

## Breeders' Cup *Picks* Tip Sheet



# 2024 SPECIAL EDITION BREEDERS' CUP FUTURE STARS FRIDAY



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## **Breeders' Cup Friday**

## November 1, 2024 Racetrack: Del Mar

#### **Race-Day Overview**

Welcome to the 2024 Breeders' Cup!! The best weekend in thoroughbred racing is here! There are 14 Championship Races on the line, with five races today and nine races tomorrow. Today's Breeders' Cup races are touted as "Future Stars Friday", with all five races for 2yo's. Traditionally, the Friday races are a combination of races filled with big favorites and difficult handicapping puzzles, and today is no different. The day kicks off with the \$1mil. Juvenile Turf Sprint, Race 6.

The Juvenile Turf Sprint is highly competitive, with a fascinating entrant from Japan that could be a major player. The Juvenile Fillies is a wide-open affair, unless you believe Godolphin's Immersive is the goods. The Juvenile Fillies Turf could have a standout from Europe for Aidan O'Brien, who's usually known for his monster 2yo males on turf. The "highlight" of the day is the Juvenile, where the winner will automatically be declared the antepost 2025 Kentucky Derby favorite. It's a very evenly-matched, talented bunch that should create terrific betting opportunities. Godolphin's East Avenue and Chad Brown's Chancer McPatrick should take the bulk of the money on the top of the market. Finally, the Juvenile Turf ends the day. This race has been dominated by Aidan O'Brien in the past, but this year could be different.

In addition, there are five races preceding the start of the BC races (R1 - 5). Those races will NOT be covered on this Tip Sheet, but check out our YouTube Channel for a video preview of the Early Pick 5 today (Friday) from the Bettin N Boozin guys! And of course, there are MANY different betting options. We wish you the best of luck at the 2024 Breeders' Cup!

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## **Breeders' Cup Future Stars Friday Facts**

#### **Juvenile Turf Sprint**

→ U.S.: 3 wins, Euros: 4 wins

#### **Juvenile Fillies**

- → Favorites have won 19 of 40
- → Show Beyer improvement going from sprint to route
- $\rightarrow$  Key preps: Frizette, Oak Leaf (Chandelier), Alcibiades, Del Mar Debutante
- → Win at 7 furlongs or longer on dirt preferred
- → 32 of 40 winners had a previous stakes win; don't have to be a Grade 1
- $\rightarrow$  3 of the last 10 winners were off the board in their final prep
- → Beyer improvement going from sprint to route; Beyer top a positive
- → 37 of 40 winners had a prep race within 35 days
- → At Del Mar: Calif. Horses 0/2

#### **Juvenile Fillies Turf**

- → U.S. horses have won 13 of the last 16
- → Coming off sharp prep (on the board or within 3 lengths of lead)
- → Key preps: Ms. Grillo (6 winners), Natalma (4), Jessamine (2)
- → Only 2 wire winners
- → Euros 0-for-9 when Lasix allowed
- → Favorite: 3-for-15 (including 2022)
- → Chad Brown: 6 wins; 5 of the last 10
- → 13 of 16 winners had a win at a mile or longer coming in

#### **Juvenile**

- → Only 3 winners were stretching out from a sprint (less than 1 mile distance)
- → Coming off Beyer top a positive
- → Beyer improvement going from sprint to route
- → Key preps: Champagne, Breeders' Futurity, American Pharoah
- → 27 of 40 winners coming off sharp prep
- → 11 of last 15 winners raced at 2 turns (or a mile for Euros)
- → New York horses do not do well when it is run in Calif. (last year an exception with Fierceness)

#### <u>Juvenile Turf</u>

- $\rightarrow$  17/17 coming off sharp prep (finished in top 3 or within 3 lengths of the winner)
- → Favorites: 4/17 (includes Modern Games winning but running for purse \$ only in
- 2021)  $\rightarrow$  Euros: 11 wins (4 at SA, 2 at Del Mar)
- → U.S.: 6 wins
- → Euro: on-the-board finish in Grade 1 or Grade 2 prep
- → 8 of 9 Euro winners were stretching out from a sprint (less than 1 mile)





→ Zero wire-to-wire winners

→ 9 winners had previously run a mile or longer

→ Euro Trainer Wins: O'Brien (6), Appleby (3), Gosden (2)

## Go to the next page for the beginning of our handicapping.....Good luck!!



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## Top 3 Picks for Breeders' Cup Races

Name	Juvenile Turf Sprint	Juvenile Fillies	Juvenile Fillies Turf	Juvenile	Juvenile Turf
Howard	8-Ecoro Sieg	5-Quickick	1-Lake Victoria	10-Chancer McPatrick	12-Aomori City
	2-Aesterius	9-American Bikini	7-Thought Process	5-Jonathan's Way	11-New Century
	10-Governor Sam	3-Immersive	6-Virgin Colada	1-East Avenue	4-Al Qudra
Paul	7-Whistlejacket	3-Immersive	1-Lake Victoria	1-East Avenue	4-Al Qudra
	2-Aesterius	10-Scottish Lassie	7-Thought Process	10-Chancer McPatrick	3-Noble Confessor
	8-Ecoro Sieg	5-Quickick	13-Vixen	4-Ferocious	11-New Century
Pete	2-Aesterius	3-Immersive	1-Lake Victoria	1-East Avenue	4-Al Qudra
	9-Shareholder	5-Quickick	4-Scythian	7-Gaming	13-Henri Matisse
	8-Ecoro Sieg	9-American Bikini	7-Thought Process	10-Chancer McPatrick	11-New Century
Kyle	8-Ecoro Sieg	9-American Bikini	1-Lake Victoria	1-East Avenue	11-New Century
	2-Aesterius	5-Quickick	8-Heaven's Gate	5-Jonathan's Way	1-Satono Carnaval
	7-Whistlejacket	3-Immersive	11-Fiery Lucy	10-Chancer McPatrick	13-Henri Matisse
Noah	8-Ecoro Sieg	9-American Bikini	1-Lake Victoria	1-East Avenue	1-Satono Carnaval
	7-Whistlejacket	5-Quickick	11-Fiery Lucy	4-Ferocious	12-Aomori City
	2-Aesterius	3-Immersive	6-Virgin Colada	10-Chancer McPatrick	4-Al Qudra
Charlie	8-Ecoro Sieg	9-American Bikini	1-Lake Victoria	1-East Avenue	4-Al Qudra
	3-Big Mojo	3-Immersive	12-May Day Ready	4-Ferocious	11-New Century
	2-Aesterius	5-Quickick	6-Virgin Colada	10-Chancer McPatrick	1-Satono Carnaval
Patrick	8-Ecoro Sieg	2-Snowyte	1-Lake Victoria	1-East Avenue	5-Zulu Kingdom
	7-Whistlejacket	3-Immersive	7-Thought Process	10-Chancer McPatrick	13-Henri Matisse
	9-Shareholder	9-American Bikini	9-Kilwin	5-Jonathan's Way	9- The Waco Kid
Ryan	8-Ecoro Sieg	9-American Bikini	1-Lake Victoria	7-Gaming	9- The Waco Kid
	10-Governor Sam	10-Scottish Lassie	4-Scythian	5-Johnathan's Way	4-Al Qudra
	2-Aesterius	8-Nooni	7-Thought Process	4-Ferocious	1-Satono Carnaval





