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FUTURE STARS FRIDAY

Friday, October 30, 2026 · 5 Championship Races

RACE-DAY OVERVIEW

Welcome to the 2026 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. Strangely enough 9 of the 12 runners are Europeans. However, the Americans do stand a chance with good NY form. The Juvenile Fillies has two horses that will be heavily bet in the market. I don't think either HAS to win, as this race has a history of producing longer prices. The Juvenile Fillies Turf is an EXCELLENT rendition, with a VERY highly-anticipated horse to run from the O'Brien stable. The Juvenile has another big favorite for Baffert, but he's faced weak competition in California, and Baffert lost with a big fave in this race a few years ago (Cave Rock). Finally, the day ends with the Juvenile Turf. It's a wide open race with many talented Euros drawn poorly plus a USA runner who's been very impressive at Kentucky Downs.

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 2026 Breeders' Cup! CRUSH YOUR BETS!!

READING THE ABC GRIDS

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On the ABC Grids, if one or more of the 'A' or 'B' horses scratch and there is a single 'B' or 'C' horse, respectively, that 'B' or 'C' horse moves up to the 'A' or 'B' line, respectively, for purposes of individual or multi-race bets and the tracking of winning scores/plays.

FUTURE STARS FRIDAY

FUTURE STARS FRIDAY FACTS

JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

- U.S. horses have won 13 of the last 18
- Coming off sharp prep (on the board or within 3 lengths of lead) – [but not in '25]
- Only 2 wire winners
- Favorite: 4-for-17
- Chad Brown: 6 wins; 5 of the last 12
- 13 of 18 winners had a win at a mile or longer coming in [but not in '25]

JUVENILE TURF

- 19 of 19 coming off sharp prep (finished in top 3 or within 3 lengths of the winner)
- Favorites: 6-19* (includes Modern Games winning but running for purse $ only in 2021)
- Euros 14 wins (5 at SA, 4 at Del Mar), including five straight
- U.S.: 5 wins
- Euro: on-the-board finish in Grade 1 or Grade 2 prep
- 9 of 10 Euro winners were stretching out from a sprint
- Zero wire winners
- 9 winners had previously run a mile or longer
- Aidan O'Brien: 8 wins, Appleby (3), Gosden (2)

JUVENILE TURF SPRINT

- U.S.: 5 wins, Euros: 4 wins
- Only 2 fillies have won

JUVENILE FILLIES

- Favorites have won 20 of 42
- 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 42 winners had a previous stakes win (Super Corredora came off maiden win in '25)
- 3 of the last 12 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)
- 39 of 42 winners had a prep race within 35 days
- Baffert – 2-28; Pletcher – 0-20

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
- 29 of 42 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
- 13 of last 17 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 – 5 wins, 3 of the last 4

FUTURE STARS FRIDAY

TOP 3 PICKS

Each handicapper's top three for every Breeders' Cup race — top choice in bold.

NAME	JUVENILE TURF SPRINT	JUVENILE FILLIES	JUVENILE FILLIES TURF	JUVENILE	JUVENILE TURF
HOWARD Kravets	**8-Force Noir** 4-Brickyard Belle 3-Libertango	**2-Domain Expansion** 5-Miss Monica 3-Foxiest	**10-Amusingly** 9-Sun Goddess 3-Curracloe	**5-Hughes** 3-Salahudin 6-American History	**5-How's Al Today** 4-Haffner 10-Folsom Blues
PAUL Halloran	**4-Brickyard Belle** 3-Libertango 5-Mussab	**10-Emphatic** 5-Miss Monica 4-Rum Twist	**9-Sun Goddess** 10-Amusingly 12-Domestic Agenda	**6-American History** 5-Hughes 7-Coach Pope	**10-Folsom Blues** 2-Avec Toi 14-Great Barrier Reef
PETE Visco	**4-Brickyard Belle** 10-Harper's Corner 3-Libertango	**5-Miss Monica** 2-Domain Expansion 10-Emphatic	**1-Green Empress** 9-Sun Goddess 10-Amusingly	**3-Salahudin** 5-Hughes 7-Coach Pope	**5-How's Al Today** 10-Folsom Blues 4-Haffner
KYLE Roscoe	**1-Moonrise** 3-Libertango 4-Brickyard Belle	**5-Miss Monica** 8-Manuka Honey 2-Domain Expansion	**9-Sun Goddess** 10-Amusingly 12-Domestic Agenda	**7-Coach Pope** 5-Hughes 3-Salahudin	**4-Haffner** 10-Folsom Blues 5-How's Al Today
ANDREW Rdesinski	**3-Libertango** 4-Brickyard Belle 5-Mussab	**10-Emphatic** 3-Foxiest 5-Miss Monica	**10-Amusingly** 1-Green Empress 12-Domestic Agenda	**7-Coach Pope** 5-Hughes 6-American History	**2-Avec Toi** 5-How's Al Today 10-Folsom Blues
CHARLIE Freeman	**9-Final Objective** 3-Libertango 4-Brickyard Belle	**2-Domain Expansion** 10-Emphatic 3-Foxiest	**10-Amusingly** 9-Sun Goddess 3-Curracloe	**7-Coach Pope** 5-Hughes 3-Salahudin	**10-Folsom Blues** 5-How's Al Today 4-Haffner
NOAH Meagher	**4-Brickyard Belle** 9-Final Objective 3-Libertango	**10-Emphatic** 3-Foxiest 2-Domain Expansion	**10-Amusingly** 9-Sun Goddess 7-Vanta	**3-Salahudin** 7-Coach Pope 5-Hughes	**5-How's Al Today** 13-Agate 4-Haffner
MIKE Murphy	**3-Libertango** 4-Brickyard Belle 1-Moonrise	**10-Emphatic** 8-Manuka Honey 5-Miss Monica	**12-Domestic Agenda** 10-Amusingly 9-Sun Goddess	**6-American History** 5-Hughes 3-Salahudin	**4-Haffner** 14-Great Barrier Reef 10-Folsom Blues
JACKSON Muniz	**10-Harper's Corner** 3-Libertango 4-Brickyard Belle	**2-Domain Expansion** 10-Emphatic 8-Manuka Honey	**9-Sun Goddess** 12-Domestic Agenda 10-Amusingly	**5-Hughes** 7-Coach Pope 1-Damavand	**4-Haffner** 5-How's Al Today 12-Oscar
JOHN Kostin	**1-Moonrise** 8-Force Noir 6-Velozee	**10-Emphatic** 2-Domain Expansion 3-Foxiest	**9-Sun Goddess** 10-Amusingly 1-Green Empress	**3-Salahudin** 5-Hughes 6-American History	**3-Florida Bay** 10-Folsom Blues 2-Avec Toi
SKIP Pearring	**1-Moonrise** 4-Brickyard Belle 3-Libertango	**11-Voyager** 10-Emphatic 8-Manuka Honey	**10-Amusingly** 9-Sun Goddess 7-Vanta	**5-Hughes** 3-Salahudin 6-American History	**4-Haffner** 10-Folsom Blues 11-Man's Best Friend
BEN Kudla	**3-Libertango** 9-Final Objective 5-Mussab	**11-Voyager** 5-Miss Monica 8-Manuka Honey	**10-Amusingly** 9-Sun Goddess 12-Domestic Agenda	**6-American History** 5-Hughes 7-Coach Pope	**14-Great Barrier Reef** 10-Folsom Blues 8-Liam's Law

FUTURE STARS FRIDAY

BEST BETS & LONGSHOTS

Every handicapper's best-value play of the day, plus their favorite price horse.

