



2025 SPECIAL EDITION BREEDERS' CUP FUTURE STARS FRIDAY



Breeders' Cup Friday

October 31, 2025
Racetrack: Del Mar
Race-Day Overview

Welcome to the 2025 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 tons of early speed and interesting Euros to challenge the Americans. The Juvenile Fillies is a wide-open affair, with no clear standout and a smallish field for BC standards. The Juvenile Fillies Turf could have a standout from Europe for Aidan O'Brien, who's known for his monster turf 2yo's. The "highlight" of the day is the Juvenile, where the winner will automatically be declared the antepost 2025 Kentucky Derby favorite. Will Ted Noffey remain undefeated, or will Baffert win another California BC Juvenile? 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. Is his horse vulnerable today?

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)! And of course, there are MANY different betting options. We wish you the best of luck at the 2025 Breeders' Cup! CRUSH YOUR BETS!!

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Breeders' Cup Future Stars Friday Facts

Juvenile Turf Sprint

- U.S.: 4 wins, Euros: 4 wins (and 3 straight)

Juvenile Fillies

- Favorites have won 20 of 41
- Show Beyer improvement going from sprint to route
- Gained ground from the final turn to the wire in prep
- Win at 7 furlongs or longer on dirt
- 34 of 41 winners had a previous stakes win (doesn't have to be a Grade 1)
- 3 of the last 11 winners were off the board in their final prep
- Beyer improvement going from sprint to route; Beyer top a positive
- Only 1 winner was coming off a sprint (Beholder)
- 38 of 41 winners had a prep race within 35 days
- Baffert 2-26; Pletcher 0-19

Juvenile Fillies Turf

- U.S. horses have won 13 of the last 17
- Coming off sharp prep (on the board or within 3 lengths of lead)
- Only 2 wire winners
- Favorite: 4-for-16
- Chad Brown: 6 wins; 5 of the last 11
- 13 of 17 winners had a win at a mile or longer coming in

<u>Juvenile</u>

- Only 3 winners were stretching out from a sprint
- Coming off Beyer top a positive (8-9 Santa Anita [real dirt] winners)
- Beyer improvement going from sprint to route
- Key preps: Champagne, Breeders' Futurity, American Pharoah
- 28 of 41 winners coming off sharp prep
- If no previous stakes win, demand a price
- Don't need a win at the distance but should have run long
- 12 of last 16 winners raced at 2 turns (or a mile for Europeans)



- New York horses do not do well when it is run in Calif. but Fierceness won at SA in 2023. Last year Ferocious 5th and Chancer McPatrick 6th
- Pletcher 4 wins, 2 of the last 3

Juvenile Turf

- 18 of 18 coming off sharp prep (finished in top 3 or within 3 lengths of the winner)
- Favorites: 5-18* (includes Modern Games winning but running for purse \$ only in 2021)
- Euros 13 wins (4 at SA, 2 at Del Mar), including four straight
- U.S.: 5 wins
- Euro: on-the-board finish in Grade 1 or Grade 2 prep
- 8 of 9 Euro winners were stretching out from a sprint
- Zero wire winners
- 9 winners had previously run a mile or longer
- Aidan O'Brien: 7 wins, Appleby (3), Gosden (2)
- Jockey Christophe Soumillion has not won a BC race since 2005

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



Top 3 Picks for Breeders' Cup Races

Name	Juvenile Turf Sprint	Juvenile Fillies	Juvenile Fillies Turf	Juvenile	Juvenile Turf
Howard	10 - Cy Fair	2 - Battle of Rouge	1 - Ultimate Love	8 - Ted Noffey	12 - Bottas
	11 - Schwarzenegger	7 - Explora	13 - Precise	7 - Brant	14 - Gstaad
	9 - True Love	9 - La Wally	9 - Argos	1 - Intrepido	2 - Street Beast
Paul	8 - Havanna Anna	7 - Explora	13 - Precise	8- Ted Coffey	14 - Gstaad
	1 - Brussels	1 - Iron Orchard	2 - Queen of Hawaii	2 - Blackout Time	9 - Argos
	9 - True Love	5 - Tommy Jo	10 - Balantina	7 - Brant	6 - North Coast
Pete	10 - Cy Fair	1 - Iron Orchard	13 - Precise	2 - Blackout Time	12 - Bottas
	8 - Havana Anna	7 - Explora	3 - Imaginationthelady	8 - Ted Noffey	14 - Gstaad
	9 - True Love	2 - Battle of Rouge	1 - Ultimate Love	1 - Intrepido	9 - Argos
Kyle	10 - Cy Fair	7 - Explora	13 - Precise	8 - Ted Noffey	12 - Bottas
	8 - Havana Anna	1 - Iron Orchard	6 - Switch in Love	2 - Blackout Time	14 - Gstaad
	9 - True Love	2 - Battle of Rouge	1 - Ultimate Love	7 - Brant	6 - North Coast
Noah	10 - Cy Fair 9 - True Love 1 - Brussels	9 - La Wally 4 - Percy's Bar 7 - Explora	13 - Precise 4 - Infinite Sky 3 - Imaginationthelady	2 - Blackout Time 8 - Ted Noffey 6 - Litmus Test	2 - Street Beast 1 - Heere's Johnny 12 - Bottas
Charlie	10 - Cy Fair 9 - True Love 12 - Lennilu	4 - Percy's Bar 7 - Explora 2 - Battle of Rouge	13 - Precise 4 - Infinite Sky 5 - Final Accord	8 - Ted Noffey 2 - Blackout Time 7 - Brant	2 - Street Beast 12 - Bottas 1 - Heeere's Johnny
Patrick	11 - Schwarzenegger	7 - Explora	13 - Precise	8 - Ted Noffey	9 - Argos
	10 - Cy Fair	8 - Super Corredora	1 - Ultimate Love	7 - Brant	12 - Bottas
	12 - Lennilu	9 - La Wally	9 - Time To Dream	1 - Intrepido	14 - Gstaad
Ryan	4 - Aspect Island	9 - La Wally	13 - Precise	8 - Ted Noffey	7 - Gordon Pass
	8 - Havana Anna	2 - Bottle of Rouge	1 - Ultimate Love	2 - Blackout Time	14 - Gstaad
	9 - True Love	1 - Iron Orchard	5 - Final Accord	1 - Intrepido	9 - Argos
Jackson	1 Brussels	8 - Super Corredora	5 Final Accord	7 Brant	14 Gstaad
	11 Schwarzenegger	5 Tommy Jo	2 Queen of Hawaii	8 Ted Noffey	13 Hey Nay Nay
	5 Obliteration	7 Explora	13 Precise	2 Blackout Time	12 Bottas



Best Bets (Best VALUE, NOT necessarily most-likely winner of the day)

Name	Race	Horse	
Howard	Juvenile Fillies Turf	1 - Ultimate Love	
Paul	Juvenile Turf Sprint	8 - Havana Anna	
Pete	Juvenile Turf Sprint	10 - Cy Fair	
Kyle	Juvenile Turf	12 - Bottas	
Noah	Juvenile	2 - Blackout Time	
Charlie	Juvenile Fillies	4 - Percy's Bar	
Patrick	Juvenile Turf Sprint	11 - Schwarzenegger	
Ryan	Juvenile Fillies	9 - La Wally	
Jackson	Juvenile	7 Brant	