## **Best Bets**

Name	Race	Horse
Howard	Juvenile	10-Chancer McPatrick
Paul	Juvenile Fillies Turf	1-Lake Victoria
Pete	Juvenile Turf Sprint	2-Aesterius
Kyle	Juvenile	1-East Avenue
Noah	Juvenile	1-East Avenue
Charlie	Juvenile Fillies Turf	1-Lake Victoria
Patrick	Juvenile	1-East Avenue
Ryan	Juvenile Fillies Turf	1-Lake Victoria

## Top Longshots (Min. 10-1 Morning Line)

Name	Race	Horse
Howard	Juvenile Fillies	5-Quickick
Paul	Juvenile Turf	3-Noble Confessor
Pete	Juvenile Turf	3-Noble Confessor
Kyle	Juvenile Turf	1-Satono Carnaval
Noah	Juvenile Turf	1-Satono Carnaval
Charlie	Juvenile Turf	1-Satono Carnaval
Patrick	Juvenile Fillies	2-Snowyte
Ryan	Juvenile Turf Sprint	10-Governor Sam



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## **Breeders' Cup Friday ABC Grids**

## Howard's ABC Grid

Race	А	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	2,8	7,9,10,12	3	2,7,8,9,10	\$0.50	\$75
7	3,5,9	10	1,2,4	3,5,9	-	-
8	1	7	4,6,12	1	-	-
9	10	1,4,5	7,8	1,4,5,7,10	-	-
10	11,12	4,13	1,4,5,7,9,10,14	11,12	-	-

### Paul's ABC Grid

Race	А	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	2,7	8,9	3	2,7,8,9	\$0.50 P5	\$96
7	3,10	5,9	6	3,5,9,10	-	-
8	1,7	13	4,5,6	1	-	-
9	1,10	5,6	4,7	1,10	-	-
10	4,11	1,3	5,7,9,12,13,14	1,3,4,11,12,13	-	-

#### **Pete's ABC Grid**

Race	А	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	2,3,8,9	5,7	10	2,3,8,9	\$0.50 P5	\$96
7	3,5	4,9,10	2	3,5	-	-
8	1	4,6,7	12	1	-	-
9	1,7,10	4,5	6	1,7,10	-	-
10	4,11,13	1,3,5	10,12	1,3,4,5,10,11,12,13	-	-

\* For more information on how to bet using the "ABC Method" (developed by Steve Crist), go watch THIS video Howard produced a few years ago and/or see our website under the "Standard Power Picks" tab.



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## **Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint**

## **Analysis By: Pete Visco**

Race 6 - Post Time 5:45pm EST

### **Race Analysis**

Pretty much every year when it's time to start handicapping the Breeders' Cup races, the Juvenile Turf Sprint is always the one where I feel like I need to do the most work/research since many of the quality juvenile turf sprint races are used as stepping stones for horses to stretch out and point towards the Juvenile Turf. Plus, the number of overseas horses pointing to this race has grown over the years, so we have to dig into them as well.

With that being said and through a lot of replay work, I landed on **#2 Aesterius (9-2)** as my top choice. He has recently knocked heads a couple of times in Europe with **#3 Big Mojo (4-1)**, who is lower on the morning line, and I think is just better than the latter. My favorite of his traits is that he's tactical. He is quick enough to get out and be on the lead or he can sit just off and pounce. With at least two big time speed horses, **#8 Ecoro Sieg (7-2)** and **#10 Governor Sam (12-1)**, expected to battle it out on the front end, my hope is that **#2 Aesterius (9-2)** will sit just behind and will grind them down in the lane. One angle I always look at, especially with younger horses, is progression and he looks to be getting better visually while also incrementally improving his Timeform figures every race.

In second, I am looking at the other horse owned by Wathnan Racing in this race, along with **#2 Aesterius (9-2)**, and that's **#9 Shareholder (12-1)**. This horse started out his career very nicely with two wins and was bet strongly in the G1 Prix Morny, but he didn't seem to take the ground that day and was eased. The idea from his came is that he is much better going 5f and really takes to fast ground. If the cut-back and the fast ground in this race suit him as expected and he can get back to his earlier form, I think he is a top contender at what looks like a nice price.

Last up for me is the favorite, **#8 Ecoro Sieg (7-2)**. He is a pure speed horse who broke the track record in his last race. What makes him potentially special is that he has the speed to get the lead and then seems to cruise over the track. Then, even without being asked, kicked away down the lane. If he somehow gets an easy lead, he will be tough to run down. My hope for my top pick is that won't happen.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$50 Win	#2 - Aesterius	\$50
Large	\$0.50 Trifecta Key Box	2 w/ 3,5,7,8,9,10	\$45
Small	\$10 Daily Double	2 / 3,5	\$20



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## **Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies**

## **Analysis By: Kyle Roscoe**

Race 7 - Post Time 6:25pm EST

### **Race Analysis**

Let's address the elephant in the room. The scratch of **#7 Non Compliant** sucks the sails out of this race a little as it reduces all of the favorites prices drastically, which is unfortunate for all handicappers who liked her before she scratched.....and the rest of us who like everyone else. However, this is still a fun rendition of a race that has proven very tough to get a hold of in the past.

**#7 Non Compliant** scratching in this race removes some speed which I believe can be a major factor with other horses wanting the lead. The main contender in my mind from that category and my top pick, the **#9 American Bikini (5-1)**, makes a ton of sense now breaking from post eight in an increasingly open field. Two races back when she ran in Japan breaking her maiden, she ran five furlongs in :57 ½ which is an extremely fast time, especially for a two-year-old on a deep track. My hope is that she can break well first time here in the U.S. and be able to cut over from the eight post, but could have some trouble with a horse like **#8 Nooni (15-1)** just to her inside who will definitely show some speed.

If the pace does heat up in this race, I am very fond of **#5 Quickick (10-1)**, who looks to be the best closer in a race with very good early speed. She ran a very good race behind my third place pick, **#3 Immersive (3-1)**, who I also completely respect in this race. But **#5 Quickick** had a lot more to do in that race while **#3 Immersive** sat a really nice trip and was able to grind out a victory in what was a fast pace in the Alcibiades at Keeneland. Look for both of these runners late if they do end up going very quickly on the front end.

Other horses in this race who could offer up good efforts in here are the morning-line favorite **#10 Scottish** Lassie (5-2) who won the Grade 1 Frizette last time at Aqueduct. Taking nothing away from her, she ran a big race last time, but in my opinion it looked like a weak field and she might have to class up in what could be an unfavorable post with a short price to boot.

Budget Type Bet Amount / Type		Selections	Cost
Large	\$50 Win	#9 - American Bikini	\$50
Small	\$5 Exactas	9 / 3,5 AND 3,5 / 9	\$20
Small	\$20 Daily Double	9/1	\$20



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## **Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf**

## **Analysis By: Noah Meagher**

Race 8 - Post Time7:05pm EST

#### **Race Analysis**

The Juvenile Fillies Turf splits the sequence of Breeders' Cup races on Friday. Many horseplayers will be narrowing their tickets down to one specific filly from overseas. Her name: **#1 Lake Victoria (8-5)**. You might want to remember that name.

