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Own: Ward Wesley A



B. g. 3 (Feb) FTKJUL23 \$330,000  
Sire: Good Magic (Curlin) \$125,000  
Dam: Bola de Cristal\*Ire (Galileo\*Ire)  
Br: Saintsbury Farms Inc. (Ont-C)  
Tr: Ward Wesley A (6 2 0 0 .33) 2025 : (206 52 .25)

Life	4	1	1	1	\$81,460	80	D.Fst	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2025	2	1	1	0	\$69,360	80	Wet(364)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2024	2	M	0	1	\$12,100	66	Synth(219)					\$0	
Wo	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(279)	4	1	1	1	\$81,460	80
							Dst(351)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

6Jly25-10WO fm 7f ① 222 :451 1:083 1:203 34 Md Sp Wt 88k 80 10/10 3 54½ 52 1½ 12¾ Moran P5 L115 \*1.50 95-04 MntryBy2¾Prfctrks3MgnTm1½ Drew off convincingly  
6Jun25-3CD fm 5½f ① 214 :444 :563 1:023 34 Md Sp Wt 112k 72 7/10 7 41½ 31 21 2¾ Bravo J L118 2.57 93-06 FondFrwl1¾MntryBy½TpMSng1½ 3-4p,bid3/16,outfinish  
4Jly24-1WO fm 6f ① 231 :46 :572 1:093 Md Sp Wt 80k 66 6/7 5 55 41½ 44 34 Husbands P 118 \*1.45 82-14 CroCpr1½Kokomo2½MontryByhd Willingly up 3rd wire  
25Apr24-2Kee fm 5½f ① 214 :45 :564 1:031 Md Sp Wt 77k - 7/12 9 85¼ 65½ 43½ 42¼ Ortiz J L 119 b \*1.28 87-11 IntDnds9kChldGrr1½BrhtSkttl1½ 3p,5p1/4,lean in,chase  
WORKS: Aug3WO ① 6f fst 1:161 B 1/1 Jly27WO ① 6f fst 1:143 B 1/1 Jly19WO ① 4f fst:482 B 31/83 ●Jun29WO tr.t①5f fm :58 B 1/19 Jun18 Kee 5f wf 1:034 B 7/8 May31 Kee 5f gd 1:003 B 3/20  
TRAINER: Sprint/Route (27.19 \$1.18) 31-60Days (179.27 \$1.59) WonLastStart (108.28 \$1.70) Routes (136.21 \$1.32) Stakes (104.24 \$1.71)

- “I bought the horse as a yearling, and he’s a beautiful horse,” said trainer and owner Wesley Ward. “He didn’t quite make it up to expectations at two; it took quite a bit of time. He’s living up to expectations at three.”
- Ward points to Monterey Bay’s natural athleticism as his greatest strength. “He’s a natural athlete – a big, beautiful colt, now gelding. I think that’s really helped him as well. Now that he’s a gelding, he’s fully focused on running and racing.”
- “The biggest thing we’re going to have to overcome is going from seven furlongs to going a mile and a quarter. He’s been doing everything we’re asking him to in the mornings. It is such a high-quality field of 3-year-old Canadian-breds; the best three-year-old Canadian-breds there are. He’s going to have to step his game up, that’s for sure.”
- Ward shared his thoughts on how Monterey Bay is doing after his maiden win in his last race. “He’s coming off a nice win. I was up there (Woodbine) a week before last and watched him train and saw him. He’s all dappled out, spotted like a leopard, and he’s thriving up there in Canada, which is a good thing. I thought he ran great. He sat off the pace and made a nice run and opened up on them. So, he can prove that he’s worthy of going into a race like this.”
- “I rode the race as a jockey for Noel Hickey in 1988 (Plate Dancer). I know how prestigious that race is because it was a big deal when I went up there to ride the race. I’m honoured to be part of that big race.”

### Trainer/Owner – Wesley Ward

Plate Starters: 0

Wesley Ward was born into a racing family. His father, Dennis, is a former jockey who is now a trainer and occasionally saddles horses for his son. His grandfather, Jim Dailey, was a steeplechase rider and later a popular outrider in New York for 29 years. Wesley began riding at age 12, competing at fairs in Washington, Alberta, British Columbia and Montana. On the day he turned 16, the junior in high school began riding at Aqueduct. Though he didn’t win any races that day, Wesley won five in the next three days. He was the 1984 Eclipse Award winner as outstanding apprentice. Wesley later rode in Italy, Singapore and Malaysia. He retired in 1989, tired of battling weight. He began training in 1991. His resume includes six Breeders’ Cup wins and 12 victories at Royal Ascot. He became the first American trainer to saddle a winner at Royal Ascot in 2009 when Strike the Tiger won the Windsor Castle at odds of 33-1. The next day, he sent out Jealous Again to win the Queen Mary (G2).

### Jockey – Victor Espinoza

Plate Appearances: 1 - Best Plate Finish: 10<sup>th</sup> (2006)

Born on a dairy farm in Mexico, Espinoza was the 11th of 12 children in his family. He worked long hours planting crops and milking cows for little money, but there were horses on the farm and Espinoza learned to ride and began dreaming of a career as a jockey. After beginning his career at Hipodromo de las Americas in Mexico City — where he earned his first win on June 14, 1992 — Espinoza moved his tack to Northern California and became the leading apprentice rider at Bay Meadows and Golden Gate Fields. Espinoza’s breakthrough on the national scene took place in 2000. He won riding titles that year at Hollywood Park and Del Mar, earned his first Grade 1 win aboard Early Pioneer in the Hollywood Gold Cup, and piloted Spain to victory in the Breeders’ Cup Distaff. Two years later, Espinoza secured the mount on War Emblem and won the Kentucky Derby. Espinoza and War Emblem won the Preakness before having their Triple Crown hopes dashed in the Belmont when the horse stumbled badly at the break and finished eighth. Espinoza’s best year from a statistical standpoint was 2006 when he set personal records with 259 wins and purse earnings of \$16.1 million. He won four graded stakes with The Tin Man that year, including Grade 1s in the Arlington Million and Clement L. Hirsch. In 2014, Espinoza won both the Kentucky Derby and Preakness with California Chrome, the Eclipse Award winner for Horse of the Year in 2014 and 2016. With California Chrome, Espinoza also won the Santa Anita Derby, Hollywood Derby, Dubai World Cup, and Pacific Classic, among others. In 2015, Espinoza and American Pharoah ended the 37-year Triple Crown drought and added victories in the Breeders’ Cup Classic, Haskell and Arkansas Derby. American Pharoah was the unanimous choice for Horse of the Year. Espinoza, inducted into the Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2017, has over 3,500 career wins and nearly \$214 million in career purse earnings.

### Breeder – Saintsbury Farms Inc.

Groom – Manuel Frausteo