Top Longshots (Min. 10-1 Morning Line)

Name	Race	Horse	
Howard	Juvenile Fillies	9 - La Wally	
Paul	Juvenile Fillies Turf	2 - Queen of Hawaii	
Pete	Juvenile Fillies Turf	3 - Imaginationthelady	
Kyle	Juvenile Turf	6 - North Coast	
Noah	Juvenile Fillies	9 - La Wally	
Charlie	Juvenile Turf	2 - Street Beast	
Patrick	Juvenile Fillies	8 - Super Corredora	



Ryan	Juvenile Turf	7 - Gordon Pass
Jackson	Juv Fillies Turf	5 - Final Accord

Breeders' Cup Friday ABC Grids

Howard's ABC Grid

Race	Α	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	1,8,9,10,11	6,12	2,7	1,6,8,9,10,11,12	\$0.50 P5	\$70
7	2,7	1	3,4,5	2,7	-	-
8	1,13	-	3,5,9	1,13	-	-
9	8	7	1	8	-	-
10	12,14	2,9,13	5,10	2,9,12,13,14	-	-

Paul's ABC Grid

Race	Α	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	1,8,9	10	2,11	1,8,9,10	\$.50 P5	\$64
7	1,7	4,5	2,9	1,4,5,7	1	-
8	13	2,3	1,10	3,13	-	-
9	8	2,7	-	8	-	-
10	9,14	2,12	6,13	2,9,12,14	-	-

Pete's ABC Grid

Race	Α	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
6	8,9,10	2,12	5,11	8,9,10,12	\$0.50 P5	\$108
7	1,7	2,5	3,4	1,2,7	-	-
8	3,13	1,9	5,6	1,3,13	-	-
9	2,8	1,7	-	2,8	-	-
10	12,14	9,13	1,3	9,12,14	-	-

^{*} 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.



Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint

Analysis By: Noah Meagher

Race 6 - Post Time 5:45pm EST

Race Analysis - Top 3 Prediction: 10-9-1

The Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint brings together an evenly matched and internationally diverse group of two-year-olds, highlighted by a powerful trio from the Aidan O'Brien operation. #9 True Love, the morning-line favorite at 7-2, enters off a commanding win in the Cheveley Park (G1) and brings tactical speed and professionalism well suited to Del Mar's sharp five furlongs. Stablemate #1 Brussels, runner-up in the Middle Park (G1), projects to sit close and finish strongly, while #7 Mission Central provides O'Brien with a pace-pressing option. Europe's challenge is further deepened by #8 Havana Anna—a narrow second in the Cheveley Park—and Godolphin's #2 Military Code, who finished smartly in the Roses Stakes and shapes as a dangerous late attacker if the early fractions get heated.

The American contingent is led by #11 Schwarzenegger, who showed blazing gate speed in the Indian Summer, and #10 Cy Fair, a confident and polished winner of the Algonquin Stakes. Both are expected to be prominently placed early, along with #12 Later Than Planned, who wired the Speakeasy for Phil D'Amato and may attempt the same here. #6 Intricate Spirit, winner of the Futurity (G3), represents the Clement barn's patient, turf-focused developmental approach and will likely be ridden for a stalk-and-pounce trip under Joel Rosario. #12 Lennilu, #5 Obliteration, and #3 Royal Testament all have patterns indicating improvement, but their best chances may come if the expected early duel between Schwarzenegger and Cy Fair intensifies.

The race's outcome will likely hinge on whether the Americans can control the pace or whether the Europeans can keep contact early enough to take advantage in the lane. Del Mar's short stretch and sharp turns reward **position over pure finish**, which suits True Love and Schwarzenegger particularly well. However, if the first quarter goes sub-21 and the front-runners start to feel pressure late, the advantage swings toward horses like **Havana Anna**, **Brussels**, or **Military Code** who have shown the ability to quicken late against top company. With contrasting styles, deep international representation, and several juveniles still on the rise, this year's Juvenile Turf Sprint promises to be one of the most tactically intriguing and visually thrilling races of the Breeders' Cup weekend.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$50 Win	10 - Cy Fair	\$50
Small	\$10 Exacta	10 / 1,9,11	\$30



Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies

Analysis By: Howard Kravets

Race 7 - Post Time 6:25pm EST

Race Analysis - Top 3 Prediction: 2-7-9

This year's Juvenile Fillies lacks a superstar, and frankly it's not the most talented field we've seen in this race over the years. However, the 9 horses entered are evenly matched, which should make for a fascinating betting market, with no horse lower than 5-2 predicted by yours truly.

Let's start with my top choice, the Baffert-trained #2 Battle of Rouge (9-2), owned by his wife Jill. The horse has already beaten likely post-time favorite and my 2nd choice, #7 Explora (5-2), when going 7f in September. Explora, also trained by Baffert, got an easy lead that day and Battle of Rouge went right on by in the lane. Now, Explora has improved with blinkers off and two turns, but I'm not convinced Battle of Rouge won't appreciate that distance either, as she's by BC Classic winner Vino Rrrrrrrrosso (as Larry Collmus called her in victory). Mike Smith should get a nice, stalking trip from the inside, and have every chance to go by in the lane. Time for the "other Baffert" to get the job done today?

On paper, there's PLENTY of early gas, which is partially why I'm against the 1-2 finishers in the Alcibiades at Keeneland a few weeks ago, #4 Percy's Bar (9-2) and #5 Tommy Jo (7-2). That race was not pretty visually in the lane (with or without the bumping/DQ), and I don't like either one of them to battle others and win this event.

That leads me to an interesting longshot in the race, #9 La Wally (10-1), for the poetic duo of Glatt and Prat. Although she lost to a few of these in the local prep last time, her breeding suggests longer is better, and I believe Prat will just take back, let the speed go, and make a stronger move in the stretch than last time. If the pace gets heated and melts down, look for La Wally to possibly pick up the pieces. Two other worth mentioning are the NY-bred #1 Iron Orchard (6-1) and #3 Meaning (15-1). Iron Orchard is talented, but I'm not sure about the ship out West and lack of 2-turn experience, we'll see. Meaning is by Gun Runner...this is probably too much too soon, but if she runs a big race, I wouldn't be surprised either.

Really fun, wide-open race...let the tote board be your guide, but I'm hoping the "less-likely" of the Baffert brigade gets the job done this year, in a race that Baffert traditionally does not win.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$50 Win	#2	\$50
Small	\$5 Exactas	2 / 1,7,9 AND 1,7,9 / 2	\$15 ea.
Small	\$5 Daily Double - R7/R8	2,7 / 1,13	\$20



Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf

Analysis By: Charlie Freeman

Race 8 - Post Time 7:05pm EST

Race Analysis - Top 3 Prediction: 13-4-5

It feels wrong to start my analysis with any other horse so I will start with the horse who is likely Aidan O'Brien's most likely winner in the #13 Precise (6-5). After narrowly losing her debut going 6 furlongs, Precise has come back to win four straight. She has progressed quickly and is already a three time graded stakes winner including two Grade 1s. Critically, her last effort was going a mile so she has experience going the distance and won comfortably by 3 lengths. She has shown that she is tactical and certainly has enough speed to avoid being too far back when they turn from home. There appears to be a fairly hot pace in this race which should work out nicely for Precise who has no problem sitting off the leaders. The concern is the post draw, but I believe that she is simply too talented for these.

