

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL WAGERING GUIDE**By Jeremy Plonk****Sunday, October 27, 2013 –
Woodbine Racetrack Race 10**

The Pace: At 1-1/2 miles on turf and with an international band of runners, you would not expect a rapid pace. Stormy Len would appear the quickest of the North American contingent early, with Irish Mission capable of keeping him honest. Joshua Tree went wire to wire in winning this race last year. It should be a moderate pace at most, with a real quicken-to-finish result needed late. Only 2 winners in the last decade were more than 5 lengths behind with a half-mile left to run.

Race Notes: European raiders have captured the last 3 editions of the Pattison Canadian International ... 27 International winners were bred in the US, 12 in Great Britain, 7 in England and 6 in Canada ... Since 1958, four-year-olds have won the International 26 times with three-year-olds capturing 13 and five-year-olds 11 ... The oldest International winner was eight-year-old Collier Hill in 2006 ... The last 5 winners of this race exited a prep finish of third or worse, so don't fear a rebound.

1 – **Hyper:** America's rising star turf trainer Chad Brown makes his first International appearance as leading US national owners Ken & Sarah Ramsey look to continue a dream season. Son of Belmont Stakes winner Victory Gallop makes a huge rise in class after shopping easier spots all year.

2 – **Temeraine:** Rallying winner of Kentucky Turf Cup after a solid showing at 61-1 in Arlington Million. He's as good now as ever. Gary Stevens staying home in CA and not riding back for his old friend Tom Proctor does give pause for concern. Decent horse, but maybe not this good.

3 – **Lucayan:** Deep closer compromised on speed-favoring turf courses and race shapes in California. With Garrett Gomez out of the mix, he's reunited with his French rider Stephane Pasquier. A rising

4-year-old against the veterans, he seems to be a good fit if he handles 12 furlongs. Drysdale won this in '08 with Marsh Side.

4 – **Perfect Timber:** Lightly raced 4-year-old didn't debut until April; ambitious to think he can win a race on this worldwide stage in so little time. The less-fancied of the Attfield charges here to be sure, but could develop into a 2014 contender. Likely overbet in simulcast market with US money following rider John Velazquez.

5 – **Joshua Tree:** A legacy in the Canadian International, the 2010 and 2012 winner sandwiched a runner-up try here in 2011 in-between. Now age 6, the son of Montjeu seeks a form reversal after 5 successive losses this season. He will be bet on reputation and accomplishments of the past, but his current form appears well off of his best. Respect, but don't embrace.

6 – **Stormy Len:** 3-year-old set the pace in the Northern Dancer but was unable to sustain the tempo when third. Winless in 6 stakes bids; likely a front-end target only.

7 – **Now We Can:** After five straight wins, he's come down to Earth with a pair of disappointing runs in Group 2 company – most recently against the eventual Arc de Triomphe runner-up. Inconsistency makes him a difficult choice unless you get a big-time price.

8 – **Forte Dei Marmi:** Canada's best grass horse this season with 3 straight major wins on the WO lawn. Third in this race last year and appears in better form now. Veteran gives legendary trainer Roger Attfield perhaps his best chance at his elusive, first International success.

9 – **Seismos:** German Group 1 winner for Andreas Wohler stable that's had some success raiding North America in past. Seems to be a cut below some of the other shippers in this field, however.

10 – **Irish Mission:** Giant's Causeway filly beat the boys in last year's Breeders Stakes to close the Triple Crown. She's just 1-for-8 since then and winless in stakes. Wasn't good enough in last try.

11 – **Slumber:** Juddmonte Farms blue-blood continues to progress nicely since coming to barn of master trainer Bill Mott. Solid rally in major Breeders' Cup prep in New York indicates that his third start since a one-year layoff could very well be his best. Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith takes the call, and he's cherry-picked big race road trips with precision in recent years.

Jeremy Plonk's Picks: W) 11-Slumber; P) 8-Forte Dei Marmi; S) 5-Joshua Tree

Jeremy Plonk's Wagering Strategies: The win odds should be fair on Slumber, so I'll take him to win-place and exacta box Slumber with Forte Dei Marmi.

