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Race-Day Overview: BREEDERS' CUP FRIDAY

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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Overall ROI (since Feb. 2021): \$2.06 (\$1,968.14 / 957)

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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

Juvenile

- 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 Soumillon has not won a BC race since 2005**

Racetrack: Del Mar

Howard's ABC Grid - BC Races....R6 starts at 5:45pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	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 Halloran's Grid: BC Races

Race	A	B	C	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	-	-
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 - BC Races

Race	A	B	C	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	-	-



Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis – Races 6 - 10

The Breeders' Cup / Late Pick 5 on Future Stars Friday combines some possible singles with wide-open betting affairs. The obvious question is, do you single Precise, Ted Noffey, and/or Gstaad in your Pick 5? You could single all three, spread in the other two, and press-up. Or you could fade all of them and go for a massive score with a min. 50c base bet. Or....you could do what I plan, which is single ONLY Ted Noffey, and try to beat the other two O'Brien runners. I'll use Precise, just not press-up with her, and Gstaad I'll use much less. The turf sprint is the MOST wide open race in the sequence, while the Juv. Fillies is no easy picnic either. The pool sizes are MASSIVE on BC Weekend with much liquidity. This is the weekend to play these exotic bets, even if for a small amount. The payouts are juicy....could be life-changing if you can lucky.

Price/Spot Play(s)

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Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
7	2	Bottle of Rouge	9-2	4	\$15 WP #2

Notes:

The "other" Baffert-trained entree, **#2 Bottle of Rouge**, is sired by Constitution, so I don't think distance will be a problem. In fact, I think she'll relish it. She's already beaten the favorite Explora last time, and the inside draw and stalking ability should suit her very well. I would demand at least 7-2 here as the field is wide-open with no standouts, but I project "Bottle" to sit a good trip mid-pack and produce a great run late. Will "Money" Mike Smith win another BC race? I hope so!

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	1	Ultimate Love	8-1	5	\$20 WP #1 BIG Exactas: 13 / 1 Smaller Exactas 1 / 13

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR!! Playing the ponies is all about taking chances, going with your gut, and doing your homework. Let's face it, #13 Precise might be a complete monster and win by open lengths. But other than her, I believe **#1 Ultimate Love (8-1)**, a Trombetta-trained filly who's only run in the Mid-Atlantic, is better than most in this field and has a legit shot if Precise stubs her hoof. She's been very impressive in her runs, and has the pedigree to be a good one. She'll be able to save ground unlike many others, and Johnny V. is as hot as a pistol in the irons right now. I'd play her in the exactas and trifectas for sure, and just hope she takes to Del Mar and gets the right trip.

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10	12	Bottas	6-1	3	Trifectas: 12 / 1,2,9,13,14 / 1,2,5,9,10,13,14 1,2,9,13,14 / 12 / 1,2,5,9,10,13,14 1,2,9,13,14 / 1,2,5,9,10,13,14 / 12

Notes:

If Trainer Miguel Clement wins on Friday with **#12 Bottas (6-1)**, I would almost guarantee tears would be shed in the Winner's Circle. Since he's taken over for his father, who passed away earlier this year,

Power Picks

Miguel has an EXCELLENT season. Bottas is talented, and he's shown a nice turn of foot in both of his wins this year. From the 12-hole, Rosario will have to work out a trip, but no one blows me away in this field, and he'll be running most likely from the middle of the field. Unless #14 Gstaad is the goods and is able to avoid being wide, rank, etc....Bottas could be the one for the Clement Family.

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



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Race-Day Overview: BREEDERS' CUP SATURDAY

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.

We appreciate your support of the HHH Racing Podcast. Now, CRUSH YOUR BETS on Breeders' Cup Saturday!

