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Own: Dodson Mark



Dk. b or b. c. 3 (Apr)
Sire: Classic Empire (Pioneer of the Nile) \$15,000
Dam: Sister Nova (Verrazano)
Br: Mark Dodson (Ont-C)
Tr: Carroll Josie (72 16 10 6 22) 2025 : (102 21 21)

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| 20Jul25-8WO | fst | 1 ¹ / ₈ ♂ | C | 4711:12 | 1:37 ³ | 1:501 | PlateTriB150k | 83 | 9/9 | 95 ³ / ₄ | 98 ¹ / ₄ | 83 ¹ / ₄ | 33 | 21 ¹ / ₄ | Aebly F |
| 8Jun25-8WO | fst | 7 ⁷ / ₈ ♂ | | 232 | :46 ⁴ | 1:10 ⁴ | QueenstonB125k | 80 | 4/7 | 2 | 5 ³ / ₄ | 42 | 21 | 1 ¹ / ₂ | Aebly F |
| 27Apr25-7WO | fst | 6 ⁶ / ₈ ♂ | | 222 | :45 ³ | :58 | WoodstockL148k | 75 | 8/8 | 5 | 87 ¹ / ₄ | 84 ¹ / ₄ | 54 | 34 | Aebly F |
| Placed second through disqualification | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30Nov24-9WO | fst | 1 ¹ / ₈ ♂ | | 4911:13 | 2:1:39 | 1:52 ³ | CornnFutB251k | 82 | 4/10 | 51 ¹ / ₂ | 52 ³ / ₄ | 51 ³ / ₄ | 32 | 12 | Aebly F |
| 60Oct24-9WO | gd | 1 ¹ / ₈ ♂ | | 231 | :46 ² | 1:10 ⁴ | CupSaucerB251k | 72 | 8/10 | 97 ³ / ₄ | 99 ¹ / ₄ | 95 ¹ / ₂ | 87 ³ / ₄ | 75 ¹ / ₄ | Aebly F |
| 25Aug24-3WO | fst | 6 ¹ / ₈ f | | 223 | :45 ⁴ | 1:11 | Md Sp Wt 83k | 74 | 9/9 | 1 | 86 ¹ / ₂ | 85 ³ / ₄ | 43 | 1 ¹ / ₂ | Aebly F ⁵ |
| 4Aug24-6WO | fst | 6 ⁶ / ₈ ♂ | | 23 | :46 | :57 ⁴ | Md Sp Wt 86k | 59 | 9/12 | 4 | 86 ¹ / ₂ | 87 | 47 | 35 ¹ / ₄ | Aebly F ⁵ |

WORKS: ● Aug7WO ♂ 5f fst :59⁴ B 1/16 Jly31WO ♂ 4f fst :47³ B 5/25 Jly10WO ♂ 5f fst 1:01⁴ B 12/15 Jly3WO ♂ 5f fst :59³ B 4/20 Jun26WO ♂ 5f fst 1:01² B 5/17 Jun18WO ♂ 4f fst :49 B 12/17

TRAINER: Routes (141.13 \$1.48) Stakes (72.15 \$3.21)

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| Life | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | \$349,696 | 83 | D.Fst | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$0 | - |
| 2025 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | \$135,000 | 83 | Wet(373) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$0 | - |
| 2024 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | \$214,696 | 82 | Synth(385) | | | | | \$0 | |
| Wo | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | \$347,196 | 83 | Turf(280) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$2,500 | 72 |
| | | | | | | | Dst(368) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | \$180,000 | 83 |
| | L126 b | *1.80 | 89-09 | SdbrsGhst1 ¹ / ₄ | NtrsGnstr1 | Scrchn3 ³ / ₄ | Trail,wait7/16,rallied | | | | | | |
| | 122 b | 5.50 | 87-13 | NotorosGngstr ³ / ₄ | RglGst ⁶ / ₈ | Dwlft1 ¹ / ₄ | Bump brk, edged past | | | | | | |
| | 122 b | 4.10 | 81-11 | Mnstt4 ⁴ / ₈ | BgVnchd | NotrsGngstr2 ¹ / ₄ | Angle8W3/16,surging | | | | | | |