BEST BETS

Best VALUE — not necessarily the most-likely winner of the day

HOWARD	Juvenile Fillies Turf	10-Amusingly
PAUL	Juvenile Turf	10-Folsom Blues
PETE	Juvenile Turf	5-How's Al Today
KYLE	Juvenile Turf	4-Haffner
ANDREW	Juvenile Fillies	10-Emphatic
CHARLIE	Juvenile	7-Coach Pope
NOAH	Juvenile Fillies Turf	10-Amusingly
MIKE	Juvenile	6-American History
JACKSON	Juvenile Turf Sprint	10-Harper's Corner
JOHN	Juvenile	3-Salahudin
SKIP	Juvenile Fillies Turf	10-Amusingly
BEN	Juvenile Fillies	11-Voyager

TOP LONGSHOTS

Minimum 8-1 morning line

HOWARD	Juvenile Turf	4-Haffner
PAUL	Juvenile Turf Sprint	5-Mussab
PETE	Juvenile Fillies Turf	1-Green Empress
KYLE	Juvenile Turf	4-Haffner
ANDREW	Juvenile Turf	2-Avec Toi
CHARLIE	Juvenile Fillies Turf	3-Curracloe
NOAH	Juvenile Fillies	3-Foxiest
MIKE	Juvenile Fillies Turf	12-Domestic Agenda
JACKSON	Juvenile Turf Sprint	10-Harper's Corner
JOHN	Juvenile Turf	3-Florida Bay
SKIP	Juvenile Fillies Turf	5-Vanta
BEN	Juvenile Fillies Turf	12-Domestic Agenda

FUTURE STARS FRIDAY

ABC GRIDS

HOWARD'S ABC GRID

RACE	A	B	C	CAVEMAN PICKS	CAVEMAN BET	CAVEMAN COST
6	**1,3,4,8**	5,9,10	–	1,3,4,5,8,9,10	**$0.50 P5**	**$105**
7	**2,5**	3,8,10	6,11	2,3,5,8,10	–	–
8	**9,10**	–	1,3,6,12	10	–	–
9	**5**	3,7	6	3,5	–	–
10	**4,5,10**	14	3	4,5,10	–	–

PAUL'S ABC GRID

RACE	A	B	C	CAVEMAN PICKS	CAVEMAN BET	CAVEMAN COST
6	**3,4**	5,8	1,9,11	3,4,5,8	**$0.50 P5**	**$96**
7	**5,10**	3,7	2,4,8	5,10	–	–
8	**9,10**	1,12	8	9,10	–	–
9	**5,6**	3,7	–	5,6,7	–	–
10	**4,10,14**	2	5,11,12	2,4,10,14	–	–

PETE'S ABC GRID

RACE	A	B	C	CAVEMAN PICKS	CAVEMAN BET	CAVEMAN COST
6	**3,4,10**	2,9	5,8,11	1,3,4,10	**$0.50 P5**	**$144**
7	**2,5,10**	3,8	4,7	2,5,10	–	–
8	**1,9,10**	3,12	6	1,9,10,12	–	–
9	**3,5**	6,7	–	3,5	–	–
10	**5,10**	4,12,13	2,11	4,5,10	–	–

For more on betting with the "ABC Method" (developed by Steve Crist), watch the video Howard produced a few years ago and/or see our website under the "Standard Power Picks" tab.

FUTURE STARS FRIDAY

SMASH OF THE DAY

Matt Miller's biggest play of the day.

THE SMASH #9 SUN GODDESS

Race 8 · Juvenile Fillies Turf

You are already deep into your BC planning. Whether you are playing in the BCBC or for more traditional cash, it's likely that you have formed some opinions and that you have already listened to a fair number of experts give their thoughts (especially those in this Tip Sheet). For the reasons you have heard many times from others, my confidence level on Friday doesn't match my confidence level on Saturday. I haven't had the success with two year olds that I have had with older horses. I don't plan on the size of Friday's "SMASH OF THE DAY" bets to be as large as Saturday's, but this play will absolutely be Friday's largest.

All one needs to do is tune into this year's installment of Paul Halloran's pre-Breeders' Cup discussion with Aidan O'Brien to know exactly where I'm heading. I heard one of the greatest trainers of all time use almost identical words and express almost identical sentiments when describing Lake Victoria in 2024 and **#9 Sun Goddess**. We all saw what Lake Victoria did, winning in explosive fashion. I'm expecting the same from Sun Goddess. I'm not going to waste your time with a detailed recap of her record, training, etc. (especially because others do a better job of that than I do)… but it all seems to point to a standout winner.

The price will be a bit short (even money is my guess). I nonetheless won't hesitate to play this horse as a single both in daily doubles running into her and out of her. There should be plenty of value in those pools relative to the win pool. I don't have strong underneath opinions for the exacta or trifecta. My cash bankroll on the day will likely be allocated 75% to these daily doubles. In the BCBC, I don't plan to do more than the three required minimum bets on Friday. Sun Goddess will be at the dead center of two of them (doubles as described above). (Note for full transparency – it's possible that if I get alive to a decent amount in the BCBC that I'll opt to push harder and truly make this one of my big plays on the weekend.)

RACE 6

FUTURE STARS FRIDAY · BREEDERS' CUP

JUVENILE TURF SPRINT

Post time **2:55pm EST** · Analysis by **Ben Kudla**

#3 TOP PICK	#9 SECOND	#5 THIRD
Libertango	**Final Objective**	**Mussab**

The Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint brings together an evenly matched and internationally diverse group of two-year-olds, highlighted by a powerful trio of Irish-bred fillies and colts. **#3 Libertango (IRE)**, the 5-2 morning line favorite as a filly against the boys, has never finished out of the exacta in her career while breaking her maiden against the males on career debut and comes off four consecutive brilliant efforts at the Group level in England. **#8 Force Noir (IRE)**, a Persian Force (IRE) colt, enters off a narrow runner-up finish in the G1 Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket at odds of 28-1. **#9 Final Objective (IRE)** is fresh off a win in the G2 Flying Childers Stakes at the five furlong distance after finishing a close second in the G2 Gimcrack Stakes in August.

The North American group is led by 3-1 morning line second choice **#4 Brickyard Belle**, who is a career two-for-two for trainer Miguel Clement. Last time out, she won the G3 Matron at Belmont going from fifth to first in the final point of call. **#10 Harper's Corner** finished second to Brickyard Belle in the Matron after setting the pace. She also set the pace in the G1 Spinaway but settled for second in that bid on the dirt.

With the European contingent having such a large presence in this race, many of which coming from Group 2 and Group 1 races, it could be a likely outcome that the trifecta is straight European. Libertango (IRE) really outclasses this group despite being a filly and has proven herself as a clear favorite. With the addition of Flavien Prat, Libertango could really shine in her North American debut for trainer George Boughey, who is a career 2-for-5 on this side of the pond with a second in his career. Final Objective (IRE) has really started to shine as of late, coming off two solid efforts finishing runner-up and first by a neck over fellow Juvenile Turf Sprint contender Crownbreaker (IRE). Regular rider James Doyle will remain aboard, which is a positive sign. Mussab (GB) brings a lot of value with a 15-1 morning line for a colt who has won his last three races, including the G3 Cornwallis. Mussab's trainer Peter Fahey will be making his first start in North America, which shows how much he thinks of this young colt to ship him to North America.

