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Own: McLellan Brent, McLellan, Russell, Mc



B. g. 3 (Apr) CANSEP21 \$31,709  
 Sire: Klimt (Quality Road) \$400  
 Dam: Minnie Apple Is (Harlan's Holiday)  
 Br: Frank DiGiulio Jr. (Ont-C)  
 Tr: Simon Stuart C(35 3 2 4 .09) 2023: (35 3 .09)

Life	8	2	4	1	\$281,800	81	D.Fst	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2023	3	1	0	1	\$88,800	81	Wet(348)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2022	5	1	4	0	\$193,000	66	Synth(331)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Wo	8	2	4	1	\$281,800	81	Turf(234)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
							Dst(294*)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

23Jly23-9WO	fst	1 1/8	C	482	1:124	1:372	1:494	PlateTriB152k	73	6/12	53	64	62 3/4	74	35	Boulanger G	L126	16.50	87-13	Paramount Prince <sup>5</sup>	Cool Kissh <sup>d</sup>	Twin City <sup>1/2</sup>	Rated,btw str,mssd 2nd
1Jly23-5WO	fst	1 1/8		24	:481	1:122	1:432	Marine-G3	65	6/8	53 1/2	64 1/2	74	76	71 1/2	Boulanger G	L118	9.85	75-08	Turf King <sup>1/2</sup>	Kaukoikaipuu <sup>3</sup>	Midnight Rising <sup>1 1/2</sup>	Outside, 3-4w turns
21May23-7WO	fst	7f		234	:471	1:103	1:23	KngCorrieB116k	81	8/8	3	21	2nd	2nd	1no	Boulanger G	L118	10.55	88-09	Twin City <sup>no</sup>	Wico <sup>2</sup>	Keen Flatter <sup>2</sup>	Griity run,surged late
6Nov22-7WO	fst	1 1/8		502	1:151	1:391	1:52	CorntnFutB253k	66	2/14	52	73	72 3/4	53 1/2	2nk	Boulanger G	L122	16.70	81-07	Velocitor <sup>nk</sup>	Twin City <sup>1/2</sup>	Philip My Dear <sup>1</sup>	Traffic thru stretch
13Oct22-2WO	fst	1 1/8		234	:481	1:13	1:453	Md Sp Wt 104k	64	6/8	25	25 1/2	1nd	11	1nk	Boulanger G	L118	*1.85	83-17	Twin City <sup>nk</sup>	Sammy Stone <sup>3 1/2</sup>	Lookinassah <sup>1 1/2</sup>	Track pace,led1/4,held
18Sep22-5WO	fst	1 7/8		243	:481	1:124	1:423	Md Sp Wt 103k	63	3/9	1nd	21 1/2	21 1/2	11	2nd	Boulanger G	L118	*1.60	99-03	J'adoro <sup>hd</sup>	Twin City <sup>1/2</sup>	Calusa Donnie <sup>1 1/2</sup>	Ins bid,cir1/16,denied
28Aug22-7WO	fst	6 1/2f		224	:46	1:111	1:181	SimcoeB202k	61	6/13	9	94 1/2	116 1/2	75 1/2	2nk	Boulanger G	L118	*2.80	81-15	Gran Spirited <sup>nk</sup>	Twin City <sup>2 1/2</sup>	Wickedblackbullet <sup>hd</sup>	Full of run last 1/8th
17Jly22-2WO	fst	5 1/2f		224	:462	:584	1:053	Md Sp Wt 86k	55	6/8	1	42	31 1/2	42 1/2	21 3/4	Boulanger G	118	11.85	84-13	Chiseler <sup>1 1/2</sup>	Twin City <sup>hd</sup>	Armstrong <sup>1/2</sup>	Btw,3-4w,game for 2nd

WORKS: Aug11WO 5f fst 1:02<sup>2</sup> H 15/18 • Jly16WO 5f fst :59<sup>2</sup> B 1/94 Jun24WO 5f fst 1:02 B 23/35 Jun16WO 6f fst 1:14<sup>4</sup> H 1/1 Jun9WO 4f fst :48<sup>2</sup> B 17/42

TRAINER: Routes(47.15 \$1.48) Stakes(24.08 \$1.53)

