

QUEEN'S PLATE WAGERING GUIDE

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Saturday, June 30, 2018 – Queen's Plate Woodbine

Queen's Plate Winners' Preps:

'17 Holy Helena	1 st , Woodbine Oaks
'16 Sir Dudley Digges	3 rd , Plate Trial
'15 Shaman Ghost	1 st , Marine Stakes
'14 Lexie Lou	1 st , Woodbine Oaks
'13 Midnight Aria	3 rd , Plate Trial
'12 Strait of Dover	1 st , Marine Stakes
'11 Inglorious	1 st , Woodbine Oaks
'10 Big Red Mike	1 st , Plate Trial
'09 Eye of the Leopard	1 st , Plate Trial
'08 Not Bourbon	1 st , Plate Trial

1 – **BOYHOOD DREAM (30-1)**: The first of three for Maker and the Ramseys, who teamed to win this in 2016 with Sir Dudley Digges, will need to improve in a big way off that meek 4th in the Plate Trial. The good news is that Trial runners have won 5-of the last 10 Plate's, and he drew well, but as a son of Dialed In, this trip seems a real stretch; tough to tout.

2 – **COOLER MIKE (30-1)**: Game allowance winner will try to emulate Mike Fox in 2007, who was the last Plate winner to come from the allowance ranks. Tactical son Giant Gizmo was a fringe stakes player as a 2yo but has stepped up his game this year, in terms of speed figures, so he may outrun his odds; exotics appeal.

3 – **INGE (50-1)**: Expected pacesetter popped and stopped in the Gill Marine, which has produced 2 of the last 6 Plate winners. Huge longshot goes McKnight, who can do no wrong at the meet, and Midnight Aria pulled off a 16-1 shocker when he won this on the engine in 2013, but a win by this son of Victor's Cry would far surpass that feat; know him early.

4 – **STRIKE ME DOWN (10-1)**: Sam-Son Farm homebred goes for one of Canada's legendary breeding programs, which has won the Plate five times, so there's a lot of history in this corner. Motion-trained son of Tapit sure is long on pedigree, and his local MSW win says he can handle the surface and getting Jose Ortiz to ride sure won't hurt either. Stalker should trip out, have every chance and will offer fair value too; won't fault anyone looking this way.

5 – **SILENT POET (30-1)**: The first of two Stronach homebreds will try to become the 5th Plate winner for the boss, and while he's

taken the road less traveled, both those local wins this year have been sharp. Silent Name (JPN) colt will look to give Gonzalez his 3rd Plate win. Expect him to be close early, as he's yet to run past 7F's, and while this is a big ask, there's talent in spades here; bombs away.

6 – **REAL DUDE (50-1)**: Stronach's second homebred is one of two maidens entered and seems way up against it for Sid Attard, though fans will point to the fact that dad Ghostzapper has sired 2 of the last 3 Plate winners; he won't be the 3rd.

7 – **DIXIE MOON (4-1)**: Upset winner of the Woodbine Oaks is one of two fillies entered and will look to become 3rd gal in 5 years to double in the Plate after winning the Oaks, as Holy Helena (2017) and Lexie Lou (2014) turned the trick recently. Homebred daughter of Curlin has yet to lose in the restricted ranks, as all four of her losses have come in graded stakes races. Day-Phillips will look to join Josie Carrol as the only female to win the Plate, but the distance is a question here, as she seemed at the end of her rope in the Oaks, and this 4-1 ML would be a big underlay; comfortable making her prove it.

8 – **ALTERNATIVE ROUTE (20-1)**: Newcomer has yet to run locally but showed he can handle synthetic with a win over the Poly in TP's Rushaway for Stall, who never ships without a purpose. Son of Tiznow figures to be stalking early and has worked well for this, though he'll need a lifetime best and then some to factor; iffy.

9 – **SAY THE WORD (20-1)**: The second of the Motion-Sam-Son homebreds may be flying under the radar, but don't discount him off that 3rd in the local N1X, as that was a tough group of older he traded blows with. More Than Ready colt could be a bit dicey at this trip, but he's closed late in all three starts this year to suggest it's within his scope. You won't see this ML, but the price will still be playable, and with ace connections in his corner, he looks very live; can hit the number.

