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Own: LaPenta Robert V., e Five Racing Thor



B. c. 3 (May) KEESEP21 \$200,000  
 Sire: Nyquist (Uncle Mo) \$55,000  
 Dam: Fragrance (Malibu Moon)  
 Br: Anderson Farms Ont. Inc. & Rod Ferguson Farms LTD. (Ont-C)  
 Tr: Attard Kevin(187 35 27 26 .19) 2023:(242 37 .15)

Life	6	1	0	1	\$81,818	84	D.Fst	0	0	0	\$0	-
2023	5	0	0	1	\$20,018	84	Wet(399)	0	0	0	\$0	-
2022	1	1	0	0	\$61,800	71	Synth(331)				\$0	
Wo	3	1	0	1	\$72,068	76	Turf(305)	1	0	0	\$3,600	74
							Dst(270)	0	0	0	\$0	-

23Jly23-3WO	fst	1 1/8	233	.4811:13	1:444	3A	OC	50k/w2L-N	76	5/7	5 1/2	6 1/2	42	42 1/2	3nk	Franco M	L119	*1.20	79-13	MdnghtnMlbnk	StyhonorGoodsdno	MonLndng1 1/2	Grudgingly btwn late		
11Jun23-8WO	fst	7f	222	.4531:094	1:223	IS	Q	QueenstonB127k	59	1/12	12	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	Hernandez R M	L118b	*2.40	83-07	Kaukokaipuu1 1/4	ParamountPrincehd	Poulinin0 1 1/2	Step slow,insd,no bid		
Previously trained by McCarthy Michael W 2022: (365 58 52 56 0.16)																									
25Mar23-8TP	fst	1 1/8	233	.4831:133	1:452			RushawayB249k	66	11/12	11	2 1/2	1hd	5 1/2	97	Velazquez J R	118b	3.11	77-13	Rarified Flairnk	Ocean Pointe1	Santorinino	Clear, dueled gave way		
Previously trained by Attard Kevin 2022: (465 95 64 61 0.20)																									
4Mar23-8TP	fst	1 1/8	224	.4541:111	1:43	J	Bttgla	MmL147k	84	11/12	96	9 1/2	8 1/2	2hd	4 1/2	Rodriguez W A	118b	13.55	92-10	Congruent3 1/2	Scoobie Quando3	Bromleyno	Wide run bid/wknd late		
14Jan23-8GP	fm	7 1/2	221	.4541:102	1:283	OC	75k/n1x-N		74	6/8	8	8 1/2	8 1/2	6 1/2	4 1/2	Gaffalione T	120b	5.70	88-08	Ok Boomer1	Blamethegoodtimes1 1/2	HarryTime1 1/2	Slw st,2p,6p1/8,evened		
13Nov22-5WO	fst	6 1/2	23	.4531:093	1:161	Md	Sp	Wt 97k	71	4/7	2	4 1/2	4 1/2	1 1/2	14 1/2	Hernandez R M	118b	7.75	91-09	Moon Landing4 1/2	Silver Peakhd	Laniganhd	4W3/16lead,drew off		
<b>WORKS:</b> Aug12WO 4f fst:1:002 B 11/52 Aug6WO 4f fst:474 B 15/101 Jly16WO 5f fst:1:00 B 9/94 Jly8WO 6f fst:1:114 H 1/3 Jly1WO 6f fst:1:144 H 1/2 Jun24WO 4f fst:482 B 26/81																									

- Moon Landing draws into the Plate sporting an uneven track record, but not for a lack of effort. “This colt has had an up and down career, but he always finds a way to come back with a solid effort,” said trainer Kevin Attard.
- In November 2022, the son of Nyquist-Fragrance broke his maiden in a 6 ½ furlong sprint on the Tapeta, which also happened to be his debut. He followed up the stellar performance with a string of finishes that didn’t appropriately reflect his talent. “His debut was fantastic. It was a very professional performance, and we really liked the way he drew off.
- “His next two starts were decent efforts against tougher competition,” said Attard. “He got into a speed duel in the Rushaway coming from a difficult post. In the Queenston, he got off a step slowly and was never really in it. We were a little lost for words after that effort.”
- Moon Landing bounced back in his most recent race with a third-place effort. “Last time out, he was back to his old self,” said Attard. “He really dug down deep in the late running and just missed getting it all. We’re hoping that he’s able to build off that last race and show the type of skill that he does have.”