Not often do we get to see such an accomplished horse come across the pond to run on Breeders Cup Friday, and you can't begin discussion about the O'Brien brigade without mentioning the likes of the **#1 Lake Victoria (8-5)**. During our interview with Aidan O'brien, he described Lake Victoria as "unique". If you have trouble understanding what that means, let me translate that for you: she's special. If you really need any further assurance, perhaps I can inform you of what's on her resume. She won a Group 1 at the Curragh two-back where she closed like an absolute train going 7F. Last time, she was on the lead in a 6F G1 affair, and left that field in the dust. She's tactical, powerful, prominent, and when you push the button on her, all Ryan Moore has to do is hold on tight. If you think the rail draw is going to hurt her chances, that's nothing short of wishful thinking, and all I can say is good luck and wish you well on your way.

If for some reason you'd like to look in another direction, here are some options. The **#7 Thought Process (5-2)** is a filly for Phil D'amato who has done nothing wrong since switching to the grass. She won the Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Turf pretty handily, and she won the Surfer Girl last time in wire to wire fashion. On figs, she asserts herself as the likeliest of the US contenders, but I question who she's beat and if she really stacks up to the likes of others as much as the morning line indicates.

Selfishly, the **#6 Virgin Colada (20-1)** is a horse I am interested in, not necessarily on the win end, but certainly has a big shot to run in the money. She won the debut impressively at Saratoga, and even though she hasn't been in the winners circle since, she's got a really nice late kick and always comes with a run. With Chad Brown's history in this race, a big effort from her wouldn't shock me in the slightest. One other horse I'm very interested in is **#11 Fiery Lucy (30-1)**, another European entrant who is a huge price. Last time she just got beat by another rival here, Heaven's Gate, but she had tons of trouble in that race. She hesitated a bit, had to wait for room to open up, then came with a nice run that was ultimately a bit short, but you know she's going to relish the 1 mile and I'm intrigued to see how she takes to the firm turf here at Del Mar.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$100 Daily Double	1/1	\$100
Small	\$15 Exacta	1 / 6,11	\$30



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## **Breeders' Cup Juvenile**

## **Analysis By: Paul Halloran**

Race 9 - Post Time 7:45pm EST

#### **Race Analysis**

There is a very good chance that you would have seen the winner of this year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile if you were watching races for only a 90-minute period on Saturday, Oct. 5. At 3:52 p.m., the Grade 1 Champagne was run at BAQ (Belmont at Aqueduct), with Chancer McPatrick again displaying a furious closing kick, coming from dead last to win the mile stakes by almost 3 lengths. At 5:16 p.m. at Keeneland, East Avenue captured the Grade 1 Breeders' Futurity in opposite fashion, leading every step of the 8.5 furlongs and winning by more than 5 lengths. So, we have a bonafide clash of styles in the Juvenile and they both look like future stars.

I am going to give the edge to **#1 East Avenue** for a few reasons, starting with the aforementioned running style factor. I do NOT think Tyler Gaffalione has to go to the lead, even breaking from the rail, though he will be happy to take it if readily available. There are two Bafferts in the race and you have to figure that at least one will be on the engine. Jonathan's Way went gate to wire in the Iroquois at Churchill last time, after a head-turning maiden breaker at Saratoga when he was pinched back to last and made a visually impressive move on the turn. I see East Avenue being in the top 3 when they hit the backstretch and in front by the time they turn for home. Then it will be a matter of holding off Chancer.

**#10 Chancer McPatrick** will be closing, but will he run out of real estate? I think so. The stretch at Del Mar is only 919 feet, compared to 1,144 feet at Saratoga, 1,155 at Aqueduct, 1,174 at Keeneland (to the second wire) and 1,234 at Churchill Downs. Owner Sean Flanagan told HHH Racing Podcast viewers they hope to be a little more in touch with the field Friday, but it remains to be seen if that will materialize, especially going around two turns for the first time. This could be a lose battle/win war situation, with that long CD stretch awaiting on May 3, 2025.

**#5 Jonathan's Way** is not without a chance, especially with newly minted Hall of Famer Joel Rosario in the irons. **#4 Ferocious** was an impressive maiden winner at Saratoga, logging a 96 Beyer, and following that up with back-to-back seconds in Grade 1s, earning an 87 Beyer in each.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$100 Win	#1 - East Avenue	\$100
Large	\$50 Exacta	1,10	\$50
Small	\$10 Daily Double	1/3,4	\$20



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## **Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf**

## Analysis By: Howard Kravets

Race 10 - Post Time 8:25pm EST

#### **Race Analysis**

This year's Juvenile Turf is quite the puzzle! It is perhaps the most wide-open BC race on Friday, so you have to do your homework, and have a bunch of racing luck, to predict the winner. There are 14 horses in the feld, in which 7 are European or Japanese-based. In my opinion, the American contingent is pretty weak this year, so I believe a foreigner will take the crown. For extra help, watch my preview video with UK punter Davy Lane on our YouTube Channel, where we discussed many of these horses.

As do many races with Euro entrants, let's start with the Charles Appleby / Aidan O'Brien contingent. Unfortunately, many drew outside posts, which makes the handicapping that much more difficult. My top choice, albeit a soft one, is **#12 Aomori City (10-1)** for Appleby/Godolphin. The fact that 1st call rider (and one of the best in the world, if not THE best) William Buick takes the mount here instead of Al Qudra speaks volumes. Do we really think Appleby would put Buick on his 2nd best in a Grade 1 \$1 BC race? I don't....so that's a big angle for me. While I didn't love his last effort, it was solid enough, and the race 2-back where he found trouble and was able to weave through traffic and win was impressive despite the softer field. His Timeform numbers fit with the best in here, and he has enough tactical speed to get over from an outside draw. He's very interesting at a good price, and he's improving in every start by the speed figs.

The other Godolphin is **#4 Al Qudra (4-1)** as previously mentioned...he might be more accomplished, but lost as the favorite at Woodbine and will be a much lower price. Can he win? Sure, but I don't want to find out as the likely 2nd choice in the betting market. There are several others to consider, like the ML-favorite **#11 New Century**. He ran great at Woodbine, but wasn't any better than many here in Europe and will be at low odds today. Also, Aidan's **#13 Henri Matisse (6-1)** is worth a look, but has been goofy and immature...wrong race today to act that way! For a bomb, consider the Japanese entrant, **#1 Satono Carnival (20-1)**. He's 2-for-2 and looked good, but this is a MAJOR step up in class and increased distance too. His ground-saving potential and tactical speed makes him an interesting prospect if he classes up. The best American is **#5 Zulu Kingdom (8-1)**, who is undefeated, but winning by small margins. I just don't think he's fast enough. Good luck!!

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$25 Win/Place	#12 - Amorori City	\$50
Small	\$5 Exactas	12/1,4,11,13 AND 4,11,13/12	\$20/\$15
Small	\$1 Trifecta	11,12 / 4,5,7,9,10,11,12,13,14 / 1	\$16



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## Good luck with all your wagers....

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# 2024 SPECIAL EDITION BREEDERS' CUP SATURDAY



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**Breeders' Cup Saturday** 

November 2, 2024 Racetrack: Del Mar

#### **Race-Day Overview**

Breeders' Cup Saturday is always one of the best, if not THE best, day of racing of the year in the U.S. There are nine Championship Races, with Horse of the Year implications on the line in several divisions. As usual, the races are incredibly competitive with big fields. Similar to last year, due to television contractual obligations, the \$7 million BC Classic is NOT the last race of the day. There are four BC races AFTER the Classic, which goes as Race 8.