There are others that deserve consideration starting with the rail. The **#1 Ultimate Love (8-1)** is certainly a fascinating horse. An undefeated filly who has won easily in all three of her starts, the main question is who has she beaten. While this is a concern for me, you can only beat who is in front of you and she has done so soundly. She can clearly sit off the pace and has shown a strong ability to blow by horses in the stretch.

The second choice is the **#9 Time to Dream (5-1)** for Pletcher and Repole. This well meant filly naturally with the connections has received plenty of buzz and money in her starts. She is two of three with her lone defeat being a solid third in the Jessamine after closing like a train from way out of it. The main knock on her will be the lack of early speed, but with the pace scenario in this race it should set up nicely for her. She also had a very troubled trip last time and was stuck in traffic and bumping into horses and flew home once she got clear.

The #4 Infinite Sky (20-1) doesn't have any beyer figures that jump out at you, but I believe she is sitting on a monster effort. She will certainly need pace to run into, but as mentioned earlier there should be plenty of it. Last time out she visually took a nice step forward as despite being dead last and stuck in traffic in the stretch, she was absolutely flying home and outclosed Time to Dream. Crucially, she gets Flavien Prat aboard. Finally, the #5 Final Accord (15-1) is a bit of a wildcard in this race as she has never gone more than 6 furlongs. That being said, last time out she came from off the pace and cruised by the field with plenty in hand. I think she will enjoy the extra distance and can use her natural speed from sprinting to sit a nice trip.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$100 Daily Double	13 / 8	\$100
Small	\$15 Exacta	13 / 4,5	\$30
Small	\$5 Pick 3	13/8/1,2,9,11,12	\$25



Breeders' Cup Juvenile

Analysis By: Pete Visco Race 9 - Post Time 7:45pm EST

Race Analysis - Top 3 Prediction: 2-8-1

The Juvenile has the chance to be both uninteresting and interesting at the same time. It could be uninteresting because **#8-Ted Noffey** is expected to be one the biggest chalks of the two days and, on paper, might lay over this field. However, it's interesting because this race tends to be the start of the Kentucky Derby hype train for the winner, especially if the winner is a horse that has been as impressive as **#8-Ted Noffey**.

So the questions are, does #8-Ted Noffey deserve to be this big of a favorite and is there anyone talented enough to jump up and take him down? With regards to the 1st question, the answer looks, on paper, like a resounding yes. From a figure standpoint, he has been improving each race (at least as far as Timeform is concerned, he was similar per Beyer in his last two) and that includes going from one-turn to two-turns last out in the Breeders Futurity. So any distance questions seemed to be put to rest. He has also just won each of his races so decisively and seemed to be getting stronger at the wire, that it feels like there are still more levels for him to reach. So, all-in-all, he looks like a much deserving chalk and is the best horse.

For the 2nd question, let's look at contenders. The expectation is that the 2nd choice will be **#7-Brant**. That makes sense with Bob Baffert having won this race a record six times and **#7-Brant** being a \$3M purchase by Zedan who flashed a 101 Beyer on debut and is 2-for-2 at Del Mar. However, he also has some big questions. Specifically, he has yet to go around 2-turns, his Beyer dropped 10 points in his 2nd race where he was somewhat unimpressive as a huge chalk, and Baffert has lost at least the last five BC Juveniles where he brought a horse in going sprint-to-route. What **#7-Brant** can do is rush to the lead and make **#8-Ted Noffey** work harder than he's ever had to get the lead which can take a little starch out of him late.

With all that said, I am coming back with #2-Blackout Time. I liked him last time to potentially upset #8-Ted Noffey, which didn't work out, but I still look at him as a horse who is improving with each start, which is backed up by his steadily improving Beyer and Timeform figures, who the distance suits, and who is 2nd off a layoff which is a good move for K. McPeek (he is 30% W 2nd off 60-75 Day Layoff in Dirt Routes). If #7-Brant can make #8-Ted Noffey work, I am counting on #2-Blackout Time to come running late for the win.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$40 Win	#2	\$40
Large	\$30/\$20 Exacta - Dutch	Big: 8,2 - Small: 2,8	\$50
Small	\$5 Daily Double	2,8 / 12	\$10



Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf

Analysis By: Paul Halloran

Race 10 - Post Time 8:25pm EST

Race Analysis - Top 3 Prediction: 14-9-6

chance. Aidan has won this race seven times and I say he makes it eight.

This race, similar to the Juvenile Fillies Turf, is a referendum on the importance of post position, or at least how you as a bettor perceive it. Aidan O'Brien, arguably the best trainer in the world, who with his next Breeders' Cup win stand alone as the all-time leader among trainers, drew the 13 with Precise in the Juvenile Fillies Turf and the far outside with 9-5 ML favorite **#14 Gstaad** here. – For insight into what Aidan had to say about his BC horses a week out check out our interview:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4nULnFvSkQ&list=PL9oSntxa49YVTqZXlw4-YhjkZLdelAdwP&index=7 Christophe Soumillon, who has been filling in for the injured Ryan Moore on AOB horses, will earn his money Friday as he also rides Precise. My opinion is that Gstaad, who had an eventful trip in running second in the Group 1 Dewhurst at Newmarket last out, is appreciably better than this field and I could not make a strong enough case for anyone else on top. Note that he will have to overcome the curse of legendary NYRA handicapper Harvey Pack, who always advised playing against a favorite being asked to do something for the first time, in this case going one more furlong than Gstaad has ever attempted. But I have always maintained that the typical Euro can easily navigate an extra furlong when crossing the pond to run, so I'll take that

Ask me whom I rooting for and that's easy - #9 Argos, trained by Riley Mott, son of Hall of Famer Bill. With the elder Mott forcing to scratch likely Breeders' Cup Classic winner Sovereignty, Riley winning a BC race would make for a good story, and even moreso considering he and his wife Megan lost their 2-year-old daughter, Margot, to cancer in early 2024. Riley is making a name for himself and has a legitimate chance to get his first Breeders' Cup win. He sent Argos North twice, most recently to win the Grade 1 Summer Stakes at Woodbine. This son of Nyquist will be closing under the eminently capable Flavien Prat.

I'm using **#12 Bottas** for Miguel Clement and **#2 Street Beast** on the B line in my grid. Bottas flew home to win the Pilgrim last time, while Street Beast won a juvenile stakes at Kentucky Downs. And I think **#6 North Coast** has a chance to blow up the trifecta at 30-1.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$15 Exacta	14 / 2,6,9,12	\$60
Small	\$6 Exacta	14 / 2,6,9,12	\$24
Small	\$1 Trifecta	14 / 9 / all 14 / all / 9	\$24



Good luck with all your wagers.... CRUSH YOUR BETS!!!