PRICE / SPOT / VERTICAL / HORIZONTAL PLAYS

BUDGET	BET AMOUNT / TYPE	SELECTIONS	COST
BIG	$50 Win	**#3 - Libertango (IRE)**	**$50**
SMALL	$10 Exacta	**3 / 5,9**	**$20**

RACE 7

FUTURE STARS FRIDAY · BREEDERS' CUP

JUVENILE FILLIES

Post time **3:35pm EST** · Analysis by **Andrew Rdesinski**

#10 TOP PICK	#3 SECOND	#5 THIRD
Emphatic	**Foxiest**	**Miss Monica**

Let's start with my top choice, the morning line favorite **#10 Emphatic**. Look, I know betting the chalk is boring and not enticing. However, this one is a Grade 1 winner already, winning the Alcibiades last time out at Keeneland (where this race also takes place, obviously). This PA-bred filly has won all 3 of her starts at 3 different racetracks. She is fast as all hell and distance has not been an issue to date. She seems like the type to also have some ability to rate if needed and manage some of that speed of hers. I think she is the most polished of this bunch and Tyler Gaffalione should be able to be in a good spot no matter where on the track with this one.

Obviously there is some potential here for a strong pace early on. I'm sure someone will keep pressure on **#10 Emphatic** early on and if they can force **#10 Emphatic** into an honest early fraction or half mile even, it could set up for someone to come off the pace and win down the stretch. I think the two most likely candidates for that are **#3 Foxiest** and **#5 Miss Monica**. **#3 Foxiest** stumbled badly in debut and finished an honest 3rd to some decent fillies. She then redeemed herself by breaking her maiden at Churchill a month later and looked very strong and professional doing so. She was 3rd on that day at the half mile pole sitting off an honest 23/46 to win by 3 and going away. She could be something special. **#5 Miss Monica** is the same thing but just the west coast version. She has been facing lesser horses out west than some of the other competition here but she has handled that west coast division with ease. She has dominated going gate to wire and dominated coming from mid pack.

I think there is one longshot that could be used underneath here and maybe could even win. That would be **#7 Lexi's Charm**. **#7 Lexi's Charm** is a Casse runner with Jose Ortiz in the irons. She won professionally in debut on the dirt sprinting at Saratoga and then the connections put her on turf in a stake at Saratoga and she ran well for 4th. However, she returned to dirt in her most recent effort, an ALWN1X at Keeneland a month ago, and won by 12 lengths with a strong turn of foot to earn a career best 90 Beyer (previous best was the 63 on turf). She could be improving at the right time and shows tactical speed. Wouldn't leave her off bigger tickets or underneath in verticals. Good luck in the Juvenile Fillies!!

PRICE / SPOT / VERTICAL / HORIZONTAL PLAYS

BUDGET	BET AMOUNT / TYPE	SELECTIONS	COST
LARGE	$50 Win	**#10 - Emphatic**	**$50**
SMALL	$5 Exactas	**3,5,7 / 3,5,7,10**	**$45**
SMALL	$5 Daily Double – R7/R8	**10 / 1,10,12**	**$15**

RACE 8

FUTURE STARS FRIDAY · BREEDERS' CUP

JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

Post time **4:15pm EST** · Analysis by **Howard Kravets**

#10 TOP PICK	#9 SECOND	#3 THIRD
Amusingly	**Sun Goddess**	**Curracloe**

I'm not exaggerating when I say this is one of the best renditions of the Juvenile Fillies Turf we've seen in a while. American runners have actually done quite well in this race, winning about as many times as the Euros in recent years. That being said, I think this year belongs to the Euros. And there are two VERY talented ones running for two of the bigger yards (stables) in Europe, Aidan O'Brien and the brilliant young French trainer Henri Graffard. This could be an absolute throwdown in the stretch, and the world can't wait!

#9 Sun Goddess has been touted by O'Brien as perhaps the best 2yo filly he's ever trained, quite a statement. To be fair, O'Brien's had more success with the juvenile boys. She's 6-for-8 with three Group 1 wins already during her busy campaign. She has overcome trouble in some of her races and blown by her competition a few times. She is the one to beat, no doubt. There are very few flaws here. HOWEVER…this will be her first time around a bend (all straight races until this point). I'm sure she can handle it just fine, but you never know. I also have slight concerns about her getting the distance based on breeding, but again, I could be nitpicking. I just don't want her on top in a big field at even money or possibly lower.

I ABSOLUTELY LOVE the way **#10 Amusingly**, my top pick, is progressing. She FLEW home in her last in France, finishing her final 3f in a ridiculous 33.25 seconds when going 7f to beat Joseph O'Brien's well-regarded Folsom Blues (a male horse). She's only had 3 starts vs. Sun Goddess' 8 races, so she has more upside, and could be 4 times the price. There's enough early speed to set up her wicked closing kick, and she HAS won around a left-hand turn before. She'll be further back than Sun Goddess, but I think she'll come over the top on the outside and take all the candy. I'd be surprised if one of these talented Euros didn't win.

A less-heralded Euro with only 2 lifetime starts is a possible longshot. **#3 Curracloe** for Qatar Racing and trainer John Murtagh is undefeated in Ireland and steps up big time here, but she's very well bred, including USA breeding on the dam side (Artie Schiller). She's won very well and also draws inside, so in theory she'll receive a good, stalking trip. She's been touted by a few of our Euro experts on the podcast (Davy Lane and Emmet Kennedy), so don't sleep on her. Finally, Chad Brown has a nice filly in **#12 Domestic Agenda**, but she's drawn wide and faces a VERY good field. Chad has done it before, but I have a feeling she's a cut below these. Other big prices to consider include Group 1 winner **#1 Green Empress** and **#6 Alwaysanangel** for Joseph O'Brien.

PRICE / SPOT / VERTICAL / HORIZONTAL PLAYS

BUDGET	BET AMOUNT / TYPE	SELECTIONS	COST
LARGE	$50 Win	#10 - Amusingly	$50
SMALL	$10 Exacta	9 / 10	$10

RACE 9

FUTURE STARS FRIDAY · BREEDERS' CUP

JUVENILE

Post time **4:55pm EST** · Analysis by **Pete Visco**

#3 TOP PICK **Salahudin**	#5 SECOND **Hughes**	#7 THIRD **Coach Pope**

Before I even started handicapping the Juvenile, I had an idea in my head that I would be trying to play against **#5 Hughes**. Not because I didn't think he was good, but it just felt like he might not be battle tested enough, and the waters here could be too deep for him. What happened, though, was I started liking him more and more as I looked at the race. He has a few obvious qualities that make him a very deserving favorite: (1) huge Beyer and Timeform figure jump once he stretched out to a route; (2) showed an ability to sit off and close in last two races; (3) worked well coming into the BC; and (4) picked up F. Prat.