Many storylines will emerge throughout the day, including Cogburn's potential continued dominance of the Turf Sprint division, Thorpedo Anna's trying to stake her claim to Horse of the Year in the Distaff, City of Troy's run to give Aidan O'Brien his first elusive Classic victory, and two incredibly competitive races to end the day in the Turf Mile and Dirt Mile.

Finally, there are many great wagering options from which to choose. Any type of bet imaginable will be offered today, so check the program / PP's for more details, or your ADW platform. And, believe it or not, there's a chance of rain in the afternoon. Almost never happens this time of year in San Diego, but we'll see what Mother Nature has in store for us. If it does, it's not supposed to be a significant event, so I don't think it'll affect the track conditions.

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## **Breeders' Cup Saturday Facts**

#### **Dirt Mile**

- → Favorites: 6/17 (including 2022)
- → 6 of 17 winners coming off win in final prep
- → Previously run in Grade 1 or Grade 2 prep, but doesn't have to be a
- win
- $\rightarrow$  Sharp prep: 13/17
- → Longer layoff OK
- → Turnback a positive, but previous experience at a mile or longer also

good

- → 12 winners had previous win at mile; 12 had a win at 1 1/8
- → Key preps: Kelso, SA Sprint Handicap

#### Filly & Mare Turf

- $\rightarrow$  Euros: stretching out better than cutting back from 1¼ (Audarya cut back from 1¼ in 2020)
- $\rightarrow$  9/12 U.S. winners had a Keeneland prep
- → 24/24 winners coming off sharp prep
- $\rightarrow$  U.S. winners all finished first or second in prep
- → U.S. 3-year-olds: 0/33; Euro 3-year-olds: 7/55
- → One Japanese winner 2021 coming off 2nd in Grade 2 vs. boys
- → U.S. runners: sharp prep, especially within 35 days
- → U.S. runners Grade 1 turf win a positive
- → Euros: Any stakes win on turf
- → Euros: race vs. boys a positive
- → Stoute: 3 winners
- → Key preps: Flower Bowl, First Lady, Beverly D
- → Euros: 12 wins in 25 runnings
- ightarrow 15 of last 18 winners and 19 of 25 overall had a previous Grade 1 win
- → 20 of 24 winners ran in a Grade 1 in their final prep
- → Chad Brown: won 4 of last 11
- → Del Mar: 2 Foreign invaders won both races run at the track (1 Europe, 1 Japanese)

#### Filly & Mare Sprint

- $\rightarrow$  On the lead coming into the stretch a positive
- → 7 furlong specialist
- → 7 of 20 winners coming off turf or synthetic prep
- → Age 4 or 5: 13 of 17 winners
- → 3-year-olds: 3/40 but have won 3 of last 6 runnings
- ightarrow Key Preps: Presque Isle Masters, TCA, Humana Distaff, Madison, Ballerina,

Test

→ PP 1-2-3: Only 3 wins





→ 16/17 winners coming off sharp prep

#### <u>Mile</u>

→ Repeater\* (having run in BC mile) a positive, especially a Euro -- 13 wins overall → Mile specialist, though 2020 and '21 winners were 0-1 at a mile; Modern Games ('22) was 5-3-2 → Favorites: 13-39

- → Made at least 3 starts this year: 37 out of 39
- → Sharp prep a must (2020 an exception)
- → Euros: Grade 1 win (not in 2020); U.S. any stakes win
- → U.S.: 22 wins, Euros 18
- → Coming off Beyer top a negative
- → U.S. horse second or third start off layoff; Euro off long layoff OK
- → Filly: previous win vs. boys, Grade 1 win, mile specialist
- → 3-year-old: previous start vs. older
- → 11 3-year-old winners, 9 Euros
- → Aidan O'Brien: 1/31 (won in 2020)
- $\rightarrow$  U.S. horses have won 9 of last 15
- → Key preps: Jacques le Marois, Shadwell, Woodbine Mile, Prix du Moulin

#### **Distaff**

- → Only 4 repeat winners
- → Repeat runners who lost Distaff: 5-47
- → Sharp prep: 39/40
- → Long layoff a negative; race within 35 days a positive
- → Distaff at 1 1/8: 3-year-olds 24/39
- → Favorites: 17-40
- → Key preps: Spinster (13 wins), Beldame (9 wins)

#### <u>Turf</u>

- → Two U.S. 3-year-old winners, none since 1989
- → 9 Euro 3-year-old winners
- → Favorites: 11-40 overall, 4-22 since 2002
- → 4 wire winners, 3 of them U.S. horses
- → 60+day layoff: 2-29
- $\rightarrow$  6-year-olds and up: 0/55, 4 seconds, 8 thirds
- → Grade 1 stakes win a positive, any stakes win for Euro
- → Horse who ran in Arc and did not win a positive; only one Arc winner has won BC Turf
- → 27 Euro winners, 12 coming out of the Arc
- → Win at distance a positive 23 of last 31 winners; Rebel's Romance ('22) was

4-4

→ 4 fillies have won – all Euros; only one was a 3-year-old

#### **Classic**

→ 3-year-olds: 13 wins, 15 seconds, 13 thirds





- → 6-year-olds and up: 0-34
- → Grade 1 stakes win: 36 of 40 winners, 20 in a row
- ightarrow Win at distance not mandatory

 $\rightarrow$  Coming off Beyer top a negative – 0-4 in 2021, but Flightline won 2 yrs. ago off a Beyer top

- → 3 of last 7 winners coming off layoff of 63 days or longer; Flightline was 62 days.
- → Key prep: Awesome Again (8 wins), Jockey Club (8 winners), Woodward (7)

#### **Turf Sprint**

- → Favorites: 5-17
- → All winners hit board in graded stakes prep
- → Previous win at race distance: 12/15
- → Euros: 1-18 (Only win 2020)
- → Two 3-year-old winners

#### **Sprint**

- → Favorites: 9/40, 5 of last 24
- → 31 of last 32 winners coming off sharp prep
- ightarrow 35 winners coming off stakes win during the year they won
- → 21 of last 30 winners had bullet workout leading up to race
- $\rightarrow$  6 furlong specialist (with success at 6½ or 7 furlongs)  $\rightarrow$
- Long layoff a positive (with stamina workout 6F or longer)
- ightarrow Made at least 4 starts this year
- $\rightarrow$  At Del Mar: Favorites 1 for 2

#### **Miscellaneous**

- → Clemente in BC: 1-for-45 (7 seconds, 6 thirds)
- → McPeek in BC: 0-for-38 (8 seconds, 10 thirds)
- → Sadler in BC: 2-49 (both wins in the Classic)

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# Breeders' Cup Tower Picks Tip Sheet

