirt having had his first start on the dirt at Gulfstream, which wasn't very successful, but I think there were a lot of factors there – he ran very green in a very strongly run race. But he definitely came into his own that day at Keeneland."
- Getting the Ontario-bred bay accustomed to the Tapeta has been a point of emphasis for Halden, who has liked what she's seen in two starts on the surface at Woodbine, including a runner-up Marine (G3) finish last time out on July 27.
- "It's tough going from breaking your maiden to an 'a-other than' against older horses, which is what we had to do. It was a very salty 'a-other than,' but it also was a very creditable effort from him. From there, we went to the Marine, which was a logical next step for him, and he did everything right but just got caught close to home. It was a heartbreaker of a loss the way he got beat that day, but the long-term goal is the Plate, and you have to move forward and try and learn from that race... it's [the King's Plate] the race we all want to be competitive in when Woodbine becomes your home base."
- With one of Canada's most successful racing operations behind them, Halden and Magical Factor will aim to deliver a second King's Plate for Chiefswood Stables. "I'm very fortunate to have the support from Chiefswood Stables for as long as I have. They breed some very nice Canadian-bred horses, so it's always the hope that you have one where everything falls into place at the right time and that you can actually get there. There's so much that has to go into that scenario, and so many people involved to get to that point. So, to be where we are now with everything still on track, it's exciting for everyone."

Owner – Chiefswood Stables Limited

Chiefswood Stables, nom de course of Robert and Mark Krembil, is a family-owned and operated thoroughbred racing farm that breeds its stock to compete in classic races. The family has established the Krembil Foundation, a philanthropic initiative with an initial focus on neuroscience, which includes focused research pillars in the areas of neurodegeneration, the immune system and arthritis. Chiefswood has earned Sovereign honours as Canada's Outstanding Owner in 2017 and 2018. Canadian Classic winners for Chiefswood include 2004 King's Plate winner Niigon, 2013 Woodbine Oaks winner Nipissing and 2018 Breeders' Stakes champ Neepawa. Niigon was guided to his Queen's Plate score by Hall of Fame jockey Robert Landry, now general manager for Chiefswood. The Chiefswood After Care Program, led by Stacey Krembil, pledges to find lifelong adoptive homes for their horses. In 2025, the outfit was voted both Outstanding Breeder and Outstanding Owner at the 2025 Sovereign Awards.

Trainer – Rachel Halden

A long-time assistant to Hall of Fame conditioner Roger Attfield, Rachel Halden has achieved numerous successes since going out on her own in 2008. The multiple graded stakes-winning trainer's top horses include Nipissing, Nipigon, Niigon's Eclipse, Aristella, Roscar, and Camp Creek. "From the age of 16 to 20, I rode both steeplechasing and on the flat," said the native of Wakefield, in Yorkshire, England. "I won my first race at Kelso, a Scottish track, in an apprentice race for steeplechase jockeys. We went two and a half miles over hurdles. I jumped the last two in second place and managed get up to win." Halden has 14 career stakes wins and nearly \$7.7 in lifetime purse earnings.

Jockey – Jose Campos

One of Mexico's top riders, Jose Campos has also seen success in Canada, specifically, at Woodbine. In his first season at the Toronto oval, in 2022, he won 16 races and posted over \$740,000 in earnings. Campos made his first visit to Woodbine's winner's circle on October 20 of that year, when he teamed with Ima Daredevil to win a 6 ½-furlong Tapeta race. Campos flew past those totals in 2023, collecting new benchmarks in starts (429), wins (38), and earnings (\$1.6 million). The Mexico City native has since surpassed each of those figures. His first Woodbine stakes victory came with Souper Sinclair in the 2023 Algoma. He won 95 races from 2024 to 2025. Campos captured five Woodbine stakes races last year, including the Muskoka Stakes and Victorian Queen Stakes aboard Souper Diva.

Groom – Regulo Perez
Breeder – Chiefswood Stables Limited