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BREEDERS' CUP SATURDAY

Breeders' Cup Saturday

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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 three undercard events BEFORE the BC races, and three BC races AFTER the Classic, which goes as Race 9.

Many storylines will emerge throughout the day, including the filly Kopion taking on the boys in the Sprint, an amazing Turf with serious Euros, a Classic for the ages (even without Sovereignty), a possible emerging superstar in the Dirt Mile, and very difficult puzzles in the Mile and F & M Turf. We know many end-of-the-year Eclipse Awards are on the line in several divisions, including Horse of the Year.

Finally, there are 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. A new bet is the popular \$3 Turf Pick 3....I'm expecting a big pool for that exotic bet.

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Pick Information

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Breeders' Cup Saturday Facts

Dirt Mile

- Favorites: 6-18 (2 of last 3)
- 7 of 18 winners coming off win in final prep
- 3- and 4-year olds: 14 wins
- Previously run in Grade 1 or Grade 2 prep, but doesn't have to be a win
- Sharp prep: 15-18
- Long layoff OK
- Turnback a positive, but previous experience at a mile or longer also good
- 13 winners had previous win at mile; 13 had a win at 1 1/8
- Baffert 0-12 (National Treasure lost by a nose to Cody's Wish in '23)

Filly & Mare Turf

- Euros: stretching out better than cutting back from 1¼
- 9 of 12 U.S. winners had a Keeneland prep
- **26 of 26** winners coming off sharp prep
- U.S. winners all finished first or second in prep
- U.S. 3-year-olds: 0-33; Euro 3-year-olds: 7-63
- 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
- Euros: 12 wins in 26 runnings
- 15 of last 19 winners and 19 of 26 overall had a previous Grade 1 win
- 21 of 25 winners ran in a Grade/Group 1 in their final prep
- Repeater a positive
- Chad Brown: won 4 of last 12

Filly & Mare Sprint

- On the lead coming into the stretch a positive
- 7 furlong specialist
- 7 of 21 winners coming off turf or synthetic prep
- Only one horse cutting back from route to sprint has won
- Age 4 or 5: 14 of 18 winners
- 3-year-olds: 3-41 but have won 3 of last 7 runnings



- PP 1-2-3: Only 3 wins (including Goodnight Olive in 2023)
- 17 of 18 winners coming off sharp prep
- Baffert 1-10

Mile

- 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: 13-40
- Made at least 3 starts this year: 37 out of 40
- Sharp prep a must (2020 an exception)
- Euros: Grade 1 win; U.S. any stakes win
- U.S.: 23 wins, 10 of last 16
- Euros 18 wins, 5 of last 7
- Coming off Beyer top not a positive
- Filly: previous win vs. boys, Grade 1 win, mile specialist
- 3-year-old: previous start vs. older
- 12 3-year-old winners, 10 of them Euros
- Aidan O'Brien: 1-29 (won in 2020)
- 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: 5-49
- Coming off Beyer not a positive: 3-34
- Sharp prep: 40-41
- Long layoff a negative; race within 35 days a positive
- Distaff at 1 1/8: 3-year-olds 24-47
- Favorites: 18-41

Turf

- Two U.S. 3-year-old winners, none since 1989
- 9 Euro 3-year-old winners (including Auguste Rodin in 2023)
- Euros have won 9 of last 10
- Favorites: 12-41 overall, 5-23 since 2002
- 4 wire winners, 3 of them U.S. horses
- 6-year-olds and up: **1-59** (Rebel's Romance last year), 4 seconds, 9 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 24 of last 32 winners



- 4 fillies have won – all Euros; only one was a 3-year-old – Found for Aidan OB in 2015

Classic

- 3-year-olds: 14 wins, 16 seconds, 14 thirds
- 6-year-olds and up: 0-37
- Grade 1 stakes win: 37 of 41 winners, 21 in a row
- Win at distance not mandatory
- Coming off Beyer top not a positive overall, but last 3 winners have come in off career best
- 6 of last 10 winners coming off layoff of 62 days or longer

Turf Sprint

- Favorites: 5-17
- All winners hit board in graded stakes prep
- Previous win at race distance: 13-16
- Euros: 2-21, both in the last 5 years
- Three 3-year-old winners

Sprint

- Favorites: 9-41, 4 of last 24
- 32 of last 33 winners coming off sharp prep
- 35 winners coming off stakes win
- 23 of last 31 winners had bullet workout leading up to race
- 6 furlong specialist (with success at 6½ or 7 furlongs)
- Long layoff a positive (with stamina workout 6F or longer)
- Made at least 4 starts this year
- Baffert 5 wins

Miscellaneous

- McPeek in BC: 1-for-38 (7 seconds, 10 thirds) Thorpedo Anna won last year
- Sadler in BC: 3-53 (2 wins in the Classic, 1 in Dirt Mile)
- Jockey Christophe Soumillion has not won a BC race since 2005 (as of Friday)

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Top 3 Picks for Breeders' Cup Races

Name	Filly & Mare Sprint	Turf Sprint	Sprint	Distaff	Turf
Howard	9 - Richi	1 - Motorious	10 - Bentornato	8 - Seismic Beauty	3 - Amiloc
	8 - Hope Road	8 - Ag Bullet	7 - Imagination	3 - Cliquot	8 - Minnie Hauck
	6 - Sweet Azteca	5 - Bringthebandhome	1 - Kopion	12 - Dorth Vader	1 - Rebel's Romance
Paul	8 - Hope Road 1 - Zeitlos 6 - Sweet Azteca	1 - Zeitlos 8 - Ag Bullet		12 - Dorth Vader 8 - Seismic Beauty 1 - Nitrogen	8 - Minnie Hauk 10 - El Cordobes 1 - Rebel's Romance
Pete	8 - Hope Road 8 - Ag Bullet 4 - Tamara 2 - Reef Runner 9- Richi 1 - Motorious		2 - Banishing 10 - Bentornato 3 - Lovesick Blues	8 - Seismic Beauty 12 - Dorth Vader 1 - Nitrogen	8 - Minnie Hauk 1 - Rebel's Romance 3 - Amiloc
Kyle	4 - Tamara	1 - Motorious	10 - Bentornato	8 - Seismic Beauty	8 - Minnie Hauk
	8 - Hope Road	10 - Shisospicy	1 - Kopion	3 - Clicquot	3 - Amiloc
	6 - Sweet Azteca	5 - Bringthebandhome	2 - Banishing	1 - Nitrogen	1 - Rebel's Romance
Noah	2 - Splendora	1 - Motorious	6 - Dr. Venkman	8 - Seismic Beauty	8 - Minnie Hauk
	6 - Sweet Azteca	8 - Ag Bullet	1 - Kopion	5 - Scottish Lassie	3 - Amiloc
	8 - Hope Road	5 - Bringthebanhome	7 - Imagination	11 - Dry Powder	2 - Goliath
Charlie	8 - Hope Road	2 - Reef Runner	7 - Imagination	8 - Seismic Beauty	8 - Minnie Hauk
	9 - Richi	3 - Arizona Blaze	10 - Bentornato	12 - Dorth Vader	3 - Amiloc
	2 - Splendora	8 - Ag Bullet	1 - Kopion	1 - Nitrogen	2 - Goliath
Patrick	9 - Richi	1 - Motorious	10 - Bentornato	8 - Seismic Beauty	1 - Rebels Romance
	8 - Hope Road	5 - Bringthebandhome	7 - Imagination	3 - Cliquot	3 - Amiloc
	2 - Splendora	8 - Ag Bullet	2 - Banishing	1 - Nitrogen	8 - Minnie Hauck
Ryan	8 - Hope Road	3 - Arizona Blaze	3 - Lovesick Blues	8 - Seismic Beauty	1 - Rebels Romance
	9 - Richi	1 - Motorious	10 - Bentornato	2 - Sarawak Rim	3 - Amiloc
	10 - Praying	2 - Reef Runner	2 - Banishing	3 - Cliquot	8 - Minnie Hauk
Jackson	8 Hope Road	8 AG Bullet	1 Kopion	8 Seismic Beauty	1 Rebels Romance
	9 Richi	2 Reef Runner	11 Mullikin	13 Regaled	8 Minnie Hawk
	6 Sweet Azteca	5 Bringthebandhome	7 Imagination	12 Dorth Vader	9 Gold Phoenix