- A win by the son of Klimt-Minnie Apple Is would be a victory for Western Canada. Stuart Simon hails from Saskatchewan and the McLellans, namely, Brent, Russell, and Roy, are from Alberta, as is jockey Gary Boulanger. Exercise rider Miranda Truijen is from Winnipeg. "We have everything covered for the west," said Simon. "I started training for Roy 34 years ago and his sons picked up his love for the sport. It's special to be in The King's Plate with them."
- Twin City, a stakes-winning bay gelding, who was runner-up in the 2022 Coronation Futurity and winner of this year's King Corrie is 2-4-1 from eight starts. "He's just an honest horse," said trainer and co-owner Simon. "You appreciate him more and more each day."
- "He had a little bit of traffic trouble in the Plate Trial (Twin City was third) or he would have been second. When he was seventh in the Marine (G3), it was just so uncharacteristic of him. He's always been a consistent horse and he came back with a great race in the Plate Trial."
- What's impressed Simon the most? "He ran second going 5 1/2 furlongs, he ran second going a mile and an eighth, he's run on the lead, and he's come from last. It's that versatility that makes him so special."

### Owners – Brent McLellan, Russell McLellan, Roy McLellan, Stuart Simon

Growing up in Alberta, brothers **Brent and Russell McLellan** quickly gained an affinity for horses and horse racing after accompanying their father **Roy** to the races in Calgary. Eventually, the brothers began a syndicate with their father. They also have their horses through a partnership with trainer and family friend **Stuart Simon**. Brent, who moved to the Toronto area in the mid-1990s, continued his connection with racing and saw success with Atlantic Hurricane, claimed for \$40,000 in her 4-year-old campaign. She was a multiple stakes winner and Canadian Champion Female Sprinter in 2011. Another standout was multiple graded stakes winner Dragon Bay, who earned \$427,072 (U.S.) for Brent, Russell, and Simon.

### Trainer – Stuart Simon

Born in Spiritwood, Saskatchewan, Stuart Simon has been around the racetrack since his early teens as his father Steve owned horses. But Simon had another career calling in mind. As he was preparing for a career with the RCMP, it was discovered he had thyroid cancer. Simon beat the disease, but wound up back at the track, sending out his first winner in Regina in 1983 and then moving to Alberta where he spent 20 years before relocating to Woodbine in 2009. He counts winning the 1995 Canadian Derby with Sovacianto and campaigning Atlantic Hurricane, among his many highlights involving the McLellan family. Other stars include Sister Peacock, Summer Sunday, Rose's Vision, Lorena, Dragon Bay, Yorkton, and Bold Script. Three of them, namely, Atlantic Hurricane, Bold Script, and Summer Sunday, are all Sovereign champions. Simon has also sent out stakes winners at Belmont and Saratoga.

### Jockey – Gary Boulanger

A 2020 Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame inductee, Gary Boulanger, closing in on 3,700 wins, has enjoyed great success over a career that has included devastating injuries. He overcame back problems, which required extensive surgery in the late 1990s, and came back from an eight-year absence precipitated by a spill at Gulfstream, which led to life-threatening injuries, in 2005. Born in Edmonton, he began his career in Washington State, where he won three straight titles and went on to be a top rider in Florida. Moving his tack to Woodbine in June 2000, Boulanger has been associated with Sovereign champions, including Dancethruthedawn, who won The King's Plate and Woodbine Oaks in 2001. Boulanger received the 2017 Avelino Gomez Memorial Award.

### Groom – Velore Wright



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<p><b>Jockey:</b> <b>Gary Boulanger – 9</b></p> <p>2021 – Haddassah (8<sup>th</sup>)          2019 – Suitedconnected (12<sup>th</sup>)          2018 – Silent Poet (12<sup>th</sup>)          2017 – King and His Court (7<sup>th</sup>)          2016 – Leavem in Malibu (6<sup>th</sup>)          2014 – Majestic Sunset (15<sup>th</sup>)          2013 – Spring in the Air (4<sup>th</sup>)  <b>2001 – Dancethruthedawn (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>          2000 – Strike Smartly (10<sup>th</sup>)</p>	<p><b>Trainer:</b> <b>Stuart Simon – 3</b></p> <p>2018 – Rose’s Vision (14<sup>th</sup>)          2017- Aurora Way (9<sup>th</sup>)          2015 – Portree (11<sup>th</sup>)</p>
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