With all that being said, you are probably wondering why **#5 Hughes** is not my top pick, and I am, instead, going with **#3 Salahudin**. I wouldn't call myself a value player, so I generally am not going to pick a horse on top just because of price, but maybe getting **#3 Salahudin** at 5/6x the price of **#5 Hughes** is enticing. That's not the only reason, though. **#3 Salahudin** has his own qualities that make him super interesting, including: (1) he also has incrementally increased his Beyer and Timeform figures each race; (2) his breeding suggests that the 2-turn trips are going to be his bread and butter; (3) last out, he blew the break, was wide, and still was able to gut out a win showing that he can deal with adversity; and (4) his works have been excellent since his last race which leads me to believe he could be sitting on a monster move forward.

The other obvious contenders are **#6 American History** and **#7 Coach Pope** coming off a 1-2 finish in the Breeders' Futurity over the Keeneland oval. Watching that race live, I just wasn't all that enamored with it. It left me cold then and still leaves me cold now. They are both obviously talented, though, and can win this race, but I am looking at them as a notch below the Baffert pair. Out of the two, I would lean **#7 Coach Pope** slightly more. He had the worst of it last out contesting a hot pace the whole way around until he finally gave it up late, which prompted him to get a better Timeform figure (111) than the winner's (106). **#7 Coach Pope** will probably attend the pace again, but the hope for him would be that it's not as hot and he doesn't have to work as hard. If he does get into more of a pace duel, his chances drop significantly in my book.

PRICE / SPOT / VERTICAL / HORIZONTAL PLAYS

BUDGET	BET AMOUNT / TYPE	SELECTIONS	COST
LARGE	$25 Win/Place	**#3 - Salahudin**	**$50**
LARGE	$25/$15 Exacta – Dutch	**Big: 5,3 – Small: 3,5**	**$40**
SMALL	$5 Daily Double	**3,5 / 5,10**	**$20**

RACE 10

FUTURE STARS FRIDAY · BREEDERS' CUP

JUVENILE TURF

Post time **5:35pm EST** · Analysis by **Paul Halloran**

#10 TOP PICK	#2 SECOND	#14 THIRD
Folsom Blues	**Avec Toi**	**Great Barrier Reef**

There are a lot of ways you can go in the Friday finale, an ultra-competitive running of the BC Juvenile Turf. I landed on the "other" O'Brien – not horse, but human. Aidan, arguably the world's best trainer, has four entered here, but perhaps the best of them got the worst post when **#14 Great Barrier Reef** drew the far outside. You do get Aidan's main man Ryan Moore in the saddle, so you might look at 4-1 as a bargain.

The ML favorite is **#5 How's Al Today** for Riley Mott, and wouldn't it be great to see this second-generation trainer and also son of a Hall of Famer get a Breeders' Cup win. This horse posted two dominant wins over the hills and valleys of Kentucky Downs and it just might be that he was waiting to be put on turf and now he is a monster. But if we stipulate that some horses hate KD and run well elsewhere, then can't the converse be true? No issue with those who like Al, but I'm looking elsewhere today.

Back to the O'Briens. I'm going with Joseph and **#10 Folsom Blues**, who has never missed the board in six career starts. He was 3-5 odds-on in the Group 1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp on Arc day and lost a stretch duel to Amusingly, who runs in the Juvenile Fillies Turf 80 minutes earlier Friday. If she should happen to beat Sun Goddess, I will like Folsom Blues even more. Twenty-three-year-old Dylan Browne McMonagle is Joseph's main man and he will get a leg up. This horse is a Group 1 winner and one of only two Euros in the race (Great Barrier Reef) with a triple-digit Timeform rating. A Euro stretching out a furlong is typically no issue, so let's start singing the Blues.

PRICE / SPOT / VERTICAL / HORIZONTAL PLAYS

BUDGET	BET AMOUNT / TYPE	SELECTIONS	COST
LARGE	$25 Win/Place	**#10 - Folsom Blues**	**$50**
SMALL	$5 Exacta	**10 / 2,4,5,12,14**	**$25**
SMALL	$2 Exacta	**2,4,5,12,14 / 10**	**$10**

DAY 2 BREEDERS' CUP 2026 · KEENELAND

CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY

Saturday, October 31, 2026 (no tricks, only treats!) · 9 Championship Races

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. And for the first time in several years, the Classic is the last race, which makes many people happy. There are three undercard events BEFORE the BC races as well, FYI.

Many storylines will emerge throughout the day, including Horse of the Year on the line in the Classic, and many division Eclipse Awards. Will Nitrogen take down her first Distaff? Will Englishman live up to the hype and win from the far outside #13 hole? Can any of the Euros win despite some of their wide draws? With many heavy favorites, price shots will be readily available!

Finally, there are great wagering options from which to choose. Any type of bet imaginable will be offered today, including special Pick 4's, etc.…so check the program / PP's for more details, or your ADW platform.

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READING THE ABC GRIDS

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CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY

SATURDAY FACTS

TURF SPRINT

- Favorites: 5-18
- All winners hit board in graded stakes prep
- Previous win at race distance: 14-17
- Euros: 2-24, both in the last 6 years
- Four 3-year-old winners

DIRT MILE

- Favorites: 7-19 (3 of last 4)
- 8 of 19 winners coming off win in final prep
- 3- and 4-year-olds: 15 wins
- Previously run in Grade 1 or Grade 2 prep, but doesn't have to be a win
- Sharp prep: 16-19
- Long layoff OK – Nysos 98 days in '25
- Turnback a positive, but previous experience at a mile or longer also good
- 14 winners had previous win at mile; 13 had a win at 1 1/8
- Baffert – 1-15 (Nysos)

FILLY & MARE SPRINT

- On the lead coming into the stretch a positive
- 7-furlong specialist – (Splendora was 0-2 at 7F in '25)
- 7 of 22 winners coming off turf or synthetic prep
- Only two horses cutting back from route to sprint have won
- Age 4 or 5: 15 of 19 winners
- 3-year-olds: 3-42 but have won 3 of last 8 runnings
- PP 1-2-3: Only 4 wins
- 18 of 19 winners coming off sharp prep
- Baffert – 2-13

FILLY & MARE TURF

- Euros: stretching out better than cutting back from 1¼
- 9 of 12 U.S. winners had a Keeneland prep
- 26 of 27 winners coming off sharp prep – (Gezora was 13th in the Arc vs. boys in '25)
- U.S. winners all finished first or second in prep
- U.S. 3-year-olds: 0-33; Euro 3-year-olds: 8-66 (including Gezora)
- 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 – (Gezora)
- Stoute: 3 winners
- U.S. 14 wins, Euros: 13 wins
- 16 of last 20 winners and 20 of 27 overall had a previous Grade/Group 1 win
- 22 of 26 winners ran in a Grade/Group 1 in their final prep
- Having run in this race previously is a positive
- Chad Brown: won 4 of last 13

SPRINT

- Favorites: 10-42
- 33 of last 34 winners coming off sharp prep
- 36 winners coming off stakes win
- 24 of last 32 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 – Bentornato 1 start in '25
- Baffert – 5 wins

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SATURDAY FACTS (CONT'D)