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

Name	CLASSIC	Mile	Dirt Mile	Filly & Mare Turf
Howard	1 - Fierceness	3 - Sahlan	2 - Goal Oriented	14 - See the Fire
	7 - Sierra Leone	4 - The Lion in Winter	3 - Nysos	6 - Diamond Rain
	10 - Antiquarian	2 - Notable Speech	4 - Mystic Dan	9 - Cinderella's Dream
Paul	9 - Journalism	10 - Jonquil	3 - Nysos	6 - Diamond Rain
	1 - Fierceness	11 - Rhetorical	2 - Goal Oriented	13 - She Feels Pretty
	7 - Sierra Leone	2 - Notable Speech	4 - Mystik Dan	14 - See The Fire
Pete	5 - Forever Young	11 - Rhetorical	3 - Nysos	6 - Diamond Rain
	1 - Fierceness	8 - Formidable Man	2 - Goal Oriented	14 - See The Fire
	7 - Sierra Leone	2 - Notable Speech	6 - Full Serrano	5 - Gezora
Kyle	5 - Forever Young	2 - Notable Speech	3 - Nysos	9 - Cinderella's Dream
	7 - Sierra Leone	7 - Johannes	2 - Goal Oriented	6 - Diamond Rain
	1 - Fierceness	4 - The Lion in Winter	4 - Mystic Dan	14 - See the Fire
Noah	1 - Fierceness	4 - The Lion in Winter	3 - Nysos	9 - Cinderella's Dream
	5 - Forever Young	2 - Notable Speech	6 - Full Serrano	6 - Diamond Rain
	2 - Baeza	3 - Sahlan	2 - Goal Oriented	14 - See the Fire
Charlie	5 - Forever Young	3 - Sahlan	3 - Nysos	13 - She Feels Pretty
	7 - Sierra Leone	4 - The Lion In Winter	2 - Goal Oriented	6 - Diamond Rain
	2 - Baeza	11 - Rhetorical	4 - Mystik Dan	14 - See The Fire
Patrick	7 - Sierra Leone	5 - Program Trading	3 - Nysos	14 - See the Fire
	1 - Fierceness	2 - Notable Speech	4 - Mysik Dan	9 - Cinderella's Dream
	2 - Baeza	4 - The Lion in WInter	2 - Goal Oriented	6 - Diamond Rain
Ryan	5 - Forever Young	11 - Rhetorical	3 - Nysos	11 - Bedtime Story
	7 - Sierra Leone	3 - Sahlan	5 - Tumbarumba	6 - Diamond Rain
	10 - Antiquarian	10 - Jonquil	9 - Touch of Destiny	14 - See the Fire
Jackson	5 Forever Young	11 Rhetorical	3 Nysos	2 Stellify
	1 Fierceness	4 The Lion in Winter	4 Mystik Dan	6 Diamond Rain
	7 Sierra Leone	7 Johannes	6 Full Serrano	13 She Feels Pretty



Best Bet: (Best VALUE, NOT necessarily most-likely winner of the day)

Name	Race	Horse	
Howard	Mile	3 - Sahlan	
Paul	Turf Sprint	3 - Arizona Blaze	
Pete	Filly and Mare Turf	6 - Diamond Rain	
Kyle	Filly and Mare Turf	9 - Cinderella's Dream	
Noah	Mile	4 - The Lion in Winter	
Charlie	Mile	3 - Sahlan	
Patrick	Classic	7 - Sierra Leone	
Ryan	Dirt Mile	3 - Nysos	
Jackson	F & M Sprint	8 Hope Road	

Top Longshots (Min. 10-1 Morning Line)

Name	Race	Horse
Howard	Turf	3 - Amiloc
Paul	Mile	10 - Jonquil
Pete	Sprint	2 - Banishing
Kyle	Turf	3 - Amiloc
Noah	Sprint	6 - Dr. Venkman
Charlie	Turf	3 - Amiloc
Patrick	Mile	5 - Program Trading



Ryan	F&M Turf	11 - Bedtime Story
Jackson	Distaff	13 Regaled

Breeders' Cup Saturday ABC Grids

Howard's ABC Grid

Race	Α	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	8,9	6	2,4	8,9	-	-
5	1,5,8	-	2,3	1,5,8	\$0.50 P5	\$108
6	10	1,7	2,3	7,10	-	-
7	8	2,3,12	-	2,3,8	-	-
8	3,8	1	2,14	1,3,8	\$0.50 P5	\$108
9	1,7	5,10	-	1,5,7,10	-	-
10	3,4	2,11	1,7,10	2,3,4	1	-
11	2,3	4	6,7,9,10	2,3,4	-	-
12	6,14	5,9	11,12,13	6,14	-	-

Paul's ABC Grid

Race	Α	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	6,8	4,9	1	4,6,8,9	-	-
5	3,8	4,10	1,2	3,4,8,10	\$1 Turf P4 (Race 5,8,10,12)	\$96
6	7,10	1	3,12	7,10	-	-
7	8,12	1,5	2,3,4	8,12	-	-
8	1,8	3,10	2	1,8	\$.50 P5	\$108
9	1,9	5,7	2,8,10	1,5,9	-	-
10	2,10,11	3,4	7,13	2,4,10,11	-	-
11	3,4	2,6	5,7,9	2,3,4	-	-
12	6,13,14	5,9	2,11	6,13,14	-	-



Pete's ABC Grid

Race	Α	В	С	Caveman Picks	Caveman Bet	Caveman Cost
4	4,8	2,9	6	2,4,8,9	-	-
5	1,2,8	3,4	9,10	1,2,3,8	\$0.50	\$108
6	2,10	1,3,7	9	2,3,10	-	-
7	8	1,3,12	2,7,13	8	-	-
8	1,8	3,4	5,6,10	1,3,8	\$0.50	\$108
9	1,5	7,8,10	2	1,2,5,7,8,10	-	-
10	2,8,11	3,4,5,7	10	2,8,11	1	-
11	3	2,4,6	7,9	3	-	-
12	5,6,14	9,12	4,11	5,6,9,14	-	-

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Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint

Analysis By: Jackson Muniz

Race 4 - Post Time 3:00pm EST

Race Analysis - Top 3 Prediction:

So many times on big days like the Breeders Cup I know I can be guilty of trying to get cute and overhandicapping myself into an opinion that I may not be in love with. That was not the case with this race, I spent very little time handicapping it because it seems simple and straightforward. Hope Road at 4-1 is the best value of the day and is way the horse to beat in this year's Filly & Mare Sprint.

