

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL WAGERING GUIDE

Sunday, October 15, 2017
Woodbine Race 10
By Jeremy Plonk

Race Notes: Post time for the 80th running of the G1 \$800,000 Pattison Canadian International is scheduled for 6:10 pm ET ... European raiders have captured the last 7 editions ... 8 of the last 9 winners have finished 3rd or worse in their most recent prep, so don't fear a rebound.

1-Oscar Nominated: Horse-for-course at Kentucky Downs has won their Derby and Turf Cup the past 2 years, sandwiched around 8 consecutive losses elsewhere. Kitten's Joy ridgling rarely gets embarrassed and his owners, Ken & Sarah Ramsey, have enjoyed some success visiting Woodbine over the years. Expect him to make another reasonable showing under Julien Leparoux.

2-Flambouyant: California-based connections have not been afraid to travel with this French-bred gelding. He ran a very credible 5th of 12 in the \$6M Dubai Turf at Meydan in 2016, but he's lost all 9 starts since coming home. He's running decently on the fringes on the US west coast where the turf division frankly lacks a star.

3-Enterprising: A narrow fourth in the G1 Arlington Million when 80/1, this G2 winner never go uncorked in the Kentucky Turf Cup most recently when far behind fellow International hopefuls Oscar Nominated and Postulation. His form on paper doesn't pass the eye test or on numbers to win this, but his Arlington Million effort also came out of nowhere and nearly pulled a stunner.

4-Idaho: Beaten favourite in this race last year at 7/5 odds, the Coolmore color-bearer makes a second bid in what looks to be a less-deep edition of

the International than in 2016. And, recall Idaho was a 3YO this time a year ago and sophomores have had fleeting success in this race. This \$1.2 million son of Galileo has nearly earned that back in 14 starts, but has failed to bust out amongst the Aidan O'Brien all-star shedrow. Superstar jockey Ryan Moore makes the trip as he did a year ago and he's a 3-time winner of the Canadian International.

5-Johnny Bear: The first graded stakes winner for trainer Ashley Brnjas, he popped a 9-1 upset in the G1 Northern Dancer here on the Woodbine Mile Day card. This time a year ago you could have claimed him for \$40,000 – but he's won over \$300,000 since. His last 2 wins (17 days apart) saw his BRIS speed ratings jump 22 and 23 points, respectively. He drilled a bullet on turf Oct. 6 that indicates he's still in that groove. He could be the first truly Woodbine-based horse to win the International since Thornfield in 1999.

6-Postulation: He's gone from 24-1 allowance also-ran at Delaware in July to a trio of sharp recent stakes efforts. The one-time Dermot Weld trainee has regained his way for Eddie Graham and battled gamely vs. Oscar Nominated over this 12-furlong trip at Kentucky Downs. He's not impossible, but not entirely trustworthy either.

7-Bullards Alley: Second-cusp Kentucky sort has lost 15 straight dating back to 2015 Louisville Hcp. He had no excuse here in Singpiel when local traveler Aldous Snow ran him down for the money. Trainer Tim Glyshaw's horses are in very good form early in the Keeneland meet, so maybe he has a move forward in him.

8-Messi: A winner in just 1 of his last 10, the good news is that came over

the EP Taylor Turf Course at WO in last summer's Sky Classic. He returned to run a game and troubled third here Sept. 16 in the G1 Northern Dancer and reasserted his affinity for the going, but now must pick up an additional 5 pounds (all carry 126). Jockey Jose Ortiz, in the midst of a career year, returns to ride for a third time. His running lines suggest he likes a course with some give to it as he's struggled at places with a more typical hard-packed surface.

9-Erupt: Surprised many at 12-1 in winning this race a year ago in his first North American foray. The 5YO can join Shepperton (1942-'43), George Royal (1965-'66) and Joshua Tree (2012-'13) as only back-to-back winners of this race. Like Joshua Tree before him, his repeat bid at Woodbine will be for different trainers. Recently moved from Francis-Henri Graffard to Graham Motion's base at Fair Hill, MD. He will compete with Lasix for the first time Sunday. The International was his only win in his last 12 starts and he could be an underlay this time around.

10-Chemical Charge: English Group 3 winner by legendary Sea the Stars has finished in the exacta in 11 of 13 starts. He will add Lasix for trainer Ralph Beckett, best known to North American horseplayers for Muhannak winning the Breeders' Cup Marathon. This is a pure 12-furlong galloper.

Jeremy Plonk's Picks:

Win	4-Idaho
Place	9-Erupt
Show	5-Johnny Bear
4 th	10-Chemical Charge



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R1: #1 Tethra's Magic #7 Bearsatlanticmist #4 Marsantropist #5 Green Freedom	R2: \$50k guaranteed Pk5 #6 Delaste Dance #3 Releasethe Glacken #8 Lailas Princess #4 Crimson Ring	R3: #3 Smooth Talk #10 Where's Anthony #5 Court Verdict #2 Classic Daniel	R4: \$150k Guarantee Pk4 #1 Broken Meadow #4 Giada Vegas #9 Snippy #5 You're Mine
R5: #8 Maxixe #2 Eesti Star #1 Forever Bold #7 Lady With Class	R6: #2 White Flag #1 Dowse's Beach #7 Cotai Glory #4 Ikerrin Road	R7: #8 Holy Helena #2 Grizzel #6 Tiz a Slam #9 Cool Catomine	R8: \$100k Guarantee Pk5 #10 Adopted Family #8 Royal Katy #1 Lisa's Escarpment #9 Heart Rush
R9: \$250k Guarantee Pk4 #3 Quidura #6 Nezwaah #4 Rainha Da Bateria #1 Kitten's Roar	R10: #4 Idaho #9 Erupt #10 Chemical Charge #6 Postulation	R11: #10 Sevencominout #1 Discreet Dan #7 Teiaiaagon #11 Cherokee Knight	R12: Jackpot Hi-5 #11 Spanish Express #6 Be the Change #14 Gasconade #8 Incredible Dee #3 Tinker Ring

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- Woodbine has had juicy exotics all season, and this deep 12-race card will have huge pools with big fields; the average exacta price is \$79.02, tri: \$558.99, super: \$3,912.94, Pk3: \$650.54, Pk4: \$9,114.91.
- Luis Contreras was on a 12-for-28 tear last week and rides in 11 of the 12 races on today's card.



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