### Owner – Robert V. LaPenta, e Five Racing Thoroughbreds, and Madaket Stables LLC

**Madaket Stables** is the province of Sol Kumin, the man who has owned on his own but is also involved in numerous partnerships. Top horses with whom he has been associated with include Triple Crown champion Justify; Eclipse Award-winning distaffers Monomoy Girl, Midnight Bisou and Lady Eli; and 2020 champion sprinter Whitmore. **Robert LaPenta** first became an owner in 1998 as a partner with basketball coach Rick Pitino. He started his own stable in 2001. In 2011, his stable was headed by Dialed In, who won the Holy Bull (G3) and the Florida Derby (G1). Starting operations in August 2015, **e Five Racing’s** Bob and Kristine Edwards, along with their three children, Cassidy, Riley, and Delaney, have enjoyed tremendous success, which included a win in the 2016 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf with New Money Honey. The group duplicated that feat in 2017, winning the Juvenile Fillies Turf with Rushing Fall. Bob is the owner of e5 Pharma, a pharmaceutical company for pets, and is the founder of Mizner Bioscience.

### Trainer – Kevin Attard

Kevin Attard is one of Woodbine’s top trainers, and in 2022 he was a Sovereign finalist for the fifth 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 and has won 83 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. In 2022, it was Moira, winner of the Woodbine Oaks, who gave Attard his first victory in The King’s Plate, en route to Canadian Horse of the Year honours. Other stars include Munnyfor Ro, the 2021 Woodbine Oaks heroine; Alezzandro, Fort Erie’s Prince of Wales, 2007; and multiple graded stakes winners Amalfi Coast, Calgary Cat, and Melmich.

### Jockey – Luis Contreras

Born in Mexico, Luis Contreras began his career there at 16 and rode more than 100 winners in four consecutive seasons before moving to Golden Gate. Since coming to Woodbine in 2009, Contreras won three titles from 2011 to 2013 and back-to-back Sovereigns as outstanding jockey in the first two of those seasons. He won with his first King’s Plate mount, Inglorious, in 2011, and then took the Prince of Wales and Breeders’ Stakes with Pender Harbour to become the first rider to win all three Canadian Triple Crown races with different horses. In 2017, Contreras took the first two Triple Crown legs with Holy Helena and Cool Catomine. He finished second in the 2018 Plate aboard Aheadbyacentury and was runner-up with Amis Gizmo (2016) and Ami’s Holiday (2014).

### Groom – Howard Carter



Jockey: Luis Contreras – 12	Trainer: Kevin Attard – 11
2022 – Shamateur (11 <sup>th</sup> ) 2021 – H C Holiday (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 2020 – Halo Again (14 <sup>th</sup> ) 2019 – Tone Broke (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 2018 – Aheadbyacentury (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) <b>2017 – Holy Helena (1<sup>st</sup>)</b> 2016 – Amis Gizmo (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 2015 – Ami’s Flatter (8 <sup>th</sup> ) 2014 – Ami’s Holiday (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 2013 – Pyrite Mountain (7 <sup>th</sup> ) 2012 – Golden Ridge (10 <sup>th</sup> ) <b>2011 – Inglorious (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>	<b>2022 – Moira (1<sup>st</sup>)</b> 2021 – H C Holiday (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 2021 – Munnyfor Ro (4 <sup>th</sup> ) 2021 – Harlan Estate (7 <sup>th</sup> ) 2021 – Haddassah (8 <sup>th</sup> ) 2020 – Clayton (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) 2020 – Marveilleux (6 <sup>th</sup> ) 2019 – Lucas n’ Lori (6 <sup>th</sup> ) 2019 – Jammin Still (14 <sup>th</sup> ) 2009 – Bucephalus (10 <sup>th</sup> ) 2007 – Alezzandro (2 <sup>nd</sup> )



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