I'll start with the horses I don't like. I do not understand the support that #4 Tamara is going to get in this race. She has never once run a race that is even good enough to hit the board and she is going to be the 7/2 second choice? Her last was just okay, she got a very soft trip stalking on the outside to defeat Silent Law (who would be the longest shot on the board in this field) and only earned a 95 Beyer Speed Figure. Now she's facing legit G1 animals and all the speed is drawn to her outside. She needs to improve at least 5 points to have any chance in here, and even that doesn't guarantee her a trip to the winner's circle. She will be overbet based on her connections and the noise surrounding her stablemate, Kopion. Her credentials say she should be a minimum of 10-1, not 7/2. PASS.

#6 Sweet Azteca is the other filly that I will be trying to beat in this spot. She does have the credentials in this race to be favored, but I'm not quite sure she's the horse to beat. She has cracked triple digits on the Beyer scale on four different occasions. I think you can poke holes in all four. In all of her races where's she had to set a fast pace at Del Mar and Santa Anita, she's never been able to top a 95 Beyer. I want her to prove she can survive a hot pace and still run a race that's fast enough to win.

In my eyes, #8 Hope Road (4-1) is the clear horse to beat. Even though she only has one win this year, she has knocked heads with the best in the country. There's zero shame in finishing second to Kopion twice- Kopion would trounce this field. The lone blemish was the poor effort at Churchill, but she bounced out of that race with a strong victory at Saratoga in the Ballerina. She projects to get the exact same trip on Saturday as she did at Saratoga. Sweet Azteca and Haulin Ice will go at each other, and Hope Road will sit stalk and pounce in the third spot while racing in the clear and staying out of trouble. She's the class of the field, she's the fastest horse in the race, and she's supposed to get a perfect trip. Sign me up at anywhere near 4-1.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Big	\$67 Win	#8 - Hope Road	\$67
Medium	\$30 Daily Double	8/8	\$30
Small	\$15 exacta	9/8	\$15



Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint

Analysis By: Pete Visco
Race 5 - Post Time 3:41pm EST

Race Analysis - Top 3 Prediction: 8-2-1

So many times in handicapping circles, you hear people say that they don't like handicapping/betting turf sprints. I have recently gone the other way. That's not to say that they aren't challenging, but they are interesting puzzles. This year's BC Turf Sprint is no different. It's one of the more wide open races of the two days which is reflected by the morning line with a very soft favorite of **#1-Motorious** at 7-2.

The 1st thing I looked at is the pace and this race definitely has some speed. So, you have to decide if you want the speed-of-the-speed, a horse that will sit just off and get first run, or are you looking for the race to fall apart and set up for a deep closer. With my top choice, I am going with a horse who has the ability to be on or just off the lead, but showed last year can also close from mid-pack and beyond, and that's **#8-Ag Bullet**. It's not always the best idea to take the potential favorite in a contentious race like this, but I'm just trying to come up with the horse that I think will be in the best position to win. With her versatility, her rider can let the race flow dictate her position since she is dangerous no matter where she is on the track, within reason. I anticipate her sitting just behind the speed, pouncing at the top of the lane, and getting the jump on the deeper closers.

In the 2nd and 3rd spots, I am going with two deep closers, #2-Reef Runner and #1-Motorious. #2-Reef Runner has been red hot since the short, mid-summer layoff crossing the wire 1st in three straight (one was a DQ to 2nd) after closing from mid-pack and beyond. With hopefully a hot pace up front, this one will be flying late and should be in the mix on the win end or at worst hitting the board at a solid price. The same reasoning applies to #1-Motorious. He loves the track (5-4-1-0 at DMR) and the distance (7-4-2-0 at 5f), has been excellent in both 2025 races, and ran huge to get 2nd in this race last year. I don't see why anything should be different this time around.

One more I want to mention is **#3-Arizona Blaze** who will look to repeat his success in this race from last year where he finished a fast closing 2nd. Since then, he has improved over the course of his 3yo season, evidenced by two lifetime Timeform tops in his last three races both at 5f while running against Group 1 and 2 level company. That progression, the ability to pass horses, and an affinity for the Del Mar Turf makes this one a top contender for me.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$40 Win	#8 - Ag Bullet	\$40
Large	\$10 Exacta Key Box	8 w/ 1,2	\$40
Small	\$0.50 Trifecta Box	1,2,3,8	\$12



Breeders' Cup Sprint

Analysis By: Kyle Roscoe

Race 6 - Post Time 4:21pm EST

Race Analysis - Top 3 Prediction: 10-1-2

The Breeders' Cup Sprint is a fascinating race every year with many variables in play, everything from the different distances it can be run at to the many different dirt surfaces around the nation. This rendition might just be one of the best ones we have seen in recent memory, and with a full field of 14 for the first time since 2020, we are all excited to watch this one unfold.

The race is headed by the morning line favorite, **#10 Bentornato (5-2)** for Florida trainer Jose D'angelo with Irad Ortiz Jr. picking up the mount for this extremely talented son of Valiant Minister, who is usually an only FL-Bred stallion. However, Bentornato is in a league of his own when it comes to the progeny that VM has produced, and I believe he has what it takes to continue his winning ways and put a first BC Championship trophy in the cabinet for D'angelo. Any doubt that I had with his form going into the BC was erased with his effort last time in the Louisville Thoroughbred Society where he absolutely blew the doors off that field off of a 315 day layoff. Also, while I agree this is much tougher competition, he should even have a chance to improve off that last race now second off the layoff in his 4 year old season. If that is the case, everyone is going to be running for minor placings.

