## Midnight in Malibu



- This dark bay son of Midnight Lute will step up to face stakes company for the first time in the Plate.
- He inserted himself into the conversation by winning an allowance on the July 23 Woodbine Oaks undercard contested at $11 / 16$ miles over the Tapeta.
- The victory was his second around two turns. He broke his maiden in a one mile and 70-yard affair as a 2-year-old last December.
- "I think he'll go the distance no problem," said trainer Sid Attard. "Every time we work him five or six furlongs, he gallops out strong."
- Midnight in Malibu put in a six-furlong work in 1:13.00 on August 6 and his final work before the Plate was on August 13, also at three-quarters of a mile, in 1:10.40. "He worked very good. I didn't really want to work him that fast, but [jockey] David Moran worked him, and he said he worked very well, and he was very good," said Attard. "The vet scoped him as well and everything is good."
- Midnight in Malibu was bred by Huntington Stud Farm Corp. \& Kingview Farms and his dam has the impressive record of producing six starters, all winners.
- His extended family includes Grade 2 winner Ready to Please, and stakes winner Chief Officer.


## Trainer - Sid Attard

Sid Attard was born in Birkikara, Malta and followed his older brothers Joe and Tino to Canada and to Woodbine in 1976. He's amassed over 12,000 starts in his career, and his runners have earned over $\$ 67$ million (U.S.). His major stars include Canadian champions Numerous Times (winner of the Grade 1 Woodbine Mile), Ginger Gold, One for Rose and Interpol. Attard was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2013 after being similarly honoured by the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame in 2011. Attard's immediate family continues to thrive on the racetrack through his brother, Hall of Fame jockey/now trainer Larry Attard; son, Jamie, who trained; and son, Paul, a former trainer and now established in equine dentistry. Sid is still seeking his first Plate win and will attempt to follow in the footsteps of his nephew Kevin, who won his first Plate last year with Canadian Horse of the Year Moira.

## Owner: Tucci Holdings

Tucci Holdings is the racing stable of Carlo Tucci, a long-time participant in the Ontario thoroughbred racing industry. He won the 2013 Queen's Plate with Midnight Aria in partnership with his nephew Lou Tucci under the silks of Tucci Stables after claiming the Midnight Lute colt for $\$ 35,000$ USD at Gulfstream Park in January. Other top horses Tucci has been involved in are graded stakes winners One For Rose, Just Rushing, River Seven, Jungle Wave, My List, Artie Hot, Riker, and Miss Concerto.

## Jockey: Adam Beschizza

Nicknamed "Biscuit," Adam Beschizza grew up in England. With members of his immediate and extended family involved in the sport, he knew at a young age he wanted to be a jockey. After graduating from the British Racing School, he rode his first race in 2009. He rode a steady stream of winners in England but relocated to the U.S. for more opportunities. He worked as an exercise rider for Mike Stidham at Fair Grounds, where he befriended Joe Sharp, and the two would forge a successful partnership. In 2014, Sharp became a trainer and the next year he gave Beschizza his first U.S. mount, and since then Beschizza has ridden close to 600 winners to just under $\$ 30$ million in earnings. The multiple graded stakes-winning rider partnered Mohawk Trail to take this year's Ontario Colleen (G3T) Stakes and Alywow Stakes at Woodbine. Other top horses he's ridden include graded stakes winners Danse Macabre, Mom's On Strike, Gam's Mission, Bandua, and Silver Dust.

Groom: Rose Day

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