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Owner: Stronach Stables
Trainer: Sid C. Attard

Ch. c. 3 Shaman Ghost-Sky High Gal by Leroidesanimaux (BRZ)
Bred in Ontario by Adena Springs (Feb 22, 2019)

01Jul22	3 WO	fm	15	1%	:4822	1:1285	1:4284	3t	Aoc 50000cnd-N	65-73	4	53	53½	31½	2½	21	Hernandez R M	118	bL	17.85	Keep Grinding122½ Shamateur118½ Basketball Jones118½ ▶3Wturn,game in str	6
30Apr22	8 LrI	ft		1%	:4827	1:1329	1:4585	3	Aoc 62500cnd-N	92-42	3	1hd	2hd	46	777	730½	Marquez C	121	bL	28.70	1099 The Addison Pour121ns Uncle Irish1217½ One Ten114½ spd,duel ins,faltered	7
25Mar22	8 LrI	mys		1%	:4780	1:1343	1:4707	3	Aoc 62500nw1/x-N	80-17	6	79	77½	815	1024	104½	Marquez C	121	bfl	11.50	1132 Heffner121hd Uncle Irish121ns The Addison Pour121¾ ▶bumped break, no bid	10
28Nov21	9 WO	ft	◇	1%	:4958	1:1441	1:4420	2	Stk - GreyG3 - 150k	62-78	4	63½	53½	62½	75½	101½	Bahen S R	120	b	57.45	God of Love122½ Ironstone121½ On Thin Ice119hd glued to rail,no rally	10
30Oct21	8 WO	ft	◇	1%	:5061	1:1680	1:5251	2	Stk - CorrnFutB - 250k	48-69	4	53	53½	62½	43	45½	Wilson E	122	b	50.35	7h Minstar122½ Dnch in D'nle122½ J M R Best of Turf122ns chase 2P,late run	14
10Oct21	8 WO	yl	◇30	1%	:5044	1:1520	1:4786	2	Stk - CupSaucerB - 250k	83-73	4	52	42	42½	64½	57½	Wilson E	122	b	24.50	God of Love122½ Fast Feet122½ Stronger Together122½ chase inside,outkicked	11
05Sep21	7 WO	ft	◇	170	:4695	1:1182	1:4331	2	Msw 126800	80-72	5	25	27	24	2½	1ns	Kimura K	118	b	47.65	Shmteur118ns Stowaway121nk Stronger Together118nk ▶bmp start,up,late,drv	10
15Aug21	6 WO	ft	◇	6f	:2331	:4649	1:1117	2	Msw 126800	47-40	9	6	53	77½	912	1018½	Moran D	118		34.95	Heat Merchant121½ Stylish Gent118½ Mentoring118½ 4-3w,lacked rally	11

Workout(s): 14 Aug 22 WO ◇ 5F ft :59.3b 4/46 7 Aug 22 WO ◇ 5F ft :59.4b 6/54 1 Aug 22 WO ◇ 5F ft 1:01.2b 5/6 24 Jul 22 WO ◇ 5F ft :59.1b 2/41

- Sid Attard has paid his dues on the Queen's Plate trail, with his 10 previous starters having produced a pair of seconds and as many third-place finishes. Last year was the veteran trainer's closest call as Riptide Rock rallied from last place in the field of 13 to miss by just a head. "Last year, I liked the horse a lot," said Attard.
- Attard, however, prefers not to dwell on the past and would rather look forward to August 21 when Shamateur, a son of 2015 Queen's Plate winner Shaman Ghost, goes postward in the 163rd running of the race.
- Shamateur, like Riptide Rock, is a homebred who races for Stronach Stable. And while he did not join his barn until late this spring, the colt was not unknown to Attard as he had raced here as a 2-year-old for trainer and Stronach racing consultant Mike Doyle, showing some long-term promise with a maiden win around two turns and a fourth-place finish in the 1 1/8-mile Coronation Futurity. "When he won, I finished third by a neck," said Attard, whose runner that day was Stronger Together.
- Shamateur had been tried at Laurel on the dirt this spring while with trainer Jose Corrales but other than displaying some early foot in his second outing that experiment is best forgotten. "When I got him, Mike Doyle said 'Don't be surprised if they want to run this horse in the Queen's Plate,'" said Attard.
- In his lone start for his new barn Shamateur raced over a one-turn 1 1/16 miles on Woodbine's E.P. Taylor Turf and was game in ending second behind Keep Grinding, who finished a close fifth in last year's Queen's Plate.
- That July 1 race stands as his most recent heading into the Queen's Plate, which will be his first start in more than seven weeks. Although opportunities existed in the interim, the Stronach team preferred Attard train the horse up to the Plate. "I wish we'd had a chance to run him a mile and a sixteenth, a mile and an eighth, but he's a very honest horse. He'll always give you 100 percent.
- Attard also believes that Shamateur's sturdy nature will be an asset as he faces this major hurdle. "He loves to go out there and train. When he works, he won't pull up, the son of a gun. The (Queen's Plate) distance should be good for him—it's just the company, you know?"

Owner – Stronach Stables

Born in Austria in 1932, Frank Stronach emigrated to Canada in 1954 and has gone to become a massive player in both the business and racing realms. Individual honours include an Eclipse Award of Merit; six Eclipse Awards as outstanding breeder and four in the owner category; and 12 Sovereign Awards as outstanding breeder and nine as owner. He was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 2002 and his indelible stamp on the Thoroughbred industry also includes success as a racetrack operator and innovator in the wagering field. It was announced in the summer of 2020 that Stronach's daughter, Belinda Stronach, would be in charge of the Stronach family's racing and gaming operations while Frank and his wife, Elfriede, retained control of the stallion and breeding business.

Trainer – Sid Attard

Sid Attard, 71, was born in Birkikara, Malta and followed his older brothers Joe and Tino to Canada and to Woodbine in 1976. Becoming a major presence through the years, 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. His major success stories have included Canadian champions Numerous Times (winner of the Grade 1 Woodbine Mile), Ginger Gold, One for Rose and Interpol. Attard's immediate family continues to thrive on the racetrack through his brother, Hall of Fame jockey/now trainer Larry Attard; son, Jamie, a trainer; and son, Paul, a former trainer and now established here in equine dentistry.

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, with riding for trainer Steve Asmussen his primary impetus, Contreras won three titles from 2011 to 2013 and back-to-back Sovereign Awards as outstanding jockey in the first two of those seasons. He won with his first Queen'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 captured the first two Triple Crown legs with champion Holy Helena and upsetter Cool Catomine. He also finished second in the 2018 Queen's Plate aboard Aheadbyacentury and was the runner-up with Amis Gizmo (2016) and Ami's Holiday (2014).