10 – **TELEKINESIS (5-2)**: Trial winner will look to continue the trend of entering off a win, as 8 of the last 10 Plate winners got their picture taken in their prior start. Don't view him as a free square though, as he had to work mighty hard in his local bow and could also get caught up in the pace, which looks on the fast side. You do get Casse, and sire Ghostzapper is carving out a niche in this race, but the gut says he's in deeper than they think here and is

worth playing against at false odds; trying to beat on top.

11 – **WONDER GADOT (3-1)**: The second of Casse's aces will need to rebound from a shocking defeat in the Oaks, though she was gaining late on 'Moon, which says she's going to like this 1 ¼ miles as much, if not more, than anyone. Daughter of Medaglia d'Oro is all class, but she's also run underneath in six straight, which makes her tough to trust, not to mention the blinkers now go on, which is a little odd 11 starts in. So sure, she can win this, and fillies have excelled in this race, but like her 'mate next door, taking a short number when there are better alternatives isn't ideal; underneath, if at all.

12 – **PAWNBROKER (50-1)**: The second from the Maker/Ramsey team is also the second maiden, and that debut 4th here was uninspiring for this son of Gio Ponti (sire of Sir Dudley Digges), especially since he wasn't bet at 7-1; get home safely.

13 – **MARRIAGE COUNSELOR (50-1)**: The last of the Maker/Ramsey trio needed 25k MCL'ers on the turf to break his maiden, so this is one seismic step up in class for this son of Overanalyze, though if nothing else, that win was at 1 ¼ miles; still, seems an easy toss.

14 – **NEEPAWA (15-1)**: Casse's third has built a bit of a following, but more often than not this son of Scat Daddy has disappointed, like he did when 3rd to 'Mike in the AOC last time. If nothing else, he'll close and should pass some, but he'll also be an underlay and will have a lot to do in the lane; minor award appears his ceiling.

15 – **AHEADBYACENTURY (15-1)**: Classy 2yo just hasn't progressed at 3 and has a lot of history against him too, as no local Coronation Futurity winner at 2 has returned to win the Plate at 3 since Norcliffe did it in 1976. Ross adds blinkers today, so maybe that will help, but this son of Midnight Lute has 6 ½ lengths to make up on Telekinesis, and he's not even the pick here; midpack finish seems likely.

16 – **ROSE'S VISION (12-1)**: Resurgent sort woke up in the Trial, when he nagged Telekinesis and only yielded late after a no-show in the Marine. It's great to see Simon lure Castellano to ride, but this wide draw won't help a son of Artie Schiller, who seemed a reach going 1 1/8 miles last time; not seeing it.

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R1: #7 Carolina Grace #5 Silent Respect #6 Heart Rush #3 Kadley	R2: 100k Guarantee Pk5 #3 Maritime Breeze #1 Soul Planet #5 Limonaia #9 Con Artest	R3: #2 Blueblood #4 Machtree #6 Ride a Comet #3 Elusive Mischief	R4: 200k Guarantee Pk4 #6 Drive On #5 Eradicator #11 Court Battle #1 Splash With Me	R5: #12 Dance Ready #8 Fashion Flirt #4 Stormy Summer #1 Beth's Aurora
R6: 100k Guarantee Pk5 #8 Delta Prince #7 Caribou Club #4 First Premio #3 Tower of Texas	R7: #4 It's Vengeance #3 Si Si Tequila #2 Sailing By #9 Descente	R8: #1 Dream Dancing #8 Santa Monica #5 Holy Helena #7 Inflexibility	R9: #2 Imprimis #4 Holding Gold #6 Long On Value #5 Lady Alexandra	R10: 300k Guarantee Pk4 #5 Silent Poet #9 Say the Word #10 Telekinesis #11 Wonder Gadot
R11: #2 Lookin At Bravo #6 Fritzie's Boy #8 Miracle Silver #3 Canmore	R12: #9 Swak #10 Big Mistake #11 Glamanation #7 Red Explosion	R13: #1 Hey Howie #10 Candycreet #3 Calculatin' Cat #5 Bay of Rum #9 Classic Daniel		

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- Check out last year's Queen's Plate winner, the filly Holy Helena, as she returns to Woodbine in R8, the GI Dance Smartly, which marks her debut over the turf course.

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