Canadian Int'l Winners' Preps

'12 Joshua Tree, 3rd, Longchamp (FRA)
'11 Sarah Lynx, 4th, Longchamp (FRA)
'10 Joshua Tree, 5th, Doncaster (ENG)
'09 Champs Elysees, 4th, Woodbine
'08 Marsh Side, 4th, Woodbine
'07 Cloudy's Knight, 1st, Woodbine
'06 Collier Hill, 1st, Taby (SWE)
'05 Relaxed Gesture, 3rd, Belmont
'04 Sulamani, 1st, York (ENG)
'03 Phoenix Reach, 3rd, Doncaster (ENG)

Canadian Int'l Favorites' Finishes

'12 Imperial Monarch, 6th (9/5)
'11 Treasure Beach, 3rd (7/2)
'10 Redwood, 3rd (2/1)
'09 Champs Elysees, 1st (5/2)
'08 Doctor Dino, 5th (6/5)
'07 Ask, 2nd (5/2)
'06 Kastoria, 8th (2/1)
'05 Electrocutonist, 4th (6/5)
'04 Sulamani, 1st (4/5)
'03 Brian Boru, 3rd (6/5)

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Woodbine Full-Card Picks for Sunday, October 27, 2013

Race	Selections (best bets BOLD)	Jeremy Plonk's Analysis
1	#5 Silent Blessing #8 Stormy Connection #1 Bold Cry #4 Hawks Got Fire	Silent Blessing was well-meant in the debut when missing the break and rallying for 2 nd as the favourite. Seven furlongs will be more forgiving if he's tardy at the start this time. Stormy Connection tends to nibble minor awards; Bold Cry one to catch.
2	#5 SPANISH FLOWER #2 Cool Coyote #7 Henry's Island #3 Can't Use Nellie	Expect a very short price on Spanish Flower dropping out of two solid stakes efforts. Breaks the maiden with ease here. Fairly even debut for Cool Coyote at a tough distance; should be fit today w/ favourable post draw. Henry's Island an honest performer.
3	#10 Sweet Cup #6 Sharina #11 Thesignoftheangel #3 Rosie Jana	Good % trainer and recent winner make Sweet Cup the play in a race with several low % barns and 1-for-ever types. Can wheel right back off maiden score vs. this bunch. Longshot hope Sharina owns best maiden victory in field & last few show some spark.
\$100k Pk 4 starts 4	#4 Tesseron (P4 use) #6 Jagger M (P4 use) #10 Hurry Up Alan #7 Attendant	Talented 3-year-old Tesseron back after missing the summer and was en route to becoming one of this circuit's real stakes players. Finds a great class/trip for the return bid and really only has fellow 3YO Jagger M to fear in my eyes. Single or 2-deep pick 4.
5	#8 Chief's Edge (P4 use) #4 Fiaker (P4 use) #5 Marcan (P4 use) #1 That Sonofagun	Consecutive class drops after the layoff should find Chief's Edge in a winnable spot with a late run going 7 furlongs. Fiaker showed route speed vs. tougher and now shortens the trip and drops in class in the return, an angle I like. Marcan fits with these, too.
6	#3 OMNIVELY (P4 use) #5 Miss Stone (P4 use) #13 (AE) I'm Just Sayin (P4 use) #11 Gia Scala	Big rider upgrade and move to blinkers while shortening distance all add up to Omnively being expected to move way forward. Ran in spots twice in routes and gets to make one run around one turn now. Miss Stone worked well since slow-break debut.
7	#5 IROQUOIS FALLS (P4 single) #7 Love To Battle #9 Dragon Puff #12 Take Three	Iroquois Falls lost a lot of ground in his first start against winners, which followed a breakout maiden win. With speed to his inside, he'll be able to tuck in and save ground easily in this spot, tipping out when his run is needed. Turns the tables on Love To Battle.
\$200k Pk 4 starts 8	#5 Moment In Time (P4 use) #10 Tannery (P4 use) #3 Irish Mission #2 Colonial Flag	Moment In Time was overmatched vs. world-class filly The Fugue last time out, but she's posted numbers capable of winning this. She appears best of the European raiders and will have to outkick the Irish ex-patriot Tannery, who moves up if the ground is soft.
9	#3 Alythiela (P4 use) #5 Kiama (P4 use) #7 Lemon Splash (P4 use) #8 Runfor Ro (P4 use)	One of the more wide-open races on the card, the lean goes to Alythiela, who fired a bullet workout since her score here Sept. 15 and appears to be holding form. This is a spread race for pick four players. Kiama has risen in class and maintained consistency.
Canadian Int'l 10	#11 Slumber (P4 use) #8 Forte Dei Marmi (P4 use) #5 Joshua Tree (P4 use) #1 Hyper (P4 use)	Wide draw not best, but Slumber figures to drop back/make a run anyway; Smith knows how to navigate a trip. Forte Dei Marmi is as good as he's ever been. Joshua Tree has earned respect in this race no matter current form. Hyper's connections 2nd to none.
11	#6 Good Answer (P4 use) #9 Call to Faith (P4 use) #13 Bear On Fire (P4 use) #1 Silo Ridge	Deep closer Good Answer enters off a string of solid finishes. In a massive field of 14, you can expect there to be plenty of pace to chase into, but finding a clear path can be a challenge from far back. Call To Faith/Bear On Fire are the best of those up front.

PICK FOURS – Early 2x3x3x1 ... Late 2x4x4x3

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