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12 Cathryn Sophia (E/P 5) ⁹		7 B. f. 3 FTMSEP 2014 \$30k		8 Prime Power: 147.1 (1st)		12 Life: 5 4- 0- 1		10 E1 E2/Late SPD																										
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	+JKYw/ Trn L60	2	50%	100%	+10.60	4	Dam's Stats: Unraced	100%	2yo	1str	1w 1sw 18.02dpi																							
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13 Land Over Sea (S 1)		Ch. f. 3 OBSAPR 2015 \$130k		Prime Power: 139.7 (4th)		Life: 8 2- 4- 1		7 1- 4- 1			
5/1 Own: Reddam Racing Llc		Sire: Bellamy Road (Concerto) \$7,500		Sire Stats: AWD 7.2		2016 3 1- 2- 0		97 Fst (107)			
GUTIERREZ MARIO (0 0-0-0 0%)		Dam: Belle Watling (Pulpit)		20% Mud 492MudSts		2015 5 1- 2- 1		93 Off (106)			
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	2016	214	14%	45%	-0.40	5	Sire Stats: AWD 7.2	20%	Mud	492MudSts	1.22spi
	+JKYw/ S types	114	11%	44%	-0.20	6	Dam's Sire: AWD 7.6	17%	Mud	1422MudSts	2.26spi
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	+Shopper	135	20%	39%	-0.25						

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AT A GLANCE

A look at the Woodbine meet: April 21, 2018 through June 24, 2018

AVG. WINNING ODDS: 5.08 - 1

FAVORITE WIN%: 35% **FAVORITE ITM%:** 75%

EXOTICS	PAYOFF
Exacta	77.71
Daily Double	93.91
Trifecta	526.16
Pick 3	845.13
Superfecta	3,073.66
Pick 4	6,898.16
Pick 5	55,737.10
Super High Five Jackpot	67,340.85



TRACK BIAS MEET (04/21 - 06/24)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
5.0fDirt	41	39%	E	Rail
6.0fDirt	51	24%	E/P	Middle
1 1/16mDirt	55	24%	E/P	Mid/Out
Turf Sprint	42	24%	E/P	Middle
Turf Routes	29	17%	E/P	Rail/Ins

TRACK BIAS WEEK (06/18 - 06/24)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
5.0fDirt	5	40%	E/P	Rail
6.0fDirt	4	25%	S	Middle
1 1/16mDirt	11	27%	E/P	Middle
Turf Sprint	4	25%	E/P	Rail/Ins
Turf Routes	4	25%	E/P	Ins/Mid

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

HOT TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Maker Michael J.	5	3	0	0	2.75	2	19%
Villeneuve Francine A.	3	2	1	0	3.00	1	20%
Silvera Laurie	5	2	1	0	14.10	0	17%
Carroll Josie	6	2	0	2	5.33	0	19%

HOT JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Garcia Alan	9	3	1	1	7.33	0	12%

COLD TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
De Paulo Michael P.	14	0	0	2	18.09	0	10%

COLD JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Iderson Jeffrey Ian	11	0	2	1	23.82	0	6%

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159TH RUNNING OF THE QUEEN'S PLATE

Queen's Plate Stakes

1 1/4-Miles

PURSE \$1,000,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Boyhood Dream	30-1
2	Cooler Mike	30-1
3	Inge	30-1
4	Strike Me Down	10-1
5	Silent Poet	30-1
6	Real Dude	50-1
7	Dixie Moon	4-1
8	Alternative Route	20-1
9	Say the Word	20-1
10	Telekinesis	5-2
11	Wonder Gadot	3-1
12	Pawnbroker	50-1
13	Marriage Counselor	50-1
14	Neepawa	15-1
15	Aheadbyacentury	15-1
16	Rose's Vision	12-1

TOP PICKS

10 **Telekinesis**

11 **Wonder Gadot**

5 **Silent Poet**

\$20 EXACTAS

10 over 5,11 (\$40)

\$2 TRIFECTA PART-WHEEL

10 with 4,5,7,11,16 with 4,5,7,11,16 (\$40)

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Morning-line choice #10 Telekinesis has 15 to defeat in hopes of taking down the \$1 million Queen's Plate Stakes at Woodbine on Saturday. Mark Casse trainee was a stylish winner of the Plate Trial most recently in his local debut and will be tough in his second local appearance.

Speedy son of Ghostzapper will find a whole lot of company near the front-end today, though he has the ability to rate combined with a good post position to do so. Patrick Husbands will be in the stirrups aboard the top selection.

