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- In the words of his trainer Dale Desruisseaux, Plate Trial Stakes winner Highwaytothemoon isn't flashy, but he doesn't need to be to get the job done. "He's an average-looking horse, and he isn't going to blow you away conformation-wise. In the mornings, he just did whatever the other horse that he was breezing with was doing. If they went quick, he'd go quick. If they went slow, he'd go slow. He didn't try to do anything more than we wanted him to."
- The natural nonchalance was on full display both before and during the Ransom The Moon gelding's impressive one-length Plate Trial triumph. "In hindsight, that's probably one of his better attributes, where I think he'll get the extra distance just on that quality alone," said Desruisseaux. "He'll sit, sit, sit and relax, and nothing really fazes him. Before the Plate Trial, there was a horse acting up that had to get scratched, and everybody else was pretty washed out, where he was cool as a cucumber."
- As for the Plate Trial effort itself, which followed a Queenston Stakes score on June 7, Desruisseaux had plenty to be excited about beyond simply winning. "He's been kind of a speed horse, going shorter and sprinting, so I wasn't really sure how he would rate. We talked before the race, and I didn't really want to see him on the lead. It looked like there was some other speed in there, and for him to get the distance, we thought he had to sit a trip. When he got in behind those horses and relaxed and wasn't really fighting Raffy [rider Rafael Hernandez] at all down the backside, I was pretty happy with where he was."
- The bay gelding, out of Society's Chairman mare High Society Gal, remains in strong form ahead of his toughest test to date, working well under Desruisseaux's watchful eye.
- "He's been training really well in the morning. We've been putting slower, longer miles to him, and he's been handling it really well. The question is going to be that next eighth of a mile."

Owner – Centennial Farms (Niagara) Inc.

Centennial Farms (Niagara) Inc. is an active Canadian thoroughbred horse racing stable owned by Domenic DiLalla and primarily competing at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto, roughly 81 km from the Niagara/Scarborough area. The outfit picked up a pair of stakes victories in 2025, both courtesy of Church and State, who reigned supreme in the King Corrie Stakes and Toronto Cup. Key recent accomplishments for the stable include winning the \$200,000 Plate Trial Stakes and capturing the G2 bet365 Connaught Cup with G T Five Hundred.

Trainer – Dale Desruisseaux (see Dixie Law bio)

Jockey – Rafael Hernandez

Rafael Hernandez was born in Puerto Rico and began his riding career at Tampa Bay Downs in 2004. He's competed at a number of racetracks throughout the United States, but firmly established himself at Fairmount Park in Collinsville, Illinois, where he was the leading rider nine times, winning four straight riding titles between 2005 and 2008, and five straight riding titles between 2010 and 2014. During 2015, he bounced around to several different tracks, including Churchill Downs, Saratoga and Gulfstream Park, before moving to Woodbine full-time during the summer of 2016. He found immediate success winning 99 races at Woodbine in an abbreviated 2016 campaign. Since then, he has been a fixture at the top of the standings. In 2020, he was first with 129 wins. Hernandez won the 2015 King's Plate with Shaman Ghost, the 2022 Plate (and Woodbine Oaks) with Moira, and the 2024 Plate with Caitlinhergrtness. He has more than 3,400 wins, 196 career stakes scores and lifetime purse earnings of more than \$83 million.

Groom – Robert Martin

Breeder – James Everatt, Janeane Everatt & Arika Everatt-Meeuse