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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

Power Picks

- 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

Power Picks

- 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

- McPeck 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 Soumillon has not won a BC race since 2005 (as of Friday)**

Howard's ABC Grid - BC Races....R4 starts at 3pm EDT

Race	A	B	C	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	2,7,11	1,10	2,3,4	-	-
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	A	B	C	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	A	B	C	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	-	-
11	3	2,4,6	7,9	3	-	-
12	5,6,14	9,12	4,11	5,6,9,14	-	-



Howard's Late Pick 5 Analysis – Races 8 - 12

The Breeders' Cup / Late Pick 5 on Saturday is VERY difficult as usual. Some might say it's been complicated with Sovereignty coming out. Possible singles in the sequence include Minnie Hauk, your favorite Classic horse, and Nysos. I honestly don't fully trust any of the above as a "sure thing". If I had to, I'd go with Nysos, but with some reservations. The biggest spread for me is most likely the Mile and F & M Turf. There are no standouts in either of those races, and trip will play a major factor in the outcome. If the favorites win, it could be a chalky, but one bomb would exponentially prop up the payout. Two double-digit odds horses or more....look out! This is a bet I always save money for all year on this day...what a series of fabulous races!

Price/Spot Play(s)

(Reminder, "stars" are rated from 1 – 5, with 5 being the most confident of plays)

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
8	3	Amiloc	10-1	4	\$20 WP #3 BIG Exactas: 3 / 1,8 Smaller Exactas: 1,8 / 3

Notes:

Let's just start off with this....today's Turf is VERY good, much better quality than last year in my opinion when Rebel's Romance won his 2nd BC Turf. The Euros last year weren't good / didn't run well at all, and the 2-3 finishers were nice Japanese horses, but no superstars. This year, you've got the talented filly for Aidan, and Rebel's Romance is back, plus Goliath. So why **#3 Amiloc**? I love progressive 3yo's, and this gelding is improving rapidly. When he won like a good thing at Ascot, he ran a FASTER TIME than Calandagan, the French superstar, who won in a different race at the same distance. Then, he went up in distance (too far) vs. a very nice horse in Al Riffa. Amiloc had the lead before tiring late in another great effort. He's tractable, but not a speed horse, has a good turn of foot, and should get a nice trip behind the battlers. He reminds of Yibir, who won at 8-1 in 2021. Look out if Amiloc sits the trip...does he have to improve? Yes, but only a little, and will be 5-6 times the price of the favorite.

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
9	1	Fierceness	4-1	5	\$50 Win #1

Notes:

THIS IS MY PLAY OF THE DAY AT DEL MAR!! To be clear, **#1 Fierceness** was going to be my Top Play even if Sovereignty was in the race...really a shame he's not, but it's still an awesome field. I talked about Fierceness extensive on our preview show Wednesday night, so check that out too. Despite Repole's nonsense, the rabbit has zero effect on this race. Fierceness has finally grown up, and proved last time over this surface, albeit facing MUCH weaker, he can rate in behind, take dirt, and push the button from the inside when necessary. My main concern is the rail. Even though he could sit the pocket, I prefer Johnny V. find a way to get into the 2 or 3-path and make his move on the far turn, to get a jump on the Sierra Leone's and Forever Young's of the world. He loves the 1 1/4 miles, and I just think today is his day with a little racing luck. He better have his "A+" game though...it's one helluva field.

Power Picks

Race #	Horse #	Horse Name	Odds	Stars	Bet(s)
12	6	Diamond Rain	6-1	3	\$15 WP #6

Notes:

The finale on BC Weekend is a puzzler. Godolphin has two in here, and I think my choice will take the LEAST money of the two. **#6 Diamond Rain** also does NOT have jock William Buick riding, so there's a scenario in which Diamond Rain gets a bit lost in the market. I like that. Good friend of the podcast and Euro expert Davy Lane said I should NOT worry about jock Billy Loughnane riding this one instead of Cinderella's Dream, the other Godolphin. Loughnane is a young superstar who finished 2nd this year in the UK Jockey Standings. Think of a young Tyler Gafflione. That's Loughnane. It should also be mentioned he rode Rebel's Romance in his win in Germany this summer. Anyway, Diamond Rain finished a heartbreaking 2nd, first time in N. American, to She Feels Pretty at Woodbine. Diamond broke a good 2 lengths slow...go watch the replay. This distance is farther than that one, and the pace will be more honest. I think she's gonna run a "blinder" as the Euros say. If she's not too far back, look out for Billy "The Kid" to help Diamond Rain run them down in what should be a thriller.

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