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| 122 b | 10.15 | 78-31 | NtrsGngstr2 | DlfnkAshlsArchr3 ¹ / ₄ | Btwn,4w1/8,drove past | | | | | | | | |
| 122 b | 19.25 | 76-21 | AshlysArchrno | Scorchng2Dwlftnd | 5wd 1/4, no menace | | | | | | | | |
| 113 b | 3.50 | 83-17 | NotorosGngstrhd | Mgldn2CrclTnt3 | Brk out st,up in time | | | | | | | | |
| 113 b | 25.60 | 79-14 | KkmnkHsNtJkng5 | NtrsGngstr2 ¹ / ₄ | Veer early,3-4w,up 3rd | | | | | | | | |

- A homebred dark bay son of Classic Empire out of Sister Nova, by Verrazano, Notorious Gangster comes into the King's Plate off a second-place finish in the Plate Trial Stakes on July 20 at Woodbine. "He got himself in a little bit of a jackpot there, and probably got out too late," said trainer Josie Carroll. "Had a little bit too much to do at the end, but I liked the way that he finished up. And he finished with some determination that certainly should set him up for the further distance."
- Carroll said she first saw Notorious Gangster at breeder/owner Mark Dodson's farm. "I actually saw him on the farm as a yearling," Carroll said. "He was small, not a very noticeable horse, but he caught my eye right away, just because he moved really well, and he had a little bit of an attitude about him. He had a confidence about him that I really liked. Since then, he has developed, he's grown. He's turned into a really pretty horse, and he's really kept that great attitude."
- The trainer said Notorious Gangster's greatest strength is his, "determination. He certainly wants to be a racehorse."
- Carroll said to win the King's Plate, Notorious Gangster will, "have to get a good trip. It's going to be a big field. He's going to have to get a good trip because he's a closer... He's a very uncomplicated horse. The one thing that he shares with the horses that I have been successful with in the Plate is that he has a very good mind. He's very level-headed. And I think that's a really important trait on a day like King's Plate Day when there's a huge crowd, it's usually hot, there's a lot of commotion. I think the horses that don't stress over it have an advantage."

Trainer – Josie Carroll
Plate Starters: 16 – Plate Wins: 3 (2006, 2011, 2020)

In 2006, Josie Carroll became the first female trainer to win the Queen's Plate, with Edenwold. She added a second win in the first jewel of the Canadian Triple Crown with the filly Inglorious in 2011. In 2020, Carroll won the Queen's Plate with Mighty Heart, who added a victory in the Prince of Wales Stakes 17 days later at Fort Erie. She started her career under Canadian Hall of Fame trainer Mac Benson at the storied Windfields Farm. In 1994, she began training on her own. Notable horses trained by Carroll include two-time Horse of the Year Mighty Heart, Careless Jewel, Leigh Court, Lukes Alley, Inglorious, Serenading and Springside. She was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2019. As of Aug. 7, the multiple graded stakes winning conditioner had 1,042 career wins and purse earnings exceeding \$61 million.

Owner/Breeder – Mark Dodson

Mark Dodson, who grew up on his father's Hopefield Farms, a 200-acre property in Georgetown, Ontario, got an early start in racing. Among the standouts bred on Stan Dodson's Hopefield Farms was 1992 Canadian champion 3-year-old filly Hope for a Breeze (Briarctic). Mark took something of a hiatus from the sport to build a company and raise a family, but the Canadian businessman returned to the industry in 2012 and has enjoyed great success as an owner and breeder. Some of the top horses he has been associated with include Sister Nation, graded stakes winner A Game, Happy Valentine, Banree, and Ephrata (GB).

Jockey – Fraser Aebly
Plate Appearances: 1 – Best Plate Finish: 12th (2024)

Fraser Aebly, 21, hails from Grande Prairie, Alberta, a city of around 75,000 residents that lies 460 kilometres (265 miles) northwest of Edmonton. Aebly went to Vancouver to gallop horses for trainer Steve Henson before beginning his riding career at Hastings Park in 2022. His first win came that September with Quagmire, a dark bay son of Storm Victory-Yodeling Ann, who sprung an 11-1 upset over 6 ½ furlongs on the Hastings main track. Aebly, who also rode at Assiniboia Downs and Century Mile, arrived at Woodbine in October 2023. His first win at the Toronto oval came on October 13th when he teamed with Lulu's Lullaby, a daughter of Wicked Tune-Lulu's Blues, trained and owned by Krista Cole, for the milestone score. "My parents [Derek and Dale] had driven, in my car, all the way from Vancouver to Toronto, and were at the races that night," said Aebly, who won 68 races in 2023. Last year, he won 81 races, including five stakes. His agent is former rider Gerry Olguin, who also started at Hastings before moving his tack east to Woodbine, where he had a successful career before announcing his retirement in 2017 after winning his 2,000th race.

Groom – Victor James