

MOIRA

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Owner: X-Men Racing LLC, Madaket Stables LLC and SF Racing LLC
Trainer: Kevin Attard

B. f. 3 Ghostzapper - Devine Aida by Unbridled's Song
Bred in Ontario by Adena Springs (Apr 11, 2019)

24 Jul 22	9 WO	ft	◇	1%	:47 ³⁴	1:11 ⁷⁸	1:49 ⁷⁸	3	FR	Stk - WoOaksB - 500k	97-97	3	7 ³ / ₂	6 ⁷	4 ¹ / ₂	1 ⁵	1 ¹⁰ / ₂	Hernandez R M	121	wL	*1.00	Moira121 ¹⁰ / ₂	Sister Seagull121 ⁴ / ₂	Sahlabiya121 ^{ns}	rapid move 3w, drew off 10				
11 Jun 22	7 WO	ft	◇	7f	:23 ⁴⁴	:45 ⁹⁷	1:22 ⁸¹	3	FR	Stk - FuryB - 125k	59-91	5	6	6 ³	6 ² / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ^{hd}	Hernandez R M	122	L	2.25	Moira122 ^{hd}	Pioneer's Edge118 ³ / ₂	Aubrieta122 ³ / ₂	circled 4w, held on 7				
28 Nov 21	8 WO	ft	◇	1%	:49 ⁵⁷	1:14 ⁵¹	1:44 ⁶⁴	2	FR	Stk - MazarineG3 - 150k	59-93	6	7 ⁴ / ₂	8 ⁵ / ₂	7 ³ / ₂	5 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	Stein J	122	L	*1.15	Mrs. Barbara119 ¹ / ₂	Moira122 ¹	Guileful119 ²	bid last 1/8, outkicked 9				
23 Oct 21	7 WO	ft	◇	1%	:49 ⁰⁷	1:13 ⁷⁹	1:44 ⁶³	2	FR	Stk - PrncssElzB - 250k	55-86	9	9 ⁵ / ₂	8 ⁷ / ₂	8 ⁵ / ₂	3 ¹ / ₂	1 ⁴ / ₂	Stein J	119	L	4.30	Moira119 ⁴ / ₂	Souper Flashy119 ¹	Intro119 ³ / ₂	surged to lead, rdn out 10				
Workout(s):		14 Aug 22	WO	◇	5F	ft	:59.4b	5/46	5 Aug 22	WO	◇	5F	ft	1:01.3b	9/18	17 Jul 22	WO	◇	5F	ft	1:00.2b	9/59	7 Jul 22	WO	◇	6F	ft	1:12b	1/3

- Moira is a mega-talented filly by Ghostzapper, out of graded stakes placed mare Devine Aida (Unbridled's Song), and she's lived up to her pedigree from day one.
- In a pair of starts as 2-year-old she won the Princess Elizabeth and was second in the G3 Mazarine, earning a Sovereign nomination for champion 2-year-old filly.
- The Kevin Attard trainee has come stronger at 3, with two wins including a dominant 10-length victory in the Woodbine Oaks, setting her up to take on the boys in Queen's Plate. "Typically, when you win the Oaks, depending on how impressive they are doing it, you always have to think of the Queen's Plate," said Attard. "It something we have always had in the back of our minds, and we geared her campaign so the Plate would be her third race of the season and she'd be fresh."
- Stretching out the classic distance of 1 ¼ miles will be no problem for the big, long filly. "I don't see the distance being a problem for her. I think she has a great running style for this type of race. She is very tactical. We are getting five pounds less than the boys and she's bred to handle the distance and runs like she can handle the distance."
- Moira will attempt to add her name to the impressive list of fillies who have won the Plate. The most recent filly to achieve the feat is Wonder Gadot in 2018. "It's about taking it one step at a time. You can make all the plans as you want, and sometimes they don't work out the way you planned them out. We have been lucky enough that she has done everything we wanted her to until this point and stayed sound and stayed healthy."

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X-Men Racing is a syndicate of Canadian racing friends that was put together by bloodstock agent Donato Lanni. The group is comprised of Lanni, Robert LeBlanc, Steve Heimbecker, Clay Horner, David Anderson, John Fielding, Alexandra Verret, Daniel Plouffe, Gabriel Dimiele, and American Nick Pelligreen. Madaket Stables LLC is the stable of American businessman and philanthropist Sol Kumin. Madaket Stables owned a stake in Justify when he won the Triple Crown in 2018, and a stake in Authentic, the 2020 Kentucky Derby and 2020 Breeders' Cup Classic winner. Other top horses the stable has been involved with include: Monomoy Girl, Lady Eli, Exaggerator, Mind Your Biscuits, and British Idiom. SF Racing LLC is headed by Tom Ryan, who also serves as the bloodstock agent at SF Bloodstock. SF Racing was a partner with Madaket Stables in Authentic, and Justify, and other notable horses include and G1 winners Pinehurst, Eight Rings, Improbable, and Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint champion Bulletin.

Trainer – Kevin Attard

Kevin Attard is one of Woodbine's top trainers, and in 2021 he was a Sovereign finalist for the fourth consecutive year. The son of accomplished local trainer Tino Attard and nephew of prominent Woodbine conditioners Sid Attard and the late Joe Attard and former jockey and trainer Larry Attard, won his first career race on July 12, 2001 at Woodbine with next-out Nandi Stakes winner Jade Eyed and has gone on to win 74 more stakes headed by Starship Jubilee (Grade 1 E.P. Taylor, 2019 and Grade 1 Woodbine Mile, 2020), Canada's Horse of the Year in the former season. Other highlights have included Munnyfor Ro, last year's Woodbine Oaks heroine; Alezzandro, Fort Erie's Prince of Wales, 2007; and Woodbine multiple graded stakes winners Amalfi Coast, Calgary Cat, and Melmich.

Jockey – Rafael Manuel 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 the 2015 campaign, he bounced around to several different tracks, including Churchill Downs, Saratoga and Gulfstream Park, before moving to Woodbine full-time during the summer of the 2016 season. 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 Queen's Plate with Shaman Ghost, and has won the Breeders' Stakes, the third jewel of the Canadian Triple Crown, on three occasions.