The classy #11 Wonder Gadot will put blinkers on following a healthy runner-up performance in the Woodbine Oaks last time. Grade-2 queen, who was a fine second in the Kentucky Oaks (G1) two prior, is as consistent as they come and was a Grade-3 romper in a previous outing on this synthetic strip.

Also from the Casse barn, the Medaglia d'Oro filly has a big turn of foot and will be moving best in the lane in a cast with a lot of pace. Regular pilot John Velazquez comes out to retain the mount.

#5 Silent Poet, at 30-1 on the morning-line, has long shot appeal. Nicholas Gonzalez trainee has impressed in each of his trio of lifetime outings and might be the value of the race. Frank Stronach homebred has trained in sharp fashion all campaign and his turf win last time was very good, overcoming traffic to pull away in the stretch. Dark bay is a question mark going this distance for the initial time but he is loaded with ability and worth a chance at huge odds.

Woodbine Oaks heroine #7 Dixie Moon, Plate Trial runner-up #16 Rose's Vision and Graham Motion's #4 Strike Me Down all have intrigue in the well-matched field.

HOW TO BET THE QUEEN'S PLATE SUPERFECTA

by Ed DeRosa

The last time bettors had an opportunity to wager on a superfecta with 16 wagering interests in 20-cent increments was the 2011 Pattison Canadian International at Woodbine.

Assuming there are no scratches in this year's Queen's Plate on Saturday at Woodbine, bettors will have a similar opportunity as North America's oldest classic race attracted 16 entries for its 159th renewal.

In the aforementioned Canadian International, the winning 1-7-13-2 combo returned \$3,261.99 for 20 cents from a total pool of \$164,693. The top four choices were between 7-to-2 and 6-to-1 with none in the exacta but favored #13 Treasure Beach was third at 3.6-to-1 and 4th choice #2 Arctic Cosmos was 4th at 5.6-to-1.

The exacta of 22.45-to-1 #1 Sarah Lynx (10th choice) over 11.45-to-1 #7 Joshua Tree (6th choice) paid 658-to-1, so you got a 24x multiplier on the super by filling in the bottom two spots with two of the top four wagering choices.

I bring all this up because I could see history repeating itself in this year's Queen's Plate with half the logicals figuring to be in the number somewhere but enough longshots showing talent that it's worth gambling on them upsetting a few of the more known candidates.

Of course, discussion of the logicals begins with trainer Mark Casse, who will saddle the likely top two choices in Plate Trial winner #10 Telekinesis and Woodbine (and Kentucky!) Oaks runner up #11 Wonder Gadot. The Sovereign Award-winning trainer also has stakes-placed Neepawa.

Wonder Gadot is probably the most reliable of the trio from a superfecta perspective in that she's finished in the money in 10 of her 11 career races, including a current streak of 8 that features runners up finishes in the Kentucky and Woodbine Oaks. Her lifetime best Brisnet Speed Rating of 102 is tops in this field, and figuring her for a 90+ effort in the Queen's Plate seems realistic considering she's run well on Tapeta, gets weight from the males, and will have speed to chase.

I came into the week thinking Telekinesis might be invincible here, but a deeper dive into past performances hasn't moved me like I thought

Telekinesis would (buh-dum-ching). Brisnet has him posting Speed Ratings in the low 90s in all four starts in all four starts. Sire Ghostzapper augers well for the Queen's Plate trip but as the favorite in a 16-horse field with plenty of speed and 6 other entrants in the 86+ range last out, I'm willing to lean on him less than his filly stablemate.

Actual Woodbine Oaks winner Dixie Moon merits respect, and as the 4-to-1 third choice on the morning line is getting it, but if the public goes all in on Casse and/or bets some others even a little bit, she could be the one who drifts, and I'm very interested at 5-to-1.

Given Telekinesis's favoritism, I'm going to lean on the fillies as my superfecta keys.

So if those are the keys, who are the wicks to blow this baby up? From the inside out, I think #2 Cooler Mike is usable as a front-end presence who will get a ground-saving trip and can stay on at a big price. #5 Silent Poet has a big ask stretching out from 7 to 10 furlongs, but at 30-to-1 there's enough number, pedigree, and connections power present to include. Cooler Mike and Silent Poet are two types of horses that if they crash the super I won't care if Telekinesis wins.

