

Jim Mazur's Analysis

Ricoh Woodbine Mile 2018

The Ricoh Woodbine Mile has become one of the signature stakes of the Woodbine meet and annually attracts an international field. Its prestige and stature has grown thanks to its ability to produce recent winners in the Breeders' Cup Mile (four). My analysis will list the KEY HANDICAPPING FACTORS for the Woodbine Mile 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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Ricoh Woodbine Mile Winner's Profile (based on the last 21 editions)

- **Multiple wins at a flat mile:** 90% earned at least 1 victory at 8f; 70% earned multiple wins.
- **Consistency (sharp last race):** 90% ran 1st or 2nd in their previous start.
- **Career Winning Average:** 81% had compiled a 35%+ overall winning average; 64% earned a 40%+ mark.
- **Speed:** 105 is the median best Beyer; that roughly translates to 123 Timeform Rating for the Euros.
- **Graded Stakes Victory:** 88% had earned at least one graded stakes victory.
- **Race Foundation:** the typical WO Mile winner raced 7 times the prior year and 4 times the current year.
- **Age:** Only four 4-year-olds have been able to win in the last 21 years. Focus on 5 and 6-year-olds.
- **Locals vs. Shippers:** Locally-based runners have comprised 47% of the entrants over the past 21 years but have only produced four winners (19%). European shippers (14%) have won just twice (9%) but within their proportion. The U.S. shippers have the advantage, comprising 38% of the entrants but capturing 15 editions (71%).
- **Prep Path:** the following stakes races have produced the most Woodbine Mile winners over the past 20 years:

Fourstardave (Saratoga) (4)	Betfred Mobile (York) (2)
Turf Classic (CD) (2)	Makers Mile (Keeneland) (2)

Scoring

Each entrant earns a “✓” for each category that it qualifies. In the “Wins at 8f” category, entrants can score a double “✓✓” if they have earned multiple wins at 8f. In the “Career Winning Average” category, entrants can score a double “✓✓” if they have attained a 40%+ win average. And in the “Beyer” category, entrants can score a double “✓✓” if it has earned at least one 100+ Beyer AND one 105+ Beyer.

How The 2018 Ricoh Woodbine Mile Field Matches Up (listed in pp order)

Entrants	Total	Wins at 8f	Win Avg 35% +	Sharp Last	105+ Beyer 100+ Beyer	Age >4	Grd Stk	CY Sts >3	U.S. Ship	Prep Path
Good Samaritan	5	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
La Sardane	7	✓✓	✓✓				✓	✓	✓	
Delta Prince	10	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Vanish	3	✓		✓				✓		
Mr Havercamp	7	✓✓	✓✓	✓	✓		✓			
Lord Glitters	8	✓✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Oscar Performance	8	✓✓	✓✓		✓		✓		✓	✓
Divisidero	7			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stormy Antarctic	7	✓✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

Separating The Contenders From the Pretenders

CONTENDERS		GRAY ZONE		PRETENDERS	
Delta Prince	10	Divisidero	7	Good Samaritan	5
Lord Glitters	8	La Sardane	7	Vanish	3
Oscar Performance	8	Mr. Havercamp	7		
		Stormy Antarctic	7		

Jim Mazur's Selections for the Ricoh Woodbine Mile

<i>Ricoh Woodbine Mile</i>	
<i>Most Likely to Win</i>	Delta Prince
<i>Value Plays</i>	Oscar Performance Lord Glitters
<i>Bombers</i>	La Sardane