## **Top 3 Picks for Breeders' Cup Races**

Name	Filly & Mare Sprint	Turf Sprint	Distaff	Turf	Classic
Howard	9-Ways and Means	2-Motorius	2-Thorpedo Anna	4-Luxembourg	1-Forever Young
	4-Vahva	9-Cogburn	9-Awesome Result	5-Jayarebe	7-Ushba Tesoro
	6-Society	12-Bradsell	6-Raging Sea	11-Rebel's Romance	11-Sierra Leone
Paul	9-Ways and Means	6-Star of Mystery	2-Thorpedo Anna	5-Jayarebe	3-City of Troy
	4-Vahva	9-Cogburn	6-Raging Sea	4-Luxembourg	1-Forever Young
	6-Society	4-Starlust	9-Awesome Result	11-Rebel's Romance	9-Fierceness
Pete	9-Ways and Means	9-Cogburn	9-Awesome Result	6-Far Bridge	14-Next
	6-Society	1-Believing	2-Thorpedo Anna	11-Rebel's Romance	1-Forever Young
	4-Vahva	6-Star of Mystery	6-Raging Sea	3-Shahryar	7-Ushba Tesoro
Kyle	9-Ways and Means	9-Cogburn	2-Thorpedo Anna	4-Luxembourg	1-Forever Young
	4-Vahva	12-Bradsell	9-Awesome Result	11-Rebel's Romance	3-City of Troy
	6-Society	10-Isivunguvungu	6-Raging Sea	5-Jayarbe	14-Next
Noah	6-Society	12-Bradsell	2-Thorpedo Anna	5-Jayarbe	3-City of Troy
	9-Ways and Means	9-Cogburn	9-Awesome Result	3-Sharyar	1-Forever Young
	4-Vahva	6-Star of Mystery	6-Raging Sea	4-Luxembourg	11-Sierra Leone
Charlie	9-Ways and Means	9-Cogburn	2-Thorpedo Anna	4-Luxembourg	3-City of Troy
	6-Society	12-Bradsell	9-Awesome Result	11-Rebel's Romance	1-Forever Young
	10-Scylla	1-Believing	1-Candied	3-Shahryar	11-Sierra Leone
Patrick	9-Ways and Means	6-Star of Mystery	2-Thorpedo Anna	2-Emily UpJohn	9-Fierceness
	4-Vahva	9-Cogburn	9-Awesome Result	6-Far Bridge	1-Forever Young
	6-Society	12-Bradsell	1-Candied	5-Jayarebe	11-Sierra Leone
Ryan	4 - Vahva	2 - Motorious	2-Thorpedo Anna	5-Jayarbe	14-Next
	10 -Scylla	9-Cogburn	9-Awesome Result	4-Luxembourg	12 - Arthur's Ride
	9-Ways and Means	6-Star of Mystery	6-Raging Sea	3-Sharyar	2 - Highland Falls



# Breeders' Cup Tower Picks Tip Sheet

## Top 3 Picks for Breeders' Cup Races (cont'd)

Name	Filly & Mare Turf	Sprint	Turf Mile	Dirt Mile
Howard	2-Full Count Felicia	9-Remake	6-Notable Speech	8-Post Time
	10-Moira	10-Mullikin	1-Ramatuelle	9-Domestic Product
	5-Didia	1-Raging Torrent	8-More Than Looks	12-Mufasa
Paul	3-Cinderella's Dream	4-Nakatomi	1-Ramatuelle	9-Domestic Product
	12-Soprano	10-Mullikin	6-Notable Speech	14-Skippylongstocking
	7-Content	3-Federal Judge	12-Carl Spackler	12-Mufasa
Pete	7-Content	9-Remake	8-More Than Looks	9-Domestic Product
	2-Full Count Felicia	10-Mullikin	6-Notable Speech	8-Post Time
	4-War Like Goddess	8-Straight No Chaser	7-Porta Fortuna	10-Muth
Kyle	7-Content	9-Remake	6-Notable Speech	9-Domestic Product
	10-Moira	4-Nakatomi	7-Porta Fortuna	8-Post Time
	5-Didia	10-Mullikin	8-More Than Looks	12-Mufasa
Noah	10-Moira	10-Mullikin	6-Notable Speech	10-Muth
	7-Content	4-Nakatomi	4-Diego Velazquez	12-Mufasa
	3-Cinderella's Dream	8-Straight No Chaser	12-Carl Spackler	9-Domestic Product
Charlie	7-Content	4-Nakatomi	7-Porta Fortuna	9-Domestic Product
	3-Cinderella's Dream	10-Mullikin	6-Notable Speech	1-Saudi Crown
	5-Didia	3-Federal Judge	4-Diego Velazquez	8-Post Time
Patrick	4-War Like Goddess	4-Nakatomi	12-Carl Spackler	9-Domestic Product
	3- Cinderella'sDream	2-Gun Pilot	6- Notable Speech	6-Seize The Grey
	10-Moira	10-Mullikin	8-More Than Looks	10-Muth
Ryan	10-Moira	4-Nakatomi	4-Diego Velazquez	8-Post Time
	7-Content	9-Remake	7-Porta Fortuna	9-Domestic Product
	4-War Like Goddess	2 - Gun Pilot	8-More Than Looks	7- Tumbarumba





## **Best Bets**

Name	Race	Horse
Howard	Sprint	9-Remake
Paul	Filly & Mare Sprint	9-Ways and Means
Pete	Dirt Mile	9-Domestic Product
Kyle	Sprint	9-Remake
Noah	Sprint	10-Mullikin
Charlie	Filly & Mare Turf	7-Content
Patrick	Classic	9-Fierceness
Ryan	Sprint	4-Nakatomi

## Top Longshots (Min. 10-1 Morning Line)

Name	Race	Horse
Howard	Dirt Mile	8-Post Time
Paul	Turf Sprint	6-Star of Mystery
Pete	Mile	8-More Than Looks
Kyle	Dirt Mile	8-Post Time
Noah	Turf Sprint	6-Star of Mystery
Charlie	Turf	4-Luxembourg
Patrick	Turf Sprint	6-Star of Mystery
Ryan	Turf Sprint	4-Starlust



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## **Breeders' Cup Saturday ABC Grids**

## Howard's ABC Grid

Race	А	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	4,6,9	10	7,8	4,6,9	\$0.50 P5	\$96
5	2,9,12	6	1,5,10	2,6,9,12	-	-
6	2	9	6	2	-	-
7	4,5	2,11	1,3,6	2,4,5,11	-	-
8	1,7,11	-	2,3,6,9,10,14	1,7,11	\$0.50 P5	\$108
9	2,5,10	3,4,7	-	2,3,4,5,7,10	-	-
10	9,10	1,4,8	3	9,10	-	-
11	1,6	4,8,9,12	5,7	1,6	-	-
12	8,9	10,12	1,3,14	8,9,12	-	-

## Paul's ABC Grid

Race	А	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	9	4,6	7,8,10	9	\$1 P5	\$90
5	6,9	12	1,3,10	6,9,12	-	-
6	2,6	9	1	2,6,9	-	-
7	5,11	2,4	6,10	2,4,5,10,11	-	-
8	1,3	9,12	2,10,11,14	1,3	\$0.50 P5	\$96
9	3,12	1,7	9	1,3,7,12	-	-
10	4,10	3	5,9,12	4,10	-	-
11	1,6,12	4,7,9	3,8	1,6,12	-	-
12	9,14	8,12	1,6,10	8,9,12,14	-	-

## Pete's ABC Grid

Race	Α	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	6,9	2,3,4	10	4,6,9	\$0.50 P5	\$96
5	1,6,9,12	-	2,5	1,6,9,12	-	-
6	2,9	6	-	2,9	-	-
7	6,11	3,5	2,12	6,11	-	-
8	1,3,7,14	2,9,11,12	13	1,3,7,14	\$0.50 P5	\$96
9	2,4,7	3,12	5,10	2,3,4,7	-	-
10	9,10	3,4,8	5,6,11	8,9,10	-	-
11	4,6,7,8	1,9,12	2	4,6,7,8	-	-
12	8,9,10	3,6,12	-	9	_	-



**Breeders' Cup Picks Tip Sheet** 

## **Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint**

## **Analysis By: Kyle Roscoe**

Race 4 - Post Time 3:00pm EST

#### **Race Analysis**

Talk about a great way to start Championship Saturday at the Breeder's Cup, as this race has shaped up to include all the top sprinters in the female division, just as the way the Breeder's Cup was meant to be.

