

## Forecasting for the KD and another Fabulous Contender

Big Mac a.k.a. McKinze, The Bolt a.k.a. Bolt d'Oro and Freaky Fast a.k.a. Justify – were discussed last week (week #3). IN week #2 I have covered Audible and Promises Fulfilled, both talented CONTENDERS who could reasonably be good enough to compete with Big Mac, The Bolt and Justify – My Big Three. But we have more terrific colts to look at, because the good colts keep showing up with fantastic efforts. To our benefit, "My Big Three" represent a standard that we can judge everyone else by. So today, let's assign a PPN – a Projected Power Number – for these 3 horses – all very conservative. Big Mac gets an 80.5, I am forecasting a 1-point improvement over his January race, for The Bolt I am forecasting a 79.8, just a small quarter of a point above his best 2-year old number and for Justify I am forecasting 79.3, a 2-points improvement above his 2<sup>nd</sup> and last race. With Big Mac having the best form so he gets a STAR, The Bolt somewhat problematical and Justify having limited time to develop. *Each has an upside that is much higher, up in the stratosphere.* Keep these PPNs in mind as you look at the form that follows. **I will answer all (reasonable) questions, send me an e-mail at [jerryj@jerryjpowerpage.com](mailto:jerryj@jerryjpowerpage.com), subject line "Figs question".**

### LEGEND

#### Surface

[ = Wet Track  
 » = Good Track  
 = Dirt  
 ///// = Turf  
 ----- = Synthetics

#### DISTANCE

"Q" = 1 1/4m,  
 "r" = 1 1/16,  
 "R" = 11/8,  
 "m" = 1 mile,  
 "S" = 7 furl  
 "s" = 6.5 furl  
 " " = 6 furl  
 "d" = Less than 6 furl.

#### Numbers

- is 1/4 pt  
 = is 1/2 pt  
 ≡ is 3/4 pt  
 78≡ is read as 78.3  
 77= is read as 77.5  
 80- is read as 80.3

#### ■ SOLOMINI

#### Massive Lifetime Best effort

72≡r	74≡r	73r	75≡r	68≡	← Final Figure
p	w	p	p	w	← w=win, p=place
73=	74-	72≡	71=		← Mid race Figure
71≡	72	73=	70=	75-	← 4 f (Key Pace Fig)
71≡	70=	74≡	67	74-	← 2 furlong Fig
OAK8	LOS7	DMR7	SAN7	DMR7	← Trk & Year
03/17	12/09	11/04	09/30	09/02	← Date

**2-year old.** Achieving his best in the Frontrunner on Sept 30<sup>th</sup> behind The Bolt, he established a High level – Final Fig 75.5. Since then, he has failed to duplicate the 2-year old Massive Best Effort. **3-year old form** confirms something is amiss with Solomini, his return race on 3/17 was yet slower, while saving ground and having what I would call a perfect trip! He is now *off my contender's list!*

#### ■ BLENDED CITIZEN

#### Massive Lifetime Best effort

77≡r	75≡r	74-m	75m	66≡m	57-m	63-	62
w	s		w	s			
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72=	71	68=	74	60	59≡		
63-	63-	65≡	69	55	60	72	64
51≡	60-	59-	67	61=	60≡	66	64≡
TUR8	GOL8	SAN7	DMR7	SAN7	SAN7	DMR7	DMR7
03/17	02/17	12/29	11/24	10/26	09/29	09/02	07/29

**2 year old form** – Slow to develop, his first improvement came on the Turf and then he blossomed on 11/24 hitting a Massive Best Effort of 75.0. His follow up race on Dec 29<sup>th</sup> – a final fig of 74.3 is very solid, showing he could run hard without serious negative effects. We see "ability and durability" at the end of the 2-year old season.

The early form clearly shows a preference for Turf Racing over the Dirt tracks at Del Mar and Santa Anita! Once on the Turf, he found his stride!

**3-year old return** – In his opening 3-year old race on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, we see a very healthy horse, running slightly better than his best 2-year old effort! Naturally, we would expect a February race to be faster than a previous November race, when a young horse is in a developmental stage of life -- **it's simply growth and maturity!** Going forward, we would like to see the next race, hold the form or even go forward – confirming the indication of durability shown as a 2-year old. But in the case of **this wonderful horse** – he gave us better – a new improved race. **After the first Massive Lifetime Best Effort, the balance of his form is INCREMENTAL and DEVELOPMENTAL.** Now let's look at his PACE LINE, especially the last 4 races, 69.0, 65.8, 63.3 and 63.3 while FINAL FIGS rise from 75.0 to 77.5 as the distances increase. This is the paradigm form of a distance loving monster! It's interesting how nicely he moved from Turf to Synthetics. Now, can he move back to DIRT?

Okay – so this is the subtle but an ultra-important piece of information for viewing the upside of this colt – he is a MAY foal. Being a May foal is good on the upside and dangerous on the downside, guarding against TMTS. Blended Citizen is sound and thriving on the horse racing rigors - much like an old school horse he is a durable colt, with 8 races to date, getting plenty of foundation through racing. In the case of the Promises Fulfilled another May foal discussed in Article #2, he has fewer races and form that is not *incremental* in his development – in PF's case - I am hoping they would pass the Triple Crown series. In the case of Blended Citizen, I am anxious to see him perform in Kentucky on May 5<sup>th</sup>, either in the Derby or on the Turf – but really in the Derby! If he likes Churchill Downs dirt racing surface, **I could easily imagine Blended Citizen running an 79.5 to 80.5 on Derby day!**

#### ■ MAGNUM MOON

74≡r	69-r	72≡
<<w	<<w	<<w
73≡	69=	
72=	68-	79=
71=	65	79=
OAK8	TAM8	GLF8
03/17	02/15	01/13

**3-year old form:** We always use the same principles, evaluating for healthy form and trying to understand reasonable upside. For Magnum Moon to be on competitive footing with My Big Three, he will have to improve at least 5 points, probably more! He has just run a LIFETIME BEST EFFORT (LBE)– not a MASSIVE LBE - **my view, this is an In-Line race, with the Final Fig 72.8 as the baseline, the next Final Fig of 69.3 is a "holding race or easy win", which sets up the next number in the Rebel Stakes -Final Fig 74.5, (which I forecast approximately correct at 73.5).** This means we are still in a positive cycle and it is likely MM's next race should arc to approximately a Final Fig 76.5. Here is the problem, there is NO instance of any 3-year old colt, who has run a follow-up race to the initial FINAL FIG above 76.0, which exceeds a Final Fig above 77.5 (see Am Pharoah) - **ZERO,ZILCH, NADDA, NONE (since 1992)!** MM's next two races will likely be a pair of Final Figs 76.5 - which is not hitting the board in this year's KD. Add this to our "projection", everything gets harder with more distance, more weight and tougher competition. Not surprisingly, horses with only 4 lifetime races, all occurring in a 5-month period prior to the KD, do not do well overall in the KD. You can be sure, **none of my cash rides on MM in either of the next two races.**