MILE

- Repeater* (having run in previous BC Mile) a positive, especially a Euro – 14 wins overall
- Mile specialist
- Favorites: 14-41
- Made at least 3 starts this year: 38 out of 41
- 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 19 wins, 6 of last 8
- 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: 1-30
- U.S. horses have won 9 of last 16
- 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: 3-35
- Sharp prep: 41-42
- Long layoff a negative; race within 35 days a positive
- Distaff at 1 1/8: 3-year-olds – 24-50
- Favorites: 18-42

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 10 of last 11
- Favorites: 12-42 overall, 5-24 since 2002
- 4 wire winners, 3 of them U.S. horses
- 6-year-olds and up: 1-62 (Rebel's Romance '24), 5 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
- 28 Euro winners, 12 coming out of the Arc
- Win at distance a positive – 25 of last 33 winners
- 4 fillies have won – all Euros; only one was a 3-year-old – Found for Aidan in 2015

CLASSIC

- 3-year-olds: 14 wins, 16 seconds, 14 thirds – none hit the board in '25
- 6-year-olds and up: 0-37
- Grade 1 stakes win: 38 of 42 winners, 22 in a row
- Win at distance not mandatory
- Coming off Beyer top not a positive overall, but 3 of last 4 winners have come in off career best
- 6 of last 11 winners coming off layoff of 62 days or longer

CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY

TOP 3 PICKS · RACES 4–8

Each handicapper's top three for every Breeders' Cup race — top choice in bold.

NAME	FILLY & MARE SPRINT	TURF SPRINT	DIRT MILE	FILLY & MARE TURF	SPRINT
HOWARD Kravets	**11-Explora** 2-Ways and Means 6-Majestic Oops	**7-Comanche Brave** 6-Yellow Card 3-Bacio	**7-Bracket Buster** 1-Further Ado 5-Coal Battle	**11-Precise** 12-Blue Bolt 8-Jancis	**11-T O Elvis** 13-Englishman 5-Listenupshance
PAUL Halloran	**11-Explora** 2-Ways and Means 12-Kilwin	**7-Comanche Brave** 6-Yellow Card 11-Joe Shiesty	**7-Bracket Buster** 1-Further Ado 3-Full Serrano	**11-Precise** 5-Kathynmarissa 12-Blue Bolt	**13-Englishman** 4-Hymn 11-T O Elvis
PETE Visco	**12-Kilwin** 2-Ways and Means 11-Explora	**6-Yellow Card** 7-Comanche Brave 3-Bacio	**1-Further Ado** 4-Chunk of Gold 7-Bracket Buster	**1-Gimme a Nother** 12-Blue Bolt 11-Precise	**13-Englishman** 11-T O Elvis 7-Built
KYLE Roscoe	**11-Explora** 4-R Disaster 2-Ways and Means	**7-Comanche Brave** 6-Yellow Card 10-Cy Fair	**10-Owen Almighty** 7-Bracket Buster 1-Further Ado	**11-Precise** 8-Jancis 12-Blue Bolt	**13-Englishman** 11-T O Elvis 7-Built
ANDREW Rdesinski	**7-Evanescence** 2-Ways and Means 9-Sweet Azteca	**7-Comanche Brave** 3-Bacio 6-Yellow Card	**5-Coal Battle** 1-Further Ado 2-T Kraft	**12-Blue Bolt** 11-Precise 1-Gimme a Nother	**11-T O Elvis** 13-Englishman 9-Nakatomi
CHARLIE Freeman	**2-Ways and Means** 12-Kilwin 11-Explora	**7-Comanche Brave** 6-Yellow Card 3-Bacio	**10-Owen Almighty** 4-Chunk of Gold 1-Further Ado	**12-Blue Bolt** 11-Precise 8-Jancis	**11-T O Elvis** 13-Englishman 7-Built
NOAH Meagher	**4-R Disaster** 11-Explora 12-Kilwin	**7-Comanche Brave** 15-Big Mojo 12-Sorrento Sky	**5-Coal Battle** 7-Bracket Buster 10-Owen Almighty	**8-Jancis** 5-Kathynmarissa 10-Expensive Queen	**13-Englishman** 11-T O Elvis 7-Built
MIKE Murphy	**12-Kilwin** 2-Ways and Means 4-R Disaster	**7-Comanche Brave** 6-Yellow Card 3-Bacio	**9-Forged Steel** 5-Coal Battle 1-Further Ado	**5-Kathynmarissa** 11-Precise 7-Bless the Broken	**13-Englishman** 11-T O Elvis 4-Hymn
JACKSON Muniz	**12-Kilwin** 2-Ways and Means 11-Explora	**6-Yellow Card** 10-Cy Fair 12-Sorrento Sky	**10-Owen Almighty** 4-Chunk of Gold 5-Coal Battle	**12-Blue Bolt** 5-Kathynmarissa 1-Gimme a Nother	**5-Listenupshance** 13-Englishman 11-T O Elvis
JOHN Kostin	**12-Kilwin** 2-Ways and Means 11-Explora	**7-Comanche Brave** 6-Yellow Card 12-Sorrento Sky	**1-Further Ado** 7-Bracket Buster 4-Chunk of Gold	**11-Precise** 8-Jancis 5-Kathynmarissa	**13-Englishman** 7-Built 11-T O Elvis
SKIP Pearring	**2-Ways and Means** 7-Evanescence 9-Sweet Azteca	**6-Yellow Card** 7-Comanche Brave 8-Possiblemente	**1-Further Ado** 10-Owen Almighty 7-Bracket Buster	**12-Blue Bolt** 4-Red Letter 1-Gimme a Nother	**11-T O Elvis** 13-Englishman 4-Hymn
BEN Kudla	**8-Kerry's Kiss** 2-Ways and Means 9-Sweet Azteca	**7-Comanche Brave** 4-Roja 3-Bacio	**9-Forged Steel** 1-Further Ado 5-Coal Battle	**1-Gimme a Nother** 12-Blue Bolt 5-Kathynmarissa	**13-Englishman** 7-Built 11-T O Elvis

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TOP 3 PICKS · RACES 9–12

Each handicapper's top three for every Breeders' Cup race — top choice in bold.