There are plenty of horses you could make the case for to put on top, but with the pace scenario and post positions taken into account, I landed on the very talented and classy, **#9 Ways and Means (5-2).** Although not a creative pick, 5-2 presents good enough value for me on the win end, and doubles into the turf sprint which could all run through one horse. Both the **#3 Pleasant (12-1)** and **#6 Society (3-1)** should show good speed coming out of the gate. But **#9 Ways and Means** should be right in behind those two, and next to a horse I also really love in this spot, **#4 Vahva (4-1)**. She'll have first run on those likely tired leaders as they turn for home. One other thing I love about **#9 Ways and Means** is that she has shown that she can run well at both a mile and at seven furlongs beating really nice horses like Emery in the process, who has shown to be trouble to some horses in the past.

I mentioned **#4 Vahva** briefly, but she is a horse that has been so good as long as the race does not take place in New York. If you remove the last race from her resume, she has almost no blemishes dating back to August 2023. Now that she is going to be a middling price, she might be a little overlooked in a race which is the same distance that she has come to own over the past year. Look out for this one to come running in the lane, passing who is ultimately my third choice in this race, **#6 Society**.

Others that may be able to round out the Top3 at a price, **#2 One Magic Philly (10-1)** has had some good races out on the west coast, including an open length victory in the Grade3 Chillingworth. However, this is a much different beast for a filly like her, but if she can class up I wouldn't be completely surprised to see her round out trifectas or superfectas. Also don't completely forget the horse to the outside, **#10 Scylla (10-1)** has been very good as she has never run out of the money in her lifetime, but with a tough post mixed with the other speed in this race who might just be a cut above her, it is hard for me to put her in the top three here. However I wouldn't be too surprised if she picks up some pieces late.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Big	\$50 Win	#9 - Ways and Means	\$50
Medium	\$30 Daily Double	9/9	\$30
Small	\$10 and \$5 Exactas	9,4 AND 4,9	\$15



**Breeders' Cup Picks Tip Sheet** 

## **Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint**

## **Analysis By: Ryan Anderson**

Race 5 - Post Time 3:41pm EST

### **Race Analysis**

This Breeder's Cup Turf Sprint is unique. It's a race I view as deeply competitive, even with one of the heaviest favorites of the weekend. The 5-furlong trip at Del Mar is unique, the tight turns mean saving ground is the top priority. It can be a serious horse-for-course track, and post draw can determine a lot. Let's break it down and look at how the draw matters. At the 2021 Breeder's Cup at Del Mar in the 7 Turf Championship races, 4 of the 7 winners broke from gates #1-3. For a closer look on Del Mar's track profiles, check out our Pacific Horseplayers video where Noah & myself talk you through our home track.

My top choice, **#2 Motorious (8-1)**, I believe has a big chance to spring the upset here. This horse was the FAVORITE in last year's race, and only lost after he encountered traffic trouble. Motorious drew post 9 last year, this year he's tucked in the cozy 2 post. This gelding is 3 for 3 at Del Mar, all coming at 5 Furlongs. At 8-1 on the morning line, that provides great value for a runner that will give his best.

Favorites in this race are 5-17 (29%), and **#9 Cogburn (7-5)** hopes to add to the winning percentage. He set a world record at the Spa this summer, going 5.5F on the turf in 59.80 seconds. So he's an easy single, right? Maybe not so. He's drawn out in post 9 with some real outside speed breaking from gates 11 and 12. He is the best horse in the race, however post 9 will not be easy to overcome and I believe he will go down because of it. **#6 Star of Mystery (10-1)**, is my third choice in this deep sprint race, a talented 3-year-old with a lethal turn of foot. I just worry the 5 Furlongs won't give her enough time to get all the way to the winner's circle. A price underneath, is the **#4 Starlust (30-1)**, he's going to save ground and is back on his preferred ground condition - firm. He shipped to Santa Anita last year and came flying to get 3rd at 24-1! I see a repeat performance on the horizon. Giddy Up!!

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$30 Win / Place	#2 - Motorious	\$60
Large	\$1 Superfecta	2,9 / 2,4,9 / 2,4,6,9 / 1,2,4,6,7,9,10	\$42
Small	\$5 Exactas	2,9 AND 9/2,4	\$15
Medium	\$3 Trifecta	2 / 4,6,9 / 1,2,4,6,9	\$36



**Breeders'** Cup **Picks Tip Sheet** 

## **Breeders' Cup Distaff**

## **Analysis By: Patrick Kuenzel**

Race 6 - Post Time 4:21pm EST

#### **Race Analysis**

Let's start out on a bit of a somber note... it goes without saying that not having Idiomatic in this rendition of the BC Distaff is really unfortunate. We were in for a showdown between **#2 Thorpedo Anna (4-5)** and the always classy Idiomatic. All the best to Idiomatic in retirement!

Now onto the nuts and bolts of the BC Distaff and the field we are looking at. A field of 10 will line up in the starting gate, with 3 of those 10 coming from outside the United States. Everyone will start there conversations when talking about this race with "The Grizzly Bear" **#2 Thorpedo Anna (4-5)** and rightfully so! She has been so consistent and impressive over her 3-year old year. Trainer Kenny McPeek has checked every box with her so far and I don't see that stopping here. People may look at her Cotillion race as a sign of regression and I get why you may think that. But McPeek had said after the race that, "this was a trap race for us". Everything went wrong for **#2 Thorpedo Anna** in that race and she still found a way to win. She's been working very well up in Saratoga since then and is a deserving heavy favorite. It will take a monster effort to beat her.

Horses that will try and pull the upset may consist of **#1 Candied (15-1)**, **#6 Raging Sea (7-2)**, **and #9 Awesome Result (4-1).** Let's start with the Japanese invader **#9 Awesome Result (4-1)**, she's coming into this race 7-for-7. Her last race was ultra impressive. She was much the best against that field winning by her widest of margins she's ever won by. **#6 Raging Sea (7-2)** may be the wise "gal" horse here... winning her last 3 starts one of which was the Personal Ensign where she knocked off Idiomatic at the wire. She'll be closing late and needs the pace to be hot. The last horse I want to mention and one that I'm interested in to hit the board is **#1 Candied (15-1)**. Her most recent form is pretty roughed up. She went off as the favorite in The Alabama and ran very well given the circumstances that day. Last time out she tried to engage Idiomatic early and that just didn't work in her favor. I expect her to have a nice stalking trip behind **#2 Thorpedo Anna (4-5)**.

Good luck to everyone in the Distaff...let's see if Thorpedo can solidify her Horse of the Year bid!!

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Big	\$75 Exacta	2,9	\$75
Small	\$30 Exacta	2,1	\$30
Small	\$5 Trifecta	2 / 1,9 / 1,9	\$10



**Breeders' Cup Picks Tip Sheet** 

## **Breeders' Cup Turf**

## **Analysis By: Paul Halloran**

Race 7 - Post Time 5:01pm EST

### **Race Analysis**

You have the Breeders' Cup Turf to write for the Power Picks, said Uncle Howard. Good deal. About half of the field will be U.S.-based horses and we can start by eliminating them from the top line. Euros have dominated this race recently, winning 8 of the last 9 (Bricks and Mortar won in 2019 at SA). In the 40 runnings of the Turf, Euros have won 26 (65%) and in the 13 that have been contested in California, the invaders have won 7.5 (High Chapparal-Johar DH in 2003). So, which shipper will it be?

