



Mike Dimoff's TIP SHEET

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Welcome Back to the "Grand old Lady" who celebrates her 115th season. What's the name of the dog in that American beer commercial? You know, the – commercial with the "he's so ugly he's cute" dog... oh yeah, Weego. Here we go!

RACE 1

MMAMABULA - In the season opener I searched for speed but couldn't find what I was looking for, unless Wilda can provide it. Of the horses I feel are the best Mmamabula may prove to be the quickest and has had plenty of a.m. outings to suggest she's ready.

CHARISMATICALLY - I feel like she'll need a start or two as well as more ground. However, this will be the easiest competition she's faced and she is supported by very strong connections. The barn places them to win.

WILDA - Has had a start this year and she might be able to break away from the field and keep going.

RACE 2

JEST A GENIUS - I remember when Simard upset the apple cart on this guy breaking his maiden last year. Since then he's had excuses while facing winners. He may have enough speed and conditioning to start the meet neat.

GIVEMESIXSTEPS - Should be able to sit close enough to the front runners to pick up a share if there is a collapse of the pace.

GRAND MOBIL - Wild card horse. Lost a year and a half somewhere along the way but the fact that you should examine is that he's trained ok on the dirt but never been given a chance to compete on the dirt until today.

RACE 3

BOLD DASH - This filly likely has enough speed to be prominent early and I like her draw on the outside with the short run to the turn.

MOONSHADE - This little girl finally cracked her maiden a couple back. She lands in a soft enough spot today but does one take the angle "she's fit enough" or "is she tired?" Your call.

OILVE OIL TOO - I'm putting her on my sheet however it looks like she prefers synthetic.

RACE 4

SPEND TO SAVE - The hood goes on for the daughter of a sprinting sire and her only other sibling was a winner early in her career. Tightened up down the road and ready to go.

MOLINARO KISS - Dropper is another running with blinkers for the first time. Owner/Trainer outfit have success running horses where they can win. Big player.

RUN LIKE BELL - I would not leave her off your ticket. She went head and head from an outside post in a special weight class at Woodbine in a race she took a little money in. Somebody must have seen something prior to that race and maybe it was her speed. That should go along way vs. these.

RACE 5

LET'S GO BEAR - Well bred expensive sale grad will get my nod in a race where no one jumps off the page. What do you make of this stat: Trainer wins 27% and hits the board 73% with horses coming off more than a 3-month layoff.

I'M IN CHARGE - Nice final prep the other morning. If this guy can stay just off the pace he will be a real threat at the finish line.

ROYAL EXPLOSIVE - Royal Explosive is good enough but the outside draw may work against.

RACE 6

JEFFREY ARMIN - Thank me later.

PAY THE BAND - Seems like a morning glory. Maybe he just prefers the blue grass vs. the big city. He can win this race with his best effort.

CROWD FAVORITE - Has trained well on dirt and it may be what he's been waiting for. Win candidate.

RACE 7

KINSHASA'S PARADIS - This horse loves the FORT and he looks like he's coming into the Spring very sharp by his morning appearances.

CLASSIC MORGEY - Has had a race this year and the race was what I like to call deep with Fort Erie regulars and he finished 3rd to 2 Woodbine regulars. Should hit the board.

ROLAND'S SWORD - May was his month last season. Probably his best when fresh.

RACE 8

MOLINARO WARRIOR - This horse should do well fresh and he starts again for strong connections. Horse seems to enjoy the border oval atmosphere.

BETTER BELIEVE - Rail horse runs second a lot. A couple of those seconds were right here. Wide trip in his latest and the rail leaves more room for optimism.

YOGAROO - My pick in this race has the name of a warrior but one thing I witnessed last season at the "Fort" is that this guy IS a warrior.

RACE 9

MY NATALIE - She's just a good game mare who's in a torrid love affair with the "Grand old Lady". Uhhh that didn't come out right. She loves this track.

BOB N WEAVE - Don't forget this mare defeated "Nat" last summer. She has a start this Spring which is something "Nat" can't say and if you're looking to get the favorite beat, make a mental note the last jockey to get along with "Natalie" was Krista so maybe she prefers feminine hands. Uhhh, again, that didn't come out right.

MOLINARO RUSH - She's a good little money earner who's best at today's distance but her success has come at the cost of lesser competition than my top selection. It's still a horse race however.

RACE 10

BEAR MONEYMAKER - This "Bear" should have enough early foot to be up on the pace in this sprint event and can finish better than most. Gets the nod.

HOTOFFTHEGATE - I'm going shopping after my top selection and I'm swinging for the fence with the rail horse. Debut start was against some much better horses and he was 5 wide within 4 of the lead from an outside post. A lot to ask in his first start. He shows a bullet from the gate going 2 furlongs this Spring and he's from a sprinting sire and an even quicker mother. Hoping some of that pedigree shines today and he lives up to his name.

PATH OF GLORY - Just "cuz".

**Most Likely - It's opening day anything is likely.
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