NAME	MILE	DISTAFF	TURF	CLASSIC
HOWARD Kravets	**2-Lake Forest** 8-Notable Speech 1-Deterministic	**4-Fully Subscribed** 2-Nitrogen 6-Measure	**2-Benvenuto Cellini** 12-Diamond Necklace 13-Bay City Roller	**2-Sovereignty** 5-Forever Young 6-Magnitude
PAUL Halloran	**14-Puerto Rico** 8-Notable Speech 2-Lake Forest	**2-Nitrogen** 4-Fully Subscribed 6-Measure	**2-Benvenuto Cellini** 13-Bay City Roller 12-Diamond Necklace	**2-Sovereignty** 7-Knightsbridge 5-Forever Young
PETE Visco	**2-Lake Forest** 8-Notable Speech 1-Deterministic	**4-Fully Subscribed** 2-Nitrogen 3-Regaled	**2-Benvenuto Cellini** 13-Bay City Roller 3-Minaret Station	**5-Forever Young** 2-Sovereignty 3-Golden Tempo
KYLE Roscoe	**8-Notable Speech** 2-Lake Forest 3-Facteur Cheval	**4-Fully Subscribed** 2-Nitrogen 3-Regaled	**12-Diamond Necklace** 13-Bay City Roller 6-Burnham Square	**5-Forever Young** 7-Knightsbridge 2-Sovereignty
ANDREW Rdesinski	**1-Deterministic** 8-Notable Speech 12-True Love	**4-Fully Subscribed** 3-Regaled 2-Nitrogen	**13-Bay City Roller** 1-Ethical Diamond 7-Hotazhell	**4-The Puma** 5-Forever Young 3-Golden Tempo
CHARLIE Freeman	**2-Lake Forest** 1-Deterministic 8-Notable Speech	**2-Nitrogen** 4-Fully Subscribed 3-Regaled	**12-Diamond Necklace** 13-Bay City Roller 14-Deep Monster	**2-Sovereignty** 5-Forever Young 3-Golden Tempo
NOAH Meagher	**2-Lake Forest** 8-Notable Speech 1-Deterministic	**4-Fully Subscribed** 2-Nitrogen 3-Regaled	**12-Diamond Necklace** 2-Benvenuto Cellini 13-Bay City Roller	**3-Golden Tempo** 7-Knightsbridge 2-Sovereignty
MIKE Murphy	**2-Lake Forest** 8-Notable Speech 14-Puerto Rico	**4-Fully Subscribed** 2-Nitrogen 3-Regaled	**13-Bay City Roller** 12-Diamond Necklace 7-Hotazhell	**2-Sovereignty** 3-Golden Tempo 5-Forever Young
JACKSON Muniz	**8-Notable Speech** 11-Formidable Man 9-Rhetorical	**4-Fully Subscribed** 2-Nitrogen 3-Regaled	**10-Tiffany** 9-Johanna Walsh 11-Survie	**5-Forever Young** 2-Sovereignty 6-Magnitude
JOHN Kostin	**8-Notable Speech** 1-Deterministic 12-True Love	**4-Fully Subscribed** 2-Nitrogen 3-Regaled	**2-Benvenuto Cellini** 12-Diamond Necklace 3-Minaret Station	**5-Forever Young** 2-Sovereignty 7-Knightsbridge
SKIP Pearring	**2-Lake Forest** 8-Notable Speech 11-Formidable Man	**4-Fully Subscribed** 2-Nitrogen 3-Regaled	**2-Benvenuto Cellini** 12-Diamond Necklace 9-Johanna Walsh	**5-Forever Young** 4-The Puma 2-Sovereignty
BEN Kudla	**8-Notable Speech** 9-Rhetorical 12-True Love	**4-Fully Subscribed** 2-Nitrogen 7-Super Corredora	**10-Tiffany** 12-Diamond Necklace 13-Bay City Roller	**2-Sovereignty** 6-Magnitude 5-Forever Young

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BEST BETS & LONGSHOTS

Every handicapper's best-value play of the day, plus their favorite price horse.

BEST BETS

Best VALUE — not necessarily the most-likely winner of the day

HOWARD	Mile	2-Lake Forest
PAUL	Turf	2-Benvenuto Cellini
PETE	Mile	2-Lake Forest
KYLE	Filly & Mare Turf	11-Precise
ANDREW	Distaff	4-Fully Subscribed
CHARLIE	Mile	2-Lake Forest
NOAH	Filly & Mare Sprint	4-R Disaster
MIKE	Mile	2-Lake Forest
JACKSON	Turf Sprint	6-Yellow Card
JOHN	Turf	2-Benvenuto Cellini
SKIP	Filly & Mare Turf	12-Blue Bolt
BEN	Filly & Mare Turf	1-Gimme a Nother (SAF)

TOP LONGSHOTS

Minimum 8-1 morning line

HOWARD	Filly & Mare Turf	8-Jancis
PAUL	Mile	14-Puerto Rico
PETE	Filly & Mare Sprint	12-Kilwin
KYLE	Dirt Mile	10-Owen Almighty
ANDREW	Classic	4-The Puma
CHARLIE	Dirt Mile	10-Owen Almighty
NOAH	Filly & Mare Turf	8-Jancis
MIKE	Filly & Mare Sprint	12-Kilwin
JACKSON	Sprint	5-Listenupshance
JOHN	Filly & Mare Sprint	12-Kilwin
SKIP	Filly & Mare Sprint	7-Evanescence
BEN	Filly & Mare Sprint	8-Kerry's Kiss

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ABC GRIDS

HOWARD'S ABC GRID

RACE	A	B	C	CAVEMAN PICKS	CAVEMAN BET	CAVEMAN COST
4	**2,11**	6	4,9,12	2,11	–	–
5	**7**	3,6,12	1,2,10,11	6,7,12	**$1 Turf P4 (R5, 7, 9, 11)**	**$144**
6	**1,5,7**	4	3,9,10	1,4,5,7	–	–
7	**11,12**	5,8	1,3	5,8,11,12	–	–
8	**11,13**	–	3,7	11,13	**$0.50 P5**	**$72 for $1**
9	**1,2,8**	9	–	1,2,8,9	–	–
10	**4**	2	6	4	–	–
11	**2,12**	13	7,9	2,12,13	–	–
12	**2**	5,6	3,7	2,5,6	–	–

PAUL'S ABC GRID

RACE	A	B	C	CAVEMAN PICKS	CAVEMAN BET	CAVEMAN COST
4	**2,11**	–	4,12	2,11	–	–
5	**6,7**	3	10,11	6,7	**$0.50 Turf P4 (R5, 7, 9, 11)**	**$60**
6	**1,7**	3	2	1,7	–	–
7	**11,12**	1,4,5	3,14	1,4,5,11,12	–	–
8	**13**	11	4,7	13	**$1 P5**	**$96**
9	**8,14**	2,12	1,9	2,8,12,14	–	–
10	**2,4**	–	6	2,4	–	–
11	**2,12**	10,13	1,7,11	2,12,13	–	–
12	**2,7**	5,6	3,4	2,5,6,7	–	–

PETE'S ABC GRID

RACE	A	B	C	CAVEMAN PICKS	CAVEMAN BET	CAVEMAN COST
4	**2,12**	4,11	6,7,8	2,11,12	–	–
5	**3,6,7**	10,11,12	4,8	3,6,7	**$0.50 P5**	**$90**
6	**1,4**	2,5,7	3,9,10	1,4	–	–
7	**1,11,12**	5,13	3,4,7	1,5,11,12,13	–	–
8	**13**	7,11	3,4	11,13	**$0.50 P5**	**$108**
9	**2,8**	1,9,12	5,14	1,2,8	–	–
10	**2,4**	3	1,6	2,4	–	–
11	**2,12,13**	3,10	6,7,11	2,3,6,10,12,13	–	–
12	**2,5**	3,7	4,6	2,3,5	–	–

For more on betting with the "ABC Method" (developed by Steve Crist), watch the video Howard produced a few years ago and/or see our website under the "Standard Power Picks" tab.

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SMASH OF THE DAY

Matt Miller's biggest play of the day.

THE SMASH #13 ENGLISHMAN

Race 8 · Sprint

#13 Englishman, Race 8, the Sprint. I don't want to waste one second of your time before getting to the point. This is the horse that I perceive to be the most likely winner of the weekend, and I'm going to bet him that way. Like yesterday, I think any attempt on my part to point to key statistics, speed figures, etc. is more likely to be a bad use of your time rather than instructive. This horse has been and seems to still be an absolute monster. My main concerns about losing relate to ever-present risks such as being pinched or held at the start or other unpredictable circumstances that aren't a direct reflection of the horse's abilities.