Here's how I'll structure my tickets:

2, 5, 7, 10, 11 with 2, 5 with 2, 5, 7, 10, 11 with ALL (\$62.40)

7, 10, 11 with 2, 5, 7, 10, 11 with 2, 5 with ALL (\$46.80)

7, 10, 11 with 2, 5, 7, 10, 11 with 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 with 2, 5 (\$28.80)

7, 11 with 7, 11 with ALL with ALL (\$72.80)

7, 11 with ALL with 7, 11 with ALL (\$72.80)

7, 11 with ALL with ALL with 7, 11 (\$72.80)

2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 with 7, 11 with 7, 11 with ALL (\$41.60)

2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 with 7, 11 with ALL with 7, 11 (\$41.60)

2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 with 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 with 7, 10, 11 with 7, 10, 11 (\$67.20)



PROFILING QUEEN'S PLATE WINNERS

by James Scully

Sunday's 159th running of the \$1 million Queen's Plate is the first leg of the Triple Crown for Canadian-bred 3-year-olds. Woodbine switched from dirt to a synthetic track in 2007, utilizing Polytrack for nine runnings of the 1 ¼-mile event before installing Tapeta last year.

Kellie Reilly previewed the prospective 2017 Queen's Plate field with the filly Holy Helena expected to have been the morning line favorite for owner Stronach Stables and trainer Jimmy Jerkens following her victory in the Woodbine Oaks.

Fillies have held their own in North America's oldest continually run race, capturing 35 editions of the including two in the last six years.

Let's take a look at 10 past Queen's Plate winners:

SIR DUDLEY DIGGES • 2016

- Made his ninth career start but only second stakes attempt in Queen's Plate
- Non-threatening third trying Woodbine's Tapeta in previous outing, 1 1/8-mile Plate Trial
- Broke maiden two starts previously, winning seventh career start on Keeneland's turf on April 22
- Stalked pace before upsetting Queen's Plate at 15-1 odds

SHAMAN GHOST • 2015

- Improving colt made seventh career start in Queen's Plate
- Stretched win streak to three making stakes bow in previous outing, 1 1/16-mile Marine (G3) at Woodbine
- After dropping first three starts, recorded maiden and allowance wins on dirt at Gulfstream and Keeneland before switching back to Polytrack debut in Marine
- Rallied from more than 10 lengths off the pace to win Queen's Plate by 1 ¼ lengths at 3-1 odds

LEXIE LOU • 2014

- Filly was a stakes veteran, making her 11th consecutive black-type start in Queen's Plate
- Had raced exclusively on Woodbine's Polytrack
- Smashing 4 ½-length winner of final prep in the Woodbine Oaks
- Versatile type closed from ninth in early stages to win Queen's Plate going away at 3-1 odds

MIDNIGHT ARIA • 2013

- Least accomplished winner this century, making five previous starts at claiming level and haltered for \$35,000 tag from third race
- Only previous win came versus a short field in an off-the-turf maiden at Gulfstream Park
- Finished third at long odds making first two stakes and Woodbine starts in Wando and Plate Trial
- Led wire-to-wire at 16-1 odds in Queen's Plate, opening big lead in upper stretch before holding on by a diminishing half-length



PROFILING QUEEN'S PLATE WINNERS

by James Scully

STRAIT OF DOVER • 2012

- Only Queen's Plate winner this century bred in British Columbia (rest in Ontario)
- Moved to Woodbine's Polytrack after dropping first two attempts on dirt at Hastings Park and finished first in four consecutive starts (including a DQ) before making seventh career start in Queen's Plate
- Romped by 6 ½ lengths in front-running style while making stakes debut in final prep, the Marine
- Comfortable wire-to-wire winner in Queen's Plate, scoring by 1 ¼ lengths at 7-2 odds in final career start

INGLORIOUS • 2011

- Filly raced exclusively in stakes company in six starts prior to Queen's Plate, opening career with a pair of juvenile wins on Woodbine's Polytrack
- On Kentucky Oaks trail early in sophomore season, finishing second in Rachel Alexandra (G3) and fourth in Fair Grounds Oaks (G2) before being redirected to Woodbine
- Prepped for Queen's Plate with wins over fillies in La Lorgnette and Woodbine Oaks
- Late runner swept by rivals on far turn and stormed home to win Queen's Plate going away by 2 ½ lengths at 9-2 odds

BIG RED MIKE • 2010

- Won or placed in first five starts (2-2-1), with the Queen's Plate representing his second stakes attempt
- Posted an 8-1 upset in Plate Trial in previous outing
- Had raced exclusively on Woodbine's Polytrack
- Established slow early pace leading wire-to-wire, winning by 1 ½ lengths at 5-1 odds