Other than him, you have some others that aren't without a shot, including the filly #1 Kopion (7-2). The talented filly unfortunately got the worst of the draw on the inside, which is really not ideal. However, if you like her, you'll get a better price on Saturday. Others that have a chance at a price include the #2 Banishing (10-1) and the defending champion #12 Straight No Chaser (8-1), who comes into the race a bit off-form. But a repeat of last year's result could be in the cards if the pace holds together, albeit with a very tough post. #2 Banishing has been much better traveling 6F in my opinion, so he could get a good trip to the inside and sneak into the money at a good price.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Big	\$50 Win	#10 Bentornato	\$50
Small	\$15 Exacta	10 / 1,2	\$30
Small	\$20 Double	10 / 8	\$20



Breeders' Cup Distaff

Analysis By: Jackson Muniz

Race 7 - Post Time 5:01pm EST

Race Analysis - Top 3 Prediction: 8-13-12

I am going to get accused of being a Bob Baffert fanboy after picking his horses all weekend long, but I must call it like I see it! I've been saying for a few weeks now that #8 Seismic Beauty is the most likely winner of the weekend and I've found no reason to alter course. She has run back-to-back races that would clobber this group. In both the Clement L Hirsch and Santa Margarita she set an honest pace and kept on going to earn Beyer Speed Figures of 110 and 104, respectively. The race that stands out is certainly the Clement L Hirsch. I can make a strong argument that that was a tougher group than what she's facing here. Kopion would be a clear second choice in this race, #9 Richi has done nothing but run 100+ BSF all year and would arguably be second choice too. Even the fourth place finisher Royal Spa would at least be in contention for the second favorite. The point is, the Clement L Hirsch was a very very good group and she passed that test with flying colors.

She also did well at the post draw in this race. The concern could've been that this large field could invite other speed horses to get in her way, but then she drew outside of all the main speeds. She can either clear the speed drawn to her inside and try to wire this group again, or stalk a determined pacesetter on the outside while avoiding kickback (less preferable). At the end of the day I think she has absolutely everything going for her in this race. As long as she runs her race, it will take a significant step-up from someone else in this field to even get close to her.

I'll give out one bomb that I like more for underneath purposes. Why is **#13 Regaled 30-1**? She is every bit as fast as horses like Nitrogen and she could be ten times the price. She has run well in her last three races and she really hasn't even gotten great set-ups in those spots. I thought her race two back at Churchill Downs was excellent, when she tried to close against a good rival in Royal Spa, who had absolutely everything go her way that day. She finally put it all together last time against an overmatched group at Delaware and this filly continues to improve with each start. In the scenario where the pace gets way too hot for Seismic Beauty, I won't mind having a little saver on a giant longshot that I perceive to be the best closer in the race.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$67 win	# 8 Seismic Beauty	\$67
medium	\$10 Exacta	8/13	\$10
Small	\$5 double	13/1	\$5



Breeders' Cup Turf

Analysis By: Noah Meagher

Race 8 - Post Time 5:41pm EST

Race Analysis - Top 3 Prediction: 8-3-2

The Breeders' Cup Turf brings together a deep international field, headlined by #8 Minnie Hauk, who exits a gallant runner-up finish in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1) and goes favored here at 8-5 for Aidan O'Brien. The Frankel filly has steadily developed into one of Europe's premier middle-distance runners, boasting both tactical patience and a strong, sustained finishing kick. Her chief threat may come from #1 Rebel's Romance, who re-established his elite turf credentials with a professional score in the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (G1) and now seeks his second Breeders' Cup Turf victory for Charlie Appleby. Meanwhile, #2 Goliath arrives off a commanding win in the Grosser Preis von Baden (G1), bringing proven stamina and a grinding, relentless closing style that could be most dangerous if the pace turns honest.

Several U.S.-based contenders enter in peak form and could shape the race's early rhythm. #4 Redistricting, a strong-finishing runner-up in the Joe Hirsch, has repeatedly shown that a well-timed move from just off the pace may be his ideal setup under Flavien Prat. #9 Gold Phoenix, fresh off a sharp John Henry Turf Championship (G2) victory at Del Mar, figures to sit mid-pack before launching his run into the stretch, while #10 El Cordobes could be forwardly placed and is trending upward as an improving late-season Appleby runner. Longshots #12 Tawny Port, #6 Wimbledon Hawkeye, and #7 Silawi represent the "other-pace" and deep-closer categories—capable of impact if bias or race flow swings unexpectedly.

The tactical question shaping this year's Turf revolves around **how much pressure** is **applied early**. If the front end is allowed to crawl, Minnie Hauk's effortless cruising speed could make her nearly impossible to reel in late. But should **Rebel's Romance**, **El Cordobes**, and **Hill Road** all stay close and force a more legitimate pace, the complexion shifts toward strong stamina types like **Goliath** and **Amiloc**, who are proven over deeper staying distances. With clear elite form from Europe, resurgent American contenders, and several improving longshots rounding into form, this Breeders' Cup Turf projects to be a **true class-and-position race**—one where trip, timing, and patience could mean everything in the final furlong.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$50 Win	#8	\$50
Small	\$25 Double	R7 to R8: 8 / 8	\$25



Breeders' Cup Classic

Analysis By: Howard Kravets

Race 9 - Post Time 6:25pm EST

Race Analysis - Top 3 Prediction: 1-7-10

Shockwaves were sent through the horse racing world this past Wednesday morning, as heavy favorite and Derby winner #6 Sovereignty was unfortunately scratched out of the Classic. Whether you were for or against this awesome 3yo, it's a bummer for sure. However, life will go on and the race is STILL one of the best renditions we've seen in the history of the Breeders' Cup.

My top choice for the race, for several weeks, has been and will be **#1 Fierceness (4-1)**. I put my money where my mouth is, for better or worse, with a future win bet on him at 8-1 six weeks ago. The rail draw is not ideal, but he loves Del Mar, the distance, and has finally learned to rate in behind horses and be professional. I'm not worried about the rabbit at all, and neither should Mike Repole, who unprofessionally has made a mountain out of molehill for no damn reason. If Fierceness is a deserving BC Classic winner, he'll sit comfortably off of a 10,000-to-1 non-threat and go by when he feels like it, similar to his run in the Pacific Classic. Unless the rabbit sends Fierceness into the rail, this is a "nothingburger" in my humble opinion. His best gives him a great chance to win the \$7 mil. prize, but he'll need his "A-game", no doubt.

#7 Sierra Leone (8-1) is the defending champion, talented, and consistent. My main opinion this year, however, is while I think he'll run his race and finish in the money, there's MUCH less early speed in the race than last year, and although I expect a decent pace, it's hard to win the Classic in back-to-back years. Only the great Tiznow has been able to accomplish that feat. His odds will come WAY down from 8-1 also...he might be the post-time favorite at around 3-1, we'll see. **#5 Forever Young (6-1)** also is formidable, but I think he'll have to find a bit more to win, and certainly a more patient ride than last year when he was unnecessarily rushed up the inside into a blazing early pace...he ran well to finish 3rd.

My longshot of the race and an interesting prospect is **#10 Antiquarian (15-1)**. The "other" Pletcher-trained 4yo has finally come into his own...his win last time was NOT a fluke, although we all know about the incident after the start of the race. He's progressive, becoming more professional, gets a high-quality jock in Saez, and will get a clear run in theory breaking from the outside. I will not be surprised if he wins at 10-1. There are talented 3yo's in the race, but I think this is too tough a spot for them. GREAT RACE, good luck!!