As is often the case with short-priced top selections, I think the real trick here lies in how to bet the race. I'm guessing that we'll see win pool odds of 3/5 or so – perhaps helped a bit by what some might perceive as a tough post position (not how I see it). Given that most bettors don't have much appetite for betting huge amounts of money at this price unless there are very unique circumstances afoot (such as a BCBC player who needs a bit more bankroll to have what is perceived as needed for a final play), we need to look beyond the win pool.

Honestly, I don't yet know if I'm playing Englishman in a daily double or the exacta. That will come down to my confidence level in the two races surrounding the Sprint and the probable payouts. At the moment, I'm not feeling much confidence in either surrounding race, but a key scratch or defection could change that opinion in a heartbeat. No games here – it's truly undecided for me right now. I genuinely wish I could identify a CO-SMASH to help out with either daily double, but at least for now I can't.

If I stay away from the daily double, I will likely play the exacta. The presence of **#11 T O Elvis** presents a conundrum for exacta players. The 13-11 combination will likely be VERY favored. I think exacta players will be forced to either "skinny up" if they want to include T O Elvis in their bets (not necessarily a single, but weighted heavily towards T O Elvis), or they can go on what will feel like a shopping spree with longshot exactas on sale by fading T O Elvis entirely. I suppose there is a decent third option using the trifecta to play T O Elvis in second and/or third with a small cluster of horses one likes (not usually my style – too much potential for me to get emotionally upset by having the winner and missing on my bets). The direction you choose should be a function of your opinion on T O Elvis and those other horses and whether the corresponding prices feel favorable.

From a bankroll perspective, my BCBC tournament strategy is clear. Every single BCBC dollar I have will run through Englishman via daily doubles or exactas unless unexpected scratches or changes lead to unacceptably low prices. I will be looking to make a major tourney move here. From a cash perspective, I would allocate half of my Saturday bankroll to this race with the other half on the Classic – in part for the entertainment value in waiting for "the big race" and in part because I believe there to be strong betting value in that race. PLEASE don't get too selfish here in the Sprint. I'm going to be reasonable in my expectations for returns. Betting aggressively, I'd be delighted to multiply my BCBC or day's cash bankroll by 3x or 4x in this race.

RACE 4

CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY · BREEDERS' CUP

FILLY & MARE SPRINT

Post time **1:10pm EST** · Analysis by **John Kostin**

#12 TOP PICK	#2 SECOND	#11 THIRD
Kilwin	**Ways and Means**	**Explora**

When I was tasked with doing the write-up for the F&M Sprint, I was excited, confident, and disgruntled. Excited and confident because I usually handicap this particular race really well. Disgruntled because I have trouble at times making the right wager to take advantage of my usually good opinions on this race that I have had in the past. Last year, Soul of an Angel was my key horse, underneath that is, not on top.

There just looks like too much speed in this race (as usual), which could set it up for a closer and one that loves the 7F distance. I am looking for that 7F specialist that won't get caught up in a speed duel.

Top Pick: **#12 Kilwin**. 2 wins from 3 starts at her difficult 7F distance. The second place finish came against **#2 Ways and Means**, who got a better trip that day at Saratoga. **#12 Kilwin** has wins at 3 different tracks on the dirt. Rusty Arnold started this one on the turf her first few lifetime starts where she won her first 2 starts and moved up to face stakes company, where it proved too much on the sod for this filly. Then the move to the dirt opened up new doors for **#12 Kilwin**. She won nicely in an overnight stake in her first dirt start at CD, then moved right up to the Grade 1 Test Stakes at Saratoga where she ran down a talented field of 3-year-old fillies including favorite Echo Sound. After that G1 victory, the connections moved her back to the turf to no avail. Gave her some time off until mid-summer this year with another 7F victory at Ellis (not the fav again). She then showed up in the G1 Ballerina at the Spa, facing her main rival in this race today. The race did not set up for her that day, and she rallied to get 2nd up the rail. With more pace in this race, she should be able to fly past the tiring pace setters and get the victory in the race she has been pointed for all year at a square price.

Main Rival: **#2 Ways and Means**. How can you not like the way she has developed into a very strong 7-time winner, 3 of her last 4 races. But…all those wins came in NY, 6 Saratoga wins. She lost her last 5 outside of NY and in last year's BC, as the favorite, in this same race where she was run down by Soul of an Angel at a huge price. She is in the best form of her career now, has 4 wins at 7F, and supports the best Beyers in this race.

Consider Under in Trifectas: **#11 Explora**; **#7 Evanescence**; **#6 Majestic Oops**; **#5 Foie Gras**; **#4 R Disaster**.

PRICE / SPOT / VERTICAL / HORIZONTAL PLAYS

BUDGET	BET AMOUNT / TYPE	SELECTIONS	COST
LARGE	$40 Exacta / $10 Reverse	**#12 Kilwin – #2 Ways and Means**	**$50**
MEDIUM	$15 Win/Place	**#12 - Kilwin**	**$30**
SMALL	$1 Trifecta	**2,12 / 2,12 / 4,5,6,7,11 AND 2,12 / 4,5,6,7,11 / 2,12**	**$10**

RACE 5

CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY · BREEDERS' CUP

TURF SPRINT

Post time **1:48pm EST** · Analysis by **Charlie Freeman**

#7 TOP PICK	#6 SECOND	#3 THIRD
Comanche Brave	**Yellow Card**	**Bacio**

This year's Turf Sprint feels different from past renditions in that the odds and past performances suggest this is a two horse race between **#3 Bacio** and **#7 Comanche Brave**. While I do generally agree with the public that these two clearly stand out on ability and body of work compared to the rest of the field, turf sprints are never that simple. Two things almost always guaranteed in a turf sprint are lots of speed and utter chaos. If you are someone who prefers to play a horse from off the pace in turf sprints, then Keeneland's fair turf course and the outcome of the draw should make you very excited.

As the "Wesley Ward Guy" of the podcast, naturally people may assume that I would land on the ML favorite **#3 Bacio**, but I am going to try to beat him. While he put on two incredibly impressive and dominant performances overseas, I am concerned that with 3 of the other 4 main speeds drawn around him he will have to be used hard early. Also, he has to show he can get the extra half furlong. You will certainly see him early; the question is will he be there at the end.

Instead, my top pick is a horse I love in this race, **#7 Comanche Brave**. He has really shaped up into fantastic form heading into this race and while primarily he ran at 6 furlongs, last time out he proved he can still get it done going shorter as he won a Grade 1 going 5 furlongs. On top of having to cut back as one who prefers to sit off the pace, he also encountered traffic but was unfazed and proved much the best. He can be tactical enough to sit off the leaders, but also won't get caught up in the hot pace and drew beautifully in the 7 hole. Visually his last two performances have been as impressive as anyone's and he's shown to like firm turf.

As I mentioned earlier, these turf sprints tend to produce chaos so naturally it makes sense to look for some prices. **#6 Yellow Card** gets Flavien Prat back and has the ideal stalking running style similar to Comanche Brave that makes him enticing. **#11 Joe Shiesty** is intriguing to me because out of the 5 fastest horses he was the only one to draw outside, which will give Fernando De La Cruz options, and he's been in top form. Lastly, it wouldn't be a Charlie Freeman write-up if I didn't mention my boy **#13 Starlust**. I believe he could pull off the upset again as he should get the setup with a blazing pace, has won in the US before, is finding his form at the right time, and only lost to Bacio and Comanche Brave by a length and 2 lengths respectively.