Good question. There are five Euros, two Japanese horses and an Argentinian who has made two starts stateside. While Rebel's Romance, a Godolphin standard bearer who won the 2022 edition at Keeneland, is a deserving 5-2 ML favorite, he is up against a major statistical trend in trying to win the BC Turf at age 6 or higher. Those horses are 0-55, with 4 seconds and 8 thirds. Until one wins, I'm looking elsewhere.

That search has led me to **#5 Jayarebe**, a French-bred 3-year-old coming off a win in a Group 2 stakes on Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend at Longchamp. He did all the running in the Prix Dollar, leading into the stretch before getting passed briefly, only to re-rally with a powerful move that put him back on top. From there he held off a fast-closing Almaqam to win by a head. Yes, he needs to navigate 12 furlongs for the first time, but I have always felt that getting an extra furlong or so in the U.S. is not a major issue for the Euros. There have been 12 BC Turf winners who did not have a win at the distance coming in, including 2006 champ Red Rocks, also trained by Brian Meehan, the conditioner of Jayarebe. If you're looking to win this race on the front end, Del Mar is the place to be.

A year after winning the Turf with Auguste Rodin, Aidan O'Brien sends over **#4 Luxembourg** and **#10 Wingspan.** I like the former better, even though Luxembourg is coming off two 6th-place finishes, both in Group 1s. He did win the Gr. 1 Coronation Cup at Epsom and his back class should be good enough to put him in the hunt here.

I have **#11 Rebel's Romance** third, followed by **#2 Emily Upjohn,** a John Gosden trainee who will be reunited with Frankie Dettori, the jockey the last time she won, in June 2023.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$30 Win / Place	# 5 - Jayarebe	\$60
Large	\$10 Exacta	5 / 2,4,10,11	\$40
Small	\$5 Exacta	2,4,10,11 / 5	\$20



**Breeders' Cup Picks Tip Sheet** 

## **Breeders' Cup Classic**

## Analysis By: Howard Kravets

Race 8 - Post Time 5:41pm EST

#### **Race Analysis**

The feature race of the weekend (at least based on prestige and purse of \$7mil) is the Classic, and what a race it is! There's intrigue and fascinating story lines abound, starting with one of the best horses in the world, **#3 City of Troy (5-2)**, a 3yo for Aidan O'Brien making his dirt debut. The son of Justify is trying to give the "lads" at Ballydoyle their first, elusive Classic victory. They've finished 2nd twice with Declaration of War and Henry the Navigator. As talented as he is, I'm going to try and beat him. But what a story it would be if the 3yo wins!

There is s strong contingent from Japan as well...they have a 3-pronged attack with **#1 Forever Young (6-1)**, 3rd in the memorable Kentucky Derby, **#6 Derma Sotagake (20-1)**, and **#7 Ushba Tesoro (12-1)**. My top choice in the race is Forever Young, although I wish he did not draw the rail. It's a long run to the first turn, but at times he's broken a bit awkwardly and inside is not the place to do that in a big field. But he's been prepped for this race all year long and comes in fresh with upside...huge shot today. If the pace heats up, I do think 7yo Ushba rates a good chance also. He'll love the 1 ¼ and possible hot pace.

As for the Americans, I have a lot of questions. That being said, one of them can easily win this race. I've been negative to **#9 Fierceness (3-1)** since before the Derby, and I'm not going to waver now. He's got candy trips on the outside with no real adversity into relatively slow paces. I know he's improved and has run well, but you gotta take some stands in these races, and I want to see it again vs. the best field he's faced by far. Then there's our podcast's boy from the Derby, **#11 Sierra Leone (12-1)**. Say what you will, but he's run big all year, and the projected hot pace and distance should work well. He's been training forwardly, and the Gun Runner's mature as they get older. I'm not picking him on top, but using him for sure in my horizontals and won't be surprised if he wins for Chad Brown.

Others to consider for me include **#2 Highland Falls (20-1)** for Cox, **#12 Arthur's Ride (15-1)**, who Highland Falls beat last time decisively, and the interesting long-winded **#14 Next (8-1)**, who is getting some love by the morning-line maker and smart people like NBC's and FanDuel's Matt Bernier. I think this race has a chance to fall apart and will lean to the mid-pack and closing types to get the job done. Sit back and enjoy the Classic!

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Big	\$50 Win	#1 - Forever Young	\$50
Big	\$10 Exactas	1/3,7,11,14 AND 3,7,11,14/1	\$80
Small	\$5 Win, \$10 Place/Show	#11 - Slerra Leone	\$25



**Breeders' Cup Picks Tip Sheet** 

## **Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf**

## **Analysis By: Pete Visco**

Race 9 - Post Time 6:25pm EST

#### **Race Analysis**

This year's version of the F&M Turf does not, on paper, have the same star power as previous renditions which can be a negative from a hype standpoint, but can be a positive from a betting standpoint.

Since I do think it's wide open, I am happy that I landed on a decent priced horse, **#7 Content (6-1)**. Based on her results in the last two races, she may even float up a bit since they were dreadful. For me, though, I am okay completely tossing them since she has proven that she may just have hated the soft ground. Now, she will be getting the firm turf course that I think she will love. Prior to the last two, what I liked was that she was on the improve once they decided to stretch her out to 10f+ starting with a loss to Arc winner Bluestocking, then a nice run in the Irish Oaks where I think she was best, and culminating with the victory in theYorkshire Oaks. Along with the improved results, her Timeform figures increased steadily each race in 2024. Getting her back on ground she will like and a stalking trip will hopefully get her in the winner's circle.

Next up for me is a price play based mostly on form and a pace advantage, and that's **#2 Full Count Felicia (12-1)**. So many times we look at these "speedball" horses who jump out to big leads and try and bottom-out fields as fluky and circumstantial. That might be the case sometimes, but I think she just might be good. In her last three 9f+ races, all runaway wins, she looked like one of those speed horses who is better carrying her speed going longer. If that's the case, this could be the perfect spot. For reference, her Timeform Early Pace figure is 111 and the next figure is an 87. That is a huge difference that accentuates what a potential pace advantage she might have and, I think, she is talented and fast enough to carry this field all the way around.

Lastly, I want to mention two closers, **#4 War Like Goddess (5-2)** and **#3 Cinderella's Dream (4-1)**, the two lowest prices on the board. If they get the setup that they need, they can take this race down. **#4 War Like Goddess (5-2)** is always tough, especially against fillies/mares, but her last few wins were in smaller fields and I worry she could get hung up here and be too far back. **#3 Cinderella's Dream (4-1)** is a Godolphin/Appleby horse with Buick riding, which is generally enough reason to like her. My only concern is she seems to be a notch below the top runners from a figure standpoint and maybe that's enough to get her beat.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$25 Win / Place	#7 - Content	\$50
Small	\$0.50 Trifecta Key Box	7 w/ 2,3,4,10,12	\$30
Small	\$15 Daily Double	7 / 8,9,10	\$45



**Breeders'** Cup **Picks Tip Sheet** 

## **Breeders' Cup Sprint**

## **Analysis By: Noah Meagher**

Race 10 - Post Time 7:05pm EST

### **Race Analysis**

You better get yourself either an alcoholic beverage or an Advil, because this year's Breeders' Cup Sprint will certainly test your handicapping abilities. If you don't think there is a lot of speed in this year's rendition, then I don't know what speed is frankly. Let's start with some of those up front.