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$50 Win	#1	\$50
Small	\$1 Trifectas	1,5,7 / 10 / 1,2,5,7,8,9 ; 1,5,7 / 1,2,5,7,8,9 / 10	\$15 ea.
Small	\$2 Daily Double	1,5,7,10 / 2,3,4	\$24



Breeders' Cup Mile

Analysis By: Paul Halloran

Race 10 - Post Time 7:05pm EST

Race Analysis - Top 3 Prediction: 10-11-2

In a race where I could make a reasonable case for 75% of the field, I'm inclined to look for value and I think there are two logical horses that fit that bill. Unlike my dear Uncle Howard, I think the Coolmore Turf Mile at Keeneland will prove to be a useful prep for this race and I'm looking to reverse the exacta finish in that one, with **#10 Jonquil (10-1)** on top of **#11 Rhetorical (5-1)**. In the Coolmore, New York-bred Rhetorical was best – much to my delight as he completed a huge P5 – getting a great trip under Irad Ortiz Jr. and holding off Jonquil. But Jonquil broke from the far outside (11) and was ninth with a quarter-mile to run. He was flying late but couldn't quite get there, thankfully. I think there is a reasonable chance he gets as good or better a trip than Rhetorical this time under Colin Keane, who rode him to victory in the Group 2 Celebration Mile at Goodwood in August.

In order to cash, we'll have to beat a formidable ML favorite, **#2 Notable Speech**, a Godolphin/Appleby/Buick colt who ran third in this race last year. The son of legendary sire Dubawi then lost four straight in Europe, before returning to North America to win the Woodbine Mile in his last start. Horses running in the BC Mile for a second time traditionally do well in this race, as do mile specialists and Notable Speech checks both boxes. Buick should be able to work out a good trip from the inside, so he should be a handful.

This is the one BC race that has been a struggle for the incomparable Aidan O'Brien, who is 1-29 (Order of Australia at 73-1 in 2020). Aidan has **#4 The Lion In Winter** in here and he is a must use at 6-1, despite coming in on a 6-race losing streak in 2025. Over his last four races he has a second and two thirds by a combined 2 lengths. Being 0-3 at a mile is a negative, but do you really want to get beat by AOB in a horizontal play?

One horse I will use on by C line is **#13 Qirat**, a 20-1 bomb who will likely try to wire this field. Not likely, but stranger things have happened – such as Order of Australia winning at 73-1!

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Large	\$25 WP	10	\$50
Large	\$10 Exacta Key Box	10 / 2, 11	\$40
Small	\$1 P3	10, 11 / 2,3,4 / 6,13,14	\$18



Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile

Analysis By: Patrick Kuenzel

Race 11 - Post Time 7:45pm EST

Race Analysis - Top 3 Prediction: 3-4-2

Shall we call this year's BC Dirt Mile the Baffert invitational? Or maybe it's the Baffert brigade? Bob Baffert comes into this year's BC Dirt Mile without ever winning the race. O for 12 having almost won it with National Treasure in 2023 (shoutout Cody's Wish)!! However you want to handicap the BC Dirt Mile, it must start with the ML favorite #3 Nysos (8-5). We can question the gaps in his workouts, the missed races due to foot bruising, and the intent of running in this race. The talent of Nysos is undeniable. All his 5 wins were visually impressive and the race he lost was a blanket finish in the Churchill Downs stakes on Derby Day.

Continuing with the "Baffert Brigade" ... #2- Goal Oriented (6-1) is intriguing to me. He finally gets a chance to dodge the top class 3-year-olds. I don't see why the mile distance shouldn't suit him well. If Goal Oriented can rate I like him to hit the board. We must figure #7 Citizen Bull (10-1) drawing more towards the outside, should be gunning for the lead which will ensure a fast pace. He's 3 for 4 at Del Mar and seems to appreciate the Mile distance with 2 wins in as many tries. I wonder if he'll be able to hold on with others trying for the lead? #6 Full Serrano (7-2) is a horse that will be sent to the front with jockey Joel Rosario hopping back aboard. Looking to repeat as winners of the 2024 BC Dirt Mile. He is a miler through and through. This field is much tougher than last year's edition in my opinion. His form is a bit all over the place for me. I'm going to play against Full Serrano.

The horse I want to have in my exacta with Nysos is #4 Mystik Dan (6-1). I really like the way he is coming into this race, off his victory in the Lukas Classic. The 2024 Derby winner has been working very well of late and should get the right pace setup for his closing kick. I must mention one of my favorite horses in training #10 White Abarrio (8-1). At 6 years old now, he's been running against the best for a long time. I truly wonder if his age and competition have caught up to him. I'll be rooting for him but not betting on him.

I will not be shocked when Nysos delivers a jaw dropping performance Saturday! I'll be playing exactas with Goal Oriented and Mystic Dan underneath to provide us some value.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Big	\$50 Exacta	3/4	\$50
Small	\$30 Exacta	3/2	\$30
Small	\$10 Trifecta	3 / 2,4 / 2,4	\$20



Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf

Analysis By: Ryan Anderson

Race 12 - Post Time 8:25pm EST

Race Analysis - Top 3 Prediction: 11-6-14

The Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf has long been one of the most intriguing and unpredictable races of the championship weekend, and this year's edition is no exception. The 2025 renewal at Del Mar shapes up as a wide-open contest, where a case can be made for nearly half the field, and a fair price is all but guaranteed on whoever you land on.

At the top of the market sits **#5 Gezora**, the 7-2 morningline favorite, an ideal draw for a filly who likes to stalk the pace and pounce late. She's been ultra-consistent in Europe, finishing in the trifecta in almost every start this year, and brings the right blend of class and tactical speed to handle the tight turns at Del Mar. While she's the deserving favorite, there are prices aplenty in here, and I opt to go that route.

One of the most interesting value plays is **#6 Diamond Rain**, **6-1**, she offers sneaky appeal after standing still at the break last time out at Woodbine. She broke dead last by two lengths and still managed to make up significant ground behind **#13 She Feels Pretty**, second choice on the morning line at 4-1. With a clean break and a smoother trip, Diamond Rain could easily turn the tables and be a major factor late.

The filly I'm most excited about, however, is **#11 Bedtime Story, 12-1**, my **top pick** in this year's Filly and Mare Turf. She was last seen finishing behind top Euro **Kalpana**, who would've likely been favored had she shipped for this race. **#11 Bedtime Story** hasn't yet captured a **Group 1**, but she's been knocking on the door and continues to improve with each start. She's an honest, hard-trying filly who could very well take the final step forward when it matters most.

Finally, **#14 See the Fire** commands respect, but drawn way outside is a serious concern. With only a short run to the first turn at Del Mar, wide posts are punishing, and saving ground is paramount on this turf course. She's got the class, but the tight turns may be a dealbreaker.

Budget Type	Bet Amount / Type	Selections	Cost
Big	\$50 Win	#11 Bedtime Story	\$50
Big	\$20 Exacta Box	#5 Gezora, #6 Diamond Rain, #11 Bedtime Story	\$120
Small	\$2 Trifecta	6,11/5/6,8,9,11,14	\$16
Small	\$1 Trifecta	5,6,11/5,6,11/5,6,11,13,14	\$18



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