PRICE / SPOT / VERTICAL / HORIZONTAL PLAYS

BUDGET	BET AMOUNT / TYPE	SELECTIONS	COST
BIG	$50 Win	**#7 - Comanche Brave**	**$50**
MEDIUM	$10 Exacta	**7 / 6,11,13**	**$30**
SMALL	$20 Double	**7 / 10**	**$20**

RACE 6

CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY · BREEDERS' CUP

DIRT MILE

Post time **2:26pm EST** · Analysis by **Skip Pearring**

#1 TOP PICK **Further Ado**	#10 SECOND **Owen Almighty**	#7 THIRD **Bracket Buster**

The Dirt Mile brings together a very competitive field to today's BC. I'm sure all the connections are very happy Knightsbridge is going to the Classic!

#1 Further Ado gets the nod in this competitive field of 11. Brad Cox's decision to target this race instead of the Classic looks like a sensible move. Further Ado ran a strong race in the Pennsylvania Derby, overcoming being boxed in on the far turn to finish strong and narrowly miss against The Puma. Further Ado is training great, is perfectly drawn, and is returning to his favorite track!

#10 Owen Almighty enters in good form, with tactical speed to secure a favorable early position. Brian Lynch appears to have him primed for a strong effort, and Saez's previous winning experience aboard him adds to his appeal.

#7 Bracket Buster rounds out the selections. A previous winner over the track, he should be well positioned to work out a favorable trip with Johnny V aboard. He appears sharp coming off the break and warrants consideration.

PRICE / SPOT / VERTICAL / HORIZONTAL PLAYS

BUDGET	BET AMOUNT / TYPE	SELECTIONS	COST
BIG	$50 Win	**#1 - Further Ado**	**$50**
MEDIUM	$10 Exacta Box	**1,7,10**	**$30**
SMALL	$1 Trifecta	**1 / 7,10 / ALL**	**$18**

RACE 7

CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY · BREEDERS' CUP

FILLY & MARE TURF

Post time **3:04pm EST** · Analysis by **Howard Kravets**

#11 TOP PICK	#12 SECOND	#8 THIRD
Precise	**Blue Bolt**	**Jancis**

This year's rendition of the Filly & Mare Turf is a tricky read for me. I know some "experts" are touting a few of the Americans, like **#5 Kathynmarissa** or **#13 Lush Lips** for example, but I think Euros will dominate this race. I must say though, I don't think the Euro contingent completely lays over this competitive field and the best ones have drawn wide. However, this 1 3/16-mile configuration has a VERY long run to the first turn.

My top choice, albeit a fairly soft one, is **#11 Precise**. She's classy and looks to take a little revenge on the Keeneland vets/stewards after being scratched out of last year's Juvenile Fillies Turf where she looked to be a standout on paper. Her speed figs say she's slightly better than most in the race, and she's been top class all along, although running mainly 1 mile races until the last one, where she finished a very solid 2nd after some traffic midstretch going 1¼ miles. My problem is two-fold: 1) She breaks slow (always), and 2) She's not a win-type. But look whom she's been facing! I think that's why. Aidan gets another BC win?

The other well-fancied Euro, **#12 Blue Bolt**, has a big shot. However, I wish she was in the Mile, the distance in which she's dominated her division overseas all year. Connections think she can stretch out and has a better chance here; I respectfully disagree, but understand the decision. If she gets the distance, she can easily win, and by open lengths.

My longshot play (she's 20-1 ML!!) in the race (and one of my faves all day) is **#8 Jancis**, another Euro who barely lost at Woodbine last out. The pace was glacial, and she probably doesn't want to go as far as that race. She's a bit inconsistent, but I believe the 9.5 furlongs is perfect for her, and that Woodbine race will do her a lot of good. If you look at her form lines, she's faced some toughies in Europe, and no one seems overwhelming in this field, unless Blue Bolt freaks going longer than she usually does.

It's also fair to point out the pace situation…it's murky at best. I expect **#3 Classic Q** and/or **#6 Thought Process** to go forward…fun race, good luck!!

PRICE / SPOT / VERTICAL / HORIZONTAL PLAYS

BUDGET	BET AMOUNT / TYPE	SELECTIONS	COST
BIG	$35 Exacta Box	11,12	$70
SMALL	$10 Exacta	11,12 / 8	$20
SMALL	$5 Win, $15 Place/Show	#8 - Jancis	$35

RACE 8

CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY · BREEDERS' CUP

SPRINT

Post time **3:42pm EST** · Analysis by **Mike Murphy**

#13 TOP PICK **Englishman**	#11 SECOND **T O Elvis**	#4 THIRD **Hymn**

The $2 million Breeders' Cup Sprint may look straightforward on paper, but the smallest mistakes have much larger repercussions at these shorter distances. The horse everyone will be looking toward is **#13 Englishman**, and rightfully so. He is my top pick in this race.

#13 Englishman is coming off a pair of Grade 1 scores in the Woody Stephens and the H. Allen Jerkens at Saratoga. He equaled a track record and posted two enormous speed figures in those two outings. He has also been working out incredibly well at Keeneland. However, it was his run in the Woody Stephens that showed me he can win the Breeders' Cup Sprint from an outside post. In that race, he rated on the outside of Solitude Dude, who was setting quick fractions, and then went wide on the turn while still finding another gear in the stretch—a true monster performance.

In the second and third spots, I am going with two horses that should come off the pace: **#11 T O Elvis** and **#4 Hymn**. **#11 T O Elvis** has proven his ability to ship to the United States and win. His Grade 1 victory at Churchill Downs in May proves he belongs here. The primary question marks for me are his long layoff and the shorter stretch at Keeneland. He will also need to stay closer to the leaders; otherwise, **#13 Englishman** may get loose at the top of the stretch and never look back.

#4 Hymn is a live longshot play if there is a meltdown in the pace. I will also mention one more horse that I will likely use underneath, and that is **#9 Nakatomi**. **#4 Hymn** is in excellent form right now, coming off his Grade 1 win in the Forego at Saratoga. He also posted a very sharp workout at Keeneland on October 24th. **#9 Nakatomi** is the old man of the group, but I expect to see him closing late on a track that has been good to him over the years. If you are looking for value in an Exacta or Trifecta behind **#13 Englishman**, I would play both of these horses. There is little to no value in a straight win bet on **#13 Englishman**, so finding value elsewhere will be critical when structuring tickets for this race.

PRICE / SPOT / VERTICAL / HORIZONTAL PLAYS

BUDGET	BET AMOUNT / TYPE	SELECTIONS	COST
LARGE	$40 Exacta	13 w/ 4,9	$80
SMALL	$15 Trifecta	13 w/ 4,9 / 11	$30

RACE 9

CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY · BREEDERS' CUP

MILE

Post time **4:20pm EST** · Analysis by **Noah Meagher**

#2 TOP PICK **Lake Forest**	#8 SECOND **Notable Speech**	#1 THIRD **Deterministic**

There are many interesting storylