



Mike Dimoff's TIP SHEET

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RACE 2

KIOTARI BAY - 2nd start on lasix and 2nd recent start over the course. His numbers aren't that far off El Nadal and it seems possible that he can gain a length or two from the last time they met.

EL NADAL - Has run some good races here at the "Fort" and is likely the horse to beat. What concerns me is that he has had things pretty soft up front in those races and didn't seal the deal.

TOASTING MIA - I said to myself after watching him run last race I'd like to see the hood go back on and I'd like to see him at 6 1/2. I get half my wish. Still a strong consideration.

RACE 3

LET'S GO BEAR - He really hasn't run a bad race this year if you give him the season debut as a mulligan and throw out the slop race against tougher.

BUBBLE WRAPPED - Hard trying race horse has always worn his heart on his sleeve. His 4-length defeat to Tization translates to a victory any other day. A threat to top this field with his best effort.

CAT N SASSY - Season debut was nothing to frown at and he's the fresh horse of the bunch. If he can avoid trouble at the start he has every reason to move up.

RACE 4

RIVERVIEW ROAD - He exits the turf on a class drop. That should be enough to graduate today.

ZINGY ZESTY - Oh my gosh... what am I doing? There is nothing to suggest picking this horse based on his resume especially since I would have expected him to run much better on the grass last time out. I have trust in the trainer, however, and this is a big class difference from what he has seen in his 2 races. It will have to be a big difference though. He's a Rubik's cube.

EXCELLENCY - Crawford left for the first-time starter but that barn hasn't done so well with their debut runners. Throw a dart at this race.

RACE 5

MIA'S MIRACLE - This race came up as a good one. These horses are very well matched. Mia's Miracle is as good as anyone here so I will play an angle I enjoy -- turf to dirt.

BIG BROTHER JOE - Tough runner showed how sharp he is currently in his latest victory.

GLORY GAME - New to the border town, this guy may need a start over the course. He may not, however. His numbers are deep into the mix and if he takes to the dirt course he can win this to no one's surprise.

RACE 6

SWEET MAY WEST - She feels a lot like a filly that will come right back. The rider didn't scrape the bottom of the barrel last time. She cruised but she'll have to run a little today.

CHAPEL SINGER - Chapel Singer has run two good races here at Fort Erie and one was improved on the other. She must be considered a win candidate. She was awfully wide at one point last time and with the rail it's not likely that will happen today.

HASTETOTHEWEDDING - This filly has the best numbers in the race. The outside post isn't ideal but she is a closer and if she can save a little ground early it may not be a big factor. If she can run on dirt as well as some of her polytrack races last year the others are in trouble. It's encouraging she has run good races on turf and poly, however many horses that like turf will also like poly. The same can't be said for dirt. I like her but I'm a little torn by the thorn in my loin.

RACE 7

MOUNTAIN ECHO - When they drew up her blueprint for this season this race was the target. She is coming into the race in fine condition. She's no cinch though and there is no value to her. Your call.

CLASSICAL HUMOUR - Both her "Fort" races were nice but those were on the grass. Yes she's the turf-to-dirt play that I like so much but has she ever ran on dirt? I think that is important. More mixed feelings.

TIME SHARING - Both these girls have shown MY NATALIE - ability at this track previously.

RACE 8

MICHAEL'S BAD BOY - He's a little long in the tooth but he's bred to love the turf and love the turf he does; an 8-time winner on the lawn. This is a BIG relief in competition as well.

DELAFORCE - If my top pick doesn't run his race this seems like the horse that can win. He's never won on the grass but he's run some very good races on the green stuff and I like the way he comes into this event.

LONESOME CHEROKEE - I don't claim to know this horse all that well but I would have to presume his last race was near a career best despite the defeat. If he repeats the effort he could be there I guess but I'm not convinced he can or will. I've eaten crow on a few occasions this year however. Taking a stand against.

RACE 9

IRISH MISSION - I have stewed over this race for an hour or more. Then I put it away and slept on it. Now it's the a.m. and I have a large coffee and the form staring me in the face. I want to have the courage to pick Dead On but the more I stew the bottom line is this may turn out being the Prince of Wales that for one year could be known as the Princess of Wales. Irish Mission was very impressive in the Oaks and just as impressive in the Plate. I've said it time and time again. When a filly gets sharp you don't abandon the filly. She is the best she's been lately and her trainer said "the Plate didn't take anything out of her". Good enough for me. I bet her in the Plate. I'm not abandoning the filly now.

DIXIE STRIKE - As sharp as Irish Mission is Dixie Strike is sharpening up. She may not be the best she's been but the potential is there for her to get that way again and no matter how this race plays out I believe she will improve off her Plate performance and move forward. The question remains can she defeat the other filly. I think this is going to be a good race.

DEAD ON - As I said I want to have the courage to take him but there are more "if's" than certainties. The Fairgrounds race is the key. If Dead On runs the Fairgrounds race today he has a big chance to win. Bottom line. He will be on my exotics.

RACE 10

WORTH A PUNT - The cut back to a one-turn race is in his favor. His numbers are strong enough and by the way he ran last time for the first half of the race I'm not terribly concerned. What's concerning is there are other horses in this field which should make for a good race. Have to side somewhere.

BUDDHA N' SMART - He's been very sharp in recent races.

JON SNOW - I like that he turns back to a sprint. He will offer value and is starting to improve his form mid season.

MECKE B KING - He worries me enough to mention. Exotic players may need to strongly consider him for a piece.

RACE 11

ARCTIC CROWN - At least this horse has some decent turf runners in the family. Having trouble finding others to say the same for.

GOLDEN ABBY - The addition of lasix and the light weight are positives.

DEPUTY RUCKUS - What a lottery this race may turn out to be.