Woodbine Sunday April 23, 2023 **Race 6**

Top contenders with minimum (fair) odds for considering win bets:

#3 Maclean's Posse - minimum win betting odds 2 to 1

#4 Kawacatoose - minimum win betting odds 3 to 1

#5 Ready for a Fight – minimum win betting odds 3 to 1

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Maclean's Posse has been off since November but won last May off an even longer layoff since October 2020 (19 months) and has been working regularly for his comeback for high percentage trainer Josie Carroll, who wins about 25% of the time with horses coming back from six months or more. Contreras has been the only rider Maclean's Posse has ever head, with the horse's only two poor efforts both before layoffs. He's has a record of 2-2-2 in six races excluding those two and has a big shot to add to that record today.

Kawacatoose is the horse Maclean's Posse, as well as the other seven, likely have to catch to win as he has the top, possibly only, early speed in the field. He won his 2022 comeback off a seven and one-half month layoff and he's been off since September so we can expect him to be very fresh and full of himself. New apprentice jockey Bynoe will help Kawacatoose to jump out on top and play "come catch me" and with the horse having a fine record of 4-3-1 in 12 races at Woodbine he might be able to stay in front from start to finish.

Ready for Fight also possesses a good career record, 6-3-2 in 15 races on all-weather surfaces, most in Northern California at Golden Gate before joining the Casse barn last fall. He finished third off an 18 month layoff in that race then won two races later before too poorer efforts which came at Turfway Park in Kentucky. Back at Woodbine where his last win came, and with a very sharp five furlong workout 10 days ago, Ready for a Fight could earn his seventh career win here.

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