

SIR FOR SURE

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Owner: Heste Sport Inc.
Trainer: Mark E. Casse

B.g.3 Sligo Bay (IRE)-Serena's Rose by My Way Only
Bred in Ontario by Norse Ridge Farms (Apr 11, 2019)

24Jul22	7 WO	ft	◇	1 1/8	:48 ⁵ 4	1:12 ⁶ 2	1:50 ⁶ 2	3	Stk - PlateTriB - 150k	76-90	9	5 ³ 1/2	5 ⁶	6 ⁴ 1/2	1 ¹ 2	12	Carroll D	126	L	21.85	Sir for Sure126 ² Hill of Dreams126 ² Cusin' Mayhem126 ^{hd} ▶3-4w trns.bmp foe 3/16	9
12Jun22	9 WO	ft	◇	7f	:22 ⁵ 4	:45 ¹ 6	1:21 ⁰ 1	3	Stk - QueenstonB - 125k	89-84	2	5	5 ⁴	5 ³ 1/2	7 ⁶ 3/4	67 ¹ 4	Hernandez R M	118	L	11.70	The Minkster122 ^{hd} Rondurel18 ^{hd} Ironstone124 ¹ 4 roused turn, no bid	7
05Feb22	6 GP	ft	◇	17 ⁰	:49 ² 9	1:13 ⁶ 3	1:42 ⁹ 0	3	Msw 60000	78-92	9	10 ⁶ 1/2	10 ⁴ 1/2	8 ²	6 ¹	11 ¹ 4	Jaramillo E	120	L	*4.30	Sir for Sure120 ¹ 4 Drem of Day120 ³ My Romeo Lima120 ^{nk} ▶pinched start, 4-5wd	11
04Dec21	6 WO	ft	◇	6f	:22 ³ 6	:44 ⁵ 3	1:10 ¹ 3	2	Msw 126800	86-89	5	7	7 ³ 1/2	5 ⁴	4 ⁵	4 ³ 1/2	Hernandez R M	118	L	2.50	Warp Ride117 ² Mentoring118 ^{nk} Scoot Daddy121 ¹ 4 circled 5w into str	11
21Nov21	9 WO	ft	◇	6 1/2	:23 ⁴ 7	:46 ⁵ 0	1:16 ⁹ 6	2	Stk - FrostKingB - 100k	29-79	1	7	7 ⁴ 3/4	7 ⁴ 1/2	4 ³	2 ³ 4	Contreras L	118	L	9.15	Silent Runner120 ³ 4 Sir for Sure118 ¹ 4 Gatling Gun120 ³ 4 ▶steady str, lug in str	7

Workout(s): 12 Aug 22 WO ◇ 4F ft :48.2b 5/38 5 Aug 22 WO ◇ 4F ft :47.3b 2/40 15 Jul 22 WO ◇ 4F ft :52b 27/28 ●9 Jul 22 WO ◇ 5F ft :59h 1/31

- Sir for Sure rolls into the Plate after a two-length triumph in the 1 1/8-mile Plate Trial.
- A son of Sligo Bay (IRE)-Serena's Rose, Sir for Sure debuted in the Frost King Stakes last November at Woodbine, a second-place finish.
- After a fourth in his following start, the bay made his 3-year-old debut on February 5 at Gulfstream. Pinched at the start of the 1 mile and 70-yard main track race, Sir for Sure rallied to notch his maiden victory. "When he broke his maiden, it was just so impressive," said trainer Mark Casse. "There was no way you would have ever thought he could win that race. He overcame a lot to get that win. But he had a minor injury after that, and we brought him back to Ocala and gave him some time. It put us behind the eight-ball because we had to make up some ground."
- Casse, who will also send out Hall of Dreams in the Plate, is looking for a carbon-copy of the Plate Trial effort from his imposing sophomore. "He's huge. He's around 17.1 [hands]. He's by Sligo Bay, so we've had some luck with him in the Queen's Plate when Lexie Lou won in 2014."
- "The Plate Trial was actually my second choice," said Casse, who won his second Plate in 2018 with Wonder Gadot. "Two days before the Plate Trial, there was an Ontario-sired allowance going a mile and a quarter, and I was trying to find the easiest path to the Queen's Plate because he's a little behind from the injury. But the race didn't go. René [owner, Hunderup] was good with running him in the Plate Trial, so we did. I didn't need him to win, I just needed him to show he still wanted to play the game. I thought it was powerful and he got a great ride from Declan [jockey, Carroll]."
- Carroll, riding in his first Plate, has rave reviews for Sir for Sure. "The way he can shut off in a race," the rider offered, as to what impresses him the most. "When I call on him, he responds. That's very important for a race like the Queen's Plate."

Owner – Heste Sport Inc.

René and Darlene Hunderup (Heste Sport Inc.) have enjoyed great success over the years, as breeders and owners of Thoroughbreds and Quarter Horses. Working out of their home base, Norse Ridge Farms, in King, Ontario, northeast of Woodbine, they have showcased Thoroughbred stallions and broodmares for some of the top owners in Canada and the U.S. After numerous triumphs and nearly \$1.7 million in purse earnings in the Quarter Horse world, the couple turned their focus to Thoroughbreds and enlisted the services of Mark Casse. Four years ago, the Hunderups watched as My Silencer won the Frost King Stakes. In 2020, their homebred Not So Quiet, a son of Silent Name (JPN)-Mona Moon, won the Vice Regent Stakes and Overskate Stakes, repeating in both races the following year. As of August 6, the stable, which has also won races in partnership, has 50 wins as Heste Sport Inc. and over \$2.2 million (U.S.) in purse earnings.

Trainer – Mark Casse

Mark Casse has two U.S. Triple Crown wins: 2019 Preakness (G1) with War of Will; 2019 Belmont (G1) with Sir Winston. He also has five Breeders' Cup wins: 2015 Mile with Tepin and Juvenile Fillies Turf with Catch a Glimpse; 2016 Juvenile with Classic Empire; 2017 Mile with World Approval; 2018 Filly and Mare Sprint with Shamrock Rose. Casse trained Eclipse Award winners Tepin (2015-2016 champion female turf horse), Classic Empire (2016 champion 2-year-old male) and World Approval (2017 champion male turf horse). He sent out Tepin to win the 2016 Queen Anne (G1) during the prestigious Royal Ascot meet in England. A 2020 inductee into the U.S. Racing Hall of Fame, Casse joined the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2016. The Indianapolis native has won a record 14 Sovereign Awards as Canada's outstanding trainer: 2006-2008 and 2011-2021. His North American career earnings exceed \$206 million with 3,361 wins through August 8, 2022.

Jockey – Declan Carroll

Declan Carroll comes from a horse racing family as the son of former trainer David Carroll, who currently works as assistant trainer to Mark Casse. Carroll began his riding career in fall 2018 and scored his first win at Keeneland during their fall meet. He began to pick up business at the Fair Grounds meet during 2018-19 and after recovering from an injury enjoyed success at Ellis Park during their summer 2019 meet, finishing fourth in wins. Carroll rode at several Midwest tracks during the pandemic but shifted his tack to Arlington for its 2021 meet, where he became one of the leading jockeys. Carroll, who now rides at Woodbine, is off to a strong start at the Toronto oval, ranking 11th in earnings this year.

