


# William T

<b>William T</b> Own: Lay Michael			Gr/ro. c. 3 (Apr) FTKOCT23 \$45,000 Sire: Frosted (Tapit) \$15,000 Dam: Upper Brass (Hard Spun) Br: Anderson Farms (Ontario) Inc. (Ont-C) Tr: MacRae Donald C (39 10 6 9 .26) 2025 :(39 10 .26)										<b>Life</b> 4 1 1 2 \$92,082 79 2025 3 1 1 1 \$82,446 79 2024 1 M 0 1 \$9,636 62 Wo 4 1 1 2 \$92,082 79				<b>D.Fst</b> 0 0 0 0 \$0 - <b>Wet(382)</b> 0 0 0 0 \$0 - <b>Synth(339)</b> \$0 <b>Turf(284)</b> 0 0 0 0 \$0 - <b>Dst(343)</b> 0 0 0 0 \$0 -			
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- A \$45,000 purchase at the 2023 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearling Sale, William T has hit the podium in all four starts.
- The grey son of Frosted heads into his biggest test off a magnificent maiden-breaking score on July 13. “It was good to see him respond with the blinkers back on and see him show his true colours,” said trainer Don MacRae. The biggest factor was his gallop out – he seemed to get stronger with every stride. He has always shown the ability to be a good horse.”
- What was MacRae’s first impression of William T (named after owner Michael Lay’s first-born grandson)? “It’s kind of funny. He wasn’t a very big horse, nothing flashy about him. He went through the motions for the longest time, but the further we worked him, the more ability he started to show. What impressed me in his breezes at three-quarters was that he always galloped out in :14 and change. It told us a true distance was going to be his calling.”
- “His first start as a 2-year-old was solid – he showed ability. Over the winter, he went through a stage where he went from looking like a boy to looking like a grown man. From 2 to 3, he has really grown up. He is a very big, stunning horse now.”
- “We need him to be at his best that day and it’s our job to make sure he is. Being here gives me goosebumps – it really is a dream come true. As time goes on in life, you try to be the best version of yourself and surround yourself with good people. I was talking to my wife, and I told her this is a very proud moment in my life, to have a great owner in Michael Lay and a great rider like David Moran – both are class acts – and I am grateful to be going into this race with them.”

Trainer – Don MacRae  
Plate Starters: 1 – Best Plate Finish: 6<sup>th</sup> (2021)

A multiple stakes winning conditioner, MacRae launched his career in 1995. His breakout campaign came two years later when he posted an 8-13-4 mark from 56 starts, a season that included his first career win. That milestone moment came on June 6 of that year at Fort Erie, with Dawlish. MacRae’s first Woodbine win was courtesy of Lucky Currency on August 26, 1998. A lifetime winner of over 600 races, MacRae has a career strike rate of 22 percent and an in-the-money mark of 53 percent. Top horses over the years include 2013 Grade 3 Whimsical champion Acting Naughty, 2016 Grade 3 Bold Venture winner Puntrooskie, 10-time winner Civil Code and multiple graded stakes winner, Cruden Bay, who won the 2024 and 2025 editions of the Connaught Cup (G2T).

Owner – Michael Lay

Michael Lay is passionate about horse racing and is a prominent Thoroughbred owner at Woodbine, most recently campaigning multiple graded stakes winner Cruden Bay. A strong supporter of equine aftercare, Lay, along with trainer Don MacRae, has donated several horses, including graded stakes winner A Thread of Blue to LongRun Thoroughbred Retirement Society. Away from the track, Lay is the managing partner of ONCAP, the lower-mid market private equity platform of Onex Corporation. A father of three, Lay also has two grandsons, including first-born grandson William, whom he named William T after. As for his racing silks, Lay, who is on the Board of Directors at Woodbine, noted, “I have become a big Clemson football fan. Their colours are orange and purple. My wife, Jane, was in the fashion business, so I asked her to design the silks using orange and purple.”

Jockey – David Moran  
Plate Appearances: 9 – Best Plate Finish: 2<sup>nd</sup> (2021)

David Moran grew up on a farm near Templemore, in County Tipperary, at the base of Devil’s Bit Mountain in Ireland. Moran’s father, Eddie, was a local publican, but he also owned and bred a small number of horses, including Irish Grand National winner David’s Lad. David began his riding career in 1999 with trainer Frank Ennis and became an apprentice rider for Jim Bolger in 2001. He became a full-time jockey in the spring of 2009 and over the next two years made six trips to Woodbine, winning the 2009 Princess Elizabeth Stakes and the 2010 Woodbine Oaks with Roan Inish. Since moving to Canada with his family in 2011, Moran has recorded 14 graded stakes wins and 43 stakes score. His son, Pietro, is one of Woodbine’s leading riders. Another son, William, is an exercise rider at Woodbine.

Breeder – Anderson Farms (Ontario) Inc.  
Groom – Diego Kellman