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**73** 7/8 7 34½ 32½ 11½ 12½ Stein J 118 \*2.15 87-16 Riptide Rock<sup>2</sup> Amanofmystature<sup>6</sup> Ocelot<sup>2</sup> Swept to lead mid str TRAINER: 20ff45-180(12.17 \$1.16) Sprint/Route(34.18 \$1.40) WonLastStart(27.19 \$1.81) Routes(81.19 \$2.07) Stakes(10.00 \$0.00)

- Riptide Rock is a popular horse in the Sid Attard barn. Exercise rider Alex Soultan and caretaker Joseph Ferris are both big fans of the son of Point Of Entry. "My exercise boy really loves this horse, he takes forever with him, lets him look around,"
- said Attard. "Joseph, he loves the horse too. In the morning, when he's all done, he takes him out, grazes him, all this." Attard said the gelding is a happy horse, and his connections have also had good reason to be happy with Riptide Rock. In his most recent start the gelding was a closing winner in a July 16 sprint on the Tapeta that earned him an 88 Beyer Figure.
- Riptide Rock last worked on Sunday, Aug. 15, breezing seven furlongs on the main track in 1:25.80.
- The chestnut started his career at Woodbine, winning a six-furlong sprint over the turf course on Oct. 17, 2020. The gelding then went south for the winter, into the care of trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. He made three starts this spring at Oaklawn Park before heading to Monmouth Park for the Jersey Derby on May 28, where he finished sixth.
- "I was very happy the Stronach people gave him back to us. He is two-for-two here," said Attard. "I like the way he's going and I like the way he's looking too. He's keeping the weight really good and he's very happy."
- Attard said the good-feeling horse is always happy to head out for his work in the morning. "He likes to go out there and do his training. Sometimes I see him galloping and he starts squealing, jumping around, when he's galloping and his tail goes up in the air, and I like to see that. He's happy."

## **Owner - Stronach Stables**

Frank Stronach was born in Austria and has gone on to become one of Thoroughbred racing's most influential participants on both the racing and business fronts. Individual honours include eight Eclipse Awards as Outstanding Breeder and four as Outstanding Owner plus 12 Sovereign Awards as Outstanding Breeder, eight as Outstanding Owner, and a special Sovereign Award with Awesome Again, winner of the 1997 Queen's Plate and 1998 Breeders' Cup Classic. He was inducted into Canada's Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2002. Numerous champions have raced in Frank Stronach's silks, including 1980 Canadian Horse of the Year Glorious Song (the first Canadian horse to earn \$1 million) and four Plate winners: Basqueian, Awesome Again, Shaman Ghost and Holy Helena. Stronach's Adena Springs is also the breeder of Riptide Rock.

## Trainer - Sid Attard

Born in Birkirkara, Malta, Sid Attard followed his elder brothers Joe and Tino Attard to Canada. He gained his trainer's license in 1977, at the age of 26. He won his first race in the spring of 1977 and his first stakes race in the 1980 Mazarine with Lady Sheppard. He has sent out 12,275 starters and won 2,095 races (as of August 15). Attard has won multiple graded stakes races and earned Sovereign titles with Numerous Times, Ginger Gold, One For Rose and Interpol. He has nine leading trainer titles to his credit and was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2013 and the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame in 2011. He has finished second and third in the Queen's Plate, but has not yet saddled a winner.

## Jockey - David Moran

David Moran hails from Templemore, Ireland and started his career in 1999 with trainer Frank Ennis before becoming an apprentice rider for Jim Bolger in 2001. Moran became a full-time jockey in the spring of 2009 and over the next two years made six trips to Woodbine with Carolyn Costigan trainees, garnering wins with Roan Inish in the 2009 Princess Elizabeth Stakes and 2010 Woodbine Oaks. In 2011 Moran and his family moved to Canada and he scored his first win as a Woodbine regular with War Ridge. His first stakes win after the move came on Sept. 8, 2012 in the La Prevoyante Stakes with Nikkis Bold Gelato. Since then Moran has guided horses to multiple stakes wins, including 12 victories in graded stakes action.

**Groom - Joseph Ferris** 