EYE OF THE LEOPARD • 2009

- Lightly-raced type didn't make career bow until mid-April, breaking his maiden the second-time out at Woodbine on May 10
- Captured Plate Trial in third start
- Made fourth career outing in Queen's Plate and rallied from just off the pace to prevail by a neck as the 2-1 favorite

NOT BOURBON • 2008

- Stakes and Woodbine veteran was making 10th career start but just second two-turn attempt in Queen's Plate
- After six juvenile appearances, he opened sophomore campaign with a close second in the Achievement and a five-length romp in Queenston sprinting
- Stretched out to a route with a narrow win in Plate Trial
- Rallied from just off pace to clear lead in upper stretch and just held on to win Queen's Plate by a head at 9-2 odds

MIKE FOX • 2007

- Made eighth career start in Queen's Plate and wasn't a serious factor in three previous stakes attempts
- Recorded maiden and entry-level allowance wins at age 2 on Woodbine's Polytrack but failed to fire in a pair of stakes appearances
- Made three sophomore starts before Queen's Plate, recording a pair of unplaced efforts before capturing a two-turn allowance in late May
- Overlooked at 15-1 odds, he stalked the pace in third before getting up late to win the Queen's Plate by a half-length



DISTANCE & SURFACE ARE PART OF QUEEN'S PLATE HANDICAPPING PUZZLE

by Ed DeRosa



Handicapping the biggest race of any track's stakes program is a lot of fun because the rewards often go beyond the financial. I.e., in addition to winning money when correct, the handicapper also gets the glory of solving the puzzle under a spotlight.

Of course, the path to glory is often wrought with peril, and big races typically present unique challenges to handicappers.

The Queen's Plate at Woodbine is no different, as the 1 ¼-mile distance on the synthetic Tapeta surface are two variables that might be new to the horses and handicappers.

Going back to November 6, 2013, I have 4,114 races in my Brisnet.com ALLWAYS database, and 34 of them (0.8%) have been non maiden races at least 1 ¼ miles on a synthetic surface. That's a small size in relation to the total number of races, but isn't completely awful in terms of trying to determine how these races are run.

One thing ALLWAYS does is looks at the relation between early pace and finishing ability, and helps identify the running style best-suited to a particular race. E.g., some races you want a speedball, others you want more endurance.

For long routes on the Woodbine synthetic surface, you want a combination of both. Just winging it through too-fast a pace won't get the job done, but being forwardly placed and being able to sustain a reality is a premium skill. I.e. a combination of the best of both dirt and turf racing.

That's not to say you can't win gate-to-wire, though it does not happen very often (only 16% of two-turn races this year have been won in this fashion), but my preferred Queen's Plate trip would be midpack through fast fractions and then outkick the deep closers for home.

Another interesting stat from ALLWAYS is that back speed does better than last-out speed from Impact Value and Return On Investment perspectives. I.e., a player will fare better playing the best Speed Rating on the PPs versus the best Speed Rating from the last race. This is actually the opposite of the Kentucky Derby.

This is actually good news for bettors, because you're more likely to get a good price on back number than the last number.

A few other observations from the ALLWAYS database of non-maiden races going at least 1 ¼ miles on synthetic at Woodbine:

- Dirt form is more predictive than turf form. Synthetic has a "turf" reputation, but horses who have better dirt records have done better in these types of races than horses with good turf records but poor dirt records.
- From a horsemen perspective, the trainer and jockey have had similar impact on wagering results. The good ones don't win any more or less than they do other races, and the not-so-good ones don't become miracle workers because of the distance or class. I.e., focus on the horse.
- Almost every horse racing in a 1 ¼-mile race (especially as a three-year-old) raced at a different distance last out. This is a good thing. Avoid horses who have been in long routes before the Queen's Plate (with the Kentucky Derby being an exception).

Speaking of horsemen, it's worth noting that Eurico De Silva, a leading rider at Woodbine regardless of race type, was 6-for-18 in synthetic stakes in 2017 at Woodbine with an additional half dozen placings. Jesse Campbell, however, was 0-for-19 in these scenarios despite being a 16% rider otherwise.



Things are spread around even more among trainers with 13 conditioners having won added money events in 2017 at Woodbine. Mark Casse led with 3, but his percentage was soft versus his overall numbers. Similarly, Michael DePaulo was a 14% trainer overall but winless in stakes.

Queen's Plate weekend begins Friday, June 29, with racing Friday and Saturday, moved from Sunday. The Queen's Plate card features guaranteed pools in both Pick 5s and Pick 4s.