Your morning line favorite is the **#3 Federal Judge (3-1)**, who is coming off a very nice win in the G2 Phoenix at Keeneland. You could certainly make the argument that he benefited from a speed-favoring racetrack that day, but I'm more against him in the fact that he's got several speedballs to his outside. **#8 Straight No Chaser (5-1)** is definitely one of those, and he might be even faster. He is coming off of a huge effort last time at Santa Anita where he finally showed his old self. **#11 Skelly (8-1)** might be the key to the race in the fact that he's drawn way to the outside, and again, he's only got one way to go. He's been having some issues breaking from the gate as of recently and seems to be why he hasn't been performing his best as of late.

How those three speed horses position themselves early could benefit the likes of a few closers. **#10 Mullikin** (7-2) is one that has never been far off the speed at all, but the cutback and his slightly slower early speed could put him in a great spot off the lead. **#4 Nakatomi (6-1)** ran pretty well in this race last year, and he used his same prep in the Phoenix to get him ready for this spot. The horse that we as a racing audience don't know all that much about is **#9 Remake (8-1)**, who is a very nice closer for the Japanese contingent. He's one that is notoriously known for breaking a tad slow, but if those said speeds set blazing fractions, he could be the one that benefits the most from such a scenario.

In a race that is wide open while not hearing a lot of strong opinions from well-respected handicappers, I am very interested in the **#10 Mullikin (7-2)**. He looks to sit an unbelievable trip right off the speed, and I have no doubt that he's got plenty of ability to get the job done. We should get every bit of 3-1.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost		
Large	\$100 Win	10	\$100		
Large	\$25 Double	7,10 / 10	\$50		
Small	\$10 and \$5 Exactas	10/4,8 AND 4,8/10	\$30		



**Breeders' Cup Picks Tip Sheet** 

## **Breeders' Cup Mile**

### Analysis By: Howard Kravets Race 11 - Post Time 7:45pm EST

#### **Race Analysis**

In my humble opinion, THIS IS THE RACE OF THE WEEKEND! I always enjoy the Mile, with its usual fast paces, big fields, and wicked closing kicks leading to exciting finishes. This race has a great mix of talented Euros (mostly 3yo's of both sexes) and some of the best Americans in turf racing here in the States. With a full field of 12 runners, getting the right trip and saving ground will be crucial. There's a lot of luck involved, and the gate break, pace, plus jockey skill, will be crucial.

While the Americans are VERY good, I'm siding with the Euros here. My top choice is **#6 Notable Speech (7-2)** for Appleby and Godolphin, but I would NOT take a shorter price on him. IF they all run their best race, I think he's the fastest, but not by much. I like his tactical speed and ability to kick on in the lane. He should be a few lengths off of a hot pace. Another 3yo Euro is the progressive filly from France, **#1 Ramatuelle (5-1)**, trained by the Head family (of Goldikova fame, remember her explosive move?). Can she handle the rail and be as good as anticipated on firm ground? She was spectacular in her prep, the G1 Prix de la Foret...her best race to date. Look for her closing like a train in the stretch. But, there are many others to choose from overseas, like **#4 Diego Velazquez (8-1**, yet another 3yo) for Aidan, who is improving every start lately, and the likeable **#7 Porta Fortuna (4-1)**, a 3yo filly with American ownership connections. I'm against her as I think she's a little slower than others. Any of those can win....a nice group from across the pond.

Then, there's Team USA. I've been uber-impressed with three of them this year, **#8 More Than Looks (20-1), #9** Johannes (9-2), and **#12 Carl Spackler (6-1)**. While Carl has beaten More Than Looks, I prefer More Than Looks today. That morning line is crazy and frankly ridiculous. His closing kick is tremendous, and if the pace heats up and he gets a fair run, he's got a big shot to be a factor at around 12-1 I presume. I love Carl too, but the outside post might pose a problem, and he's received perfect trips lately, although he's very talented. Johannes is talented also and has done nothing wrong all year. He's versatile and likeable....my main question is, does he class up? The California turf horses in general are weaker than their East Coast and Midwest counterparts, and that doesn't even include the Euros of course. Do NOT take a low price on anyone in this race....there are too many that can win. This should be VERY FUN!!

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Big	\$2 Trifectas	1,4,6 / 8 / 1,4,5,6,7,9,12 AND 1,4,6 / 1,4,5,6,7,9,12 / 8	\$72
Small	\$5 Win, \$10 Place / Show	#8 - More Than Looks	\$25
Small	\$5 DD	1,6 / 8,9	\$20



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## **Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile**

## Analysis By: Charlie Freeman

Race 12 - Post Time 8:25pm EST

#### **Race Analysis**

A fantastic weekend of racing at Del Mar comes to a close with the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. This is an interesting field of 14 as there seems to be a lot more questions than answers for most of these horses. The good news is when you have a field of 14 and no obvious winner, you get a great betting race.

I did not expect to land on the morning line favorite **#9 Domestic Product (7-2)** in a race this open, but he makes a lot of sense in this spot. He should be happy to sit a stalking trip in a race that will have plenty of pace for him to go by. Last time out, Domestic Product cut back to 7 furlongs and similarly to how I see this race playing out, he sat off a hot pace and got the job done. Moving onto other contenders, the **#14 Skippylongstocking (4-1)** gets Irad Ortiz Jr. and will have to navigate a difficult post with speed. He looked fantastic repeating at Charles Town two back, but they let him get loose on the lead and he took advantage of a not so hot pace. Last time out he was not so lucky and got passed late by Tapit Trice. I think he has a real chance in this race, but with the post position and other speed I would be wary. The **#10 Muth (9-2)** is going to be a very polarizing horse as most people will either love him returning off a disastrous performance or won't touch him with a 10ft pole. I know people felt he was rushed back too quickly last time out should bounce back here, but I am wary of Muth as he has to take on older again and will be a short price. Before we move on to prices the last contender on the morning lines is the **#1 Saudi Crown (5-1)**. I find him quite interesting even though he is speed in a hot pace. He has gone longer than a mile and faced better horses for most of his career and I am interested to see the ride he gets. If Florent Geroux can secure the rail I could see Saudi Crown save all the ground while staying close and at this distance have enough in the tank.

The **#8 Post Time (12-1)** should get the absolute perfect setup for his style of running. While I know when he has run against this type of competition in the past he has come up short, he consistently finishes in the money. Lastly, the **#12 Mufasa (12-1)** is very interesting to me. While one could argue that he too is speed and is stretching out, I don't think he needs the lead by any means and has experience going this long, just not in the U.S.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Big	\$50 Win	#9 - Domestic Product	\$50
Big	\$15 Daily Double	Race 11: 4,6,7/9	\$45
Small	\$0.50 Trifecta	1,6,9,14 /8 / 1,6,9,10,14 AND 1,6,9,14 / 1,6,9,10,14 / 8	\$16
Small	\$0.50 Trifecta	1,6,9,14 / 12 / 1,6,9,10,14 AND 1,6,9,14 / 1,6,9,10,14 / 12	\$16



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