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Own: Chiefswood Stables Limited



B. g. 3 (May)
 Sire: Candy Ride*Arg (Ride the Rails) \$75,000
 Dam: Niigon's Touch (Niigon)
 Br: Chiefswood Stables Limited (Ont-C)
 Tr: Giliforte Layne S(19 3 7 4 .16) 2023:(25 3 .12)

Life	2	1	0	1	\$62,338	91	D.Fst	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2023	2	1	0	1	\$62,338	91	Wet(427)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2022	0	M	0	0	\$0	-	Synth(390)					\$0	
Wo	1	1	0	0	\$52,680	91	Turf(326)	1	0	0	1	\$9,658	75
							Dst(334)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

30Jly23-1WO fst 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ 24 :48:21.13 1:43:34 Md Sp Wt 88k 91 5/7 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ 31 22 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ Campos J L 120 4.65 85-19 Touch'n Ride⁵₁ Ottawa² Legal Catch² 4Wbid3/16,going away
 1Jly23-2WO fm 1 23¹ :46:51.10 1:34:13 Md Sp Wt 85k 75 7/9 74 74 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ 3nk 31 Campos J L 119 15.90 86-23 Sammy Stonenk Legislator³ Touch'n Ride^{hd} Wide trip,pushed out
 WORKS: Aug13 WO 5f fst 1:00² B 8/76 Jly23 WO tr.t 5f fst 1:00² B 2/14 Jly16 WO 5f fst 1:02¹ B 53/94 Jun25 WO 5f fst 1:01² B 27/63 Jun14 WO 5f fst 1:04³ B 11/11 Jun4 WO tr.t 5f fm :59² B 5/26
 TRAINER: WonLastStart(7.14 \$4.44) Routes(25.20 \$2.48) Stakes(1.00 \$0.00)

- The son of Candy Ride (ARG)-Niigon's Touch has had just two career starts, but both of them, including his maiden-breaking effort on July 30, have been impressive. "He developed this spring," said trainer Layne Giliforte. "He missed all his 2-year-old year. We trained him a bit, but we had to give him some time off. We had him gelded and got him started this year. He's just a docile type and didn't really show anything, but then he really started to progress as his breezes went along. Each time he worked he showed a dramatic improvement. He let his talent show."
- Bred and owned by Chiefswood Stables, Touch'n Ride debuted with a third on July 1. Giliforte was pleased with that curtain-raising performance. "We expected a lot from him first time out. He breezed fantastically on the grass going into that race. I was going to be disappointed with anything less than a win. But the way he ran, he ran a winning race. The second start, he was totally professional, rated nicely, and when it was time, he made his move and did it very convincingly."
- Giliforte believes the bay will be up to the task on Sunday. "He's been training well. My feeling is that we have a fresh horse and fresh legs. Distance and fitness shouldn't be an issue."
- "The thought of being in The King's Plate is fun. I'm just trying to stay focused and do my job. I never put a lot of thought into it because I never expected to be in this position. I would never want to be in this race if we didn't have a chance and I truly believe we do. My wife [Dianna] is my assistant, and all of our team has been here from day one when I started, so to do this together is amazing."

Owners – Chiefswood Stables

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.

Trainer – Layne Giliforte

Layne Giliforte became the first trainer to surpass \$1 million in purse earnings at Fort Erie in a single season, the milestone coming in 2002. He reached the \$1 million mark in earnings from 2000-04, and won 102 and 101 races, respectively, in 1999 and 2000. The Buffalo native has trained for some of North America's top owners, a list that includes Bruno Schickedanz, John Franks and Eugene Melnyk. Graded stakes-placed Juliet's Kiss and multiple stakes winner Sonofawac are two of the top horses Giliforte has campaigned throughout the years. In 2021, he reached the 900-win mark for his career.

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. He's already surpassed those numbers in 2023. "The first race, I knew this was the place I wanted to be," Campos said of Woodbine. "I remember being on the track before the race and looking around and smiling. I was thinking about the feeling I would have when I won my first race." That milestone came on October 20, 2022, when he teamed with Ima Daredevil to win a 6 ½-furlong Tapeta race.

Groom – Lindsay Robinson



Jockey:
Jose Campos – 0

Trainer:
Layne Gilforte – 0



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