

# Jim Mazur's Analysis For Queen's Plate 2018

The Queen's Plate is the oldest continuously run horse race in North America. It kicks off the Canadian Triple Crown, a series inaugurated in 1959 and has very similar conditions to our Kentucky Derby (restricted to 3 year olds and run at 1 ¼ miles). The major difference is that the Queen's Plate is restricted to 3-year-olds foaled in Canada and is now run on a synthetic surface. My analysis will list the KEY HANDICAPPING FACTORS for the QP and then show how the field matches up. At the end of the analysis, I will list:

- *Table with separating the field into CONTENDERS, GRAY ZONE and PRETENDERS*
- *Starter Most Likely To Win*
- *Value Play Starters*
- *Longshots to Consider*

Good luck and have fun.

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## **Queen's Plate Winner's Profile**

- **Pedigree Factors:** Is the entrant bred to win at 1 ¼ miles? Three relatives are examined.
  - (a) The entrant's father (the SIRE);
  - (b) The grandsire;
  - (c) The grandfather on its mother's side (DAM SIRE);
- **Consistency (# of career wins):** Most Queen Plate winners had earned two or more career victories.
- **Consistency (sharp last race):** Most Queen Plate winners ran in the money in their final QP prep.
- **Speed:** 87+ Beyer Speed figure in a route race.
- **Foundation at age 2 and 3:**
  - (a) had at least 2 races as a two-year-old;
  - (b) had at least 3 races as a three-year-old.
- **Prep Path:** the following stakes races have produced the most Queen Plate winners over the past 18 years:
  - The Plate Trial (8)
  - Marine (4)
  - WO Oaks (4)
  - Queenston (3)

## How The 2018 Queen's Plate Field Matches Up (listed in pp order)

Entrants	Total	Pedigree	2 + Career Wins	Sharp Last Race	87+ Rt Beyer	2 yr old races	3 yr old races	Prep Path
Boyhood Dream	4	✓				✓	✓	✓
Cooler Mike	4	✓	✓	✓		✓		
Inge	5	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
Strike Me Down	5	✓✓✓		✓		✓		
Silent Poet	3	✓	✓	✓				
Real Dude	4	✓✓✓		✓				
Dixie Moon	9	✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✓
Alternative Route	5	✓✓	✓	✓			✓	
Say the Word	6	✓✓✓		✓		✓	✓	
Telekinesis	9	✓✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓		✓	✓
Wonder Gadot	9	✓✓	✓	✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✓
Pawnbroker	2	✓✓						
Marriage Counselor	2			✓			✓	
Neepawa	4	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Aheadbyacentury	6	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Rose's Vision	6	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓

## Separating The Contenders From the Pretenders

CONTENDERS		GRAY ZONE		PRETENDERS		MORE PRETENDERS	
Dixie Moon	9	Aheadbyacentury	6	Boyhood Dream	4	Neepawa	4
Telekinesis	9	Inge	5	Alternative Route	5	Pawnbroker	2
Wonder Gadot	9	Rose's Vision	6	Cooler Mike	4	Real Dude	4
		Say the Word	6	Marriage Counselor	2	Silent Poet	3
		Strike Me Down	5				

## Jim Mazur's Selections for the Queen's Plate

<b><i>Queen's Plate</i></b>	
<i>Most Likely to Win</i>	Telekinesis (5-2)
<i>Value Plays</i>	Wonder Gadot (3-1) Strike Me Down (10-1)
<i>Bombers</i>	Inge (30-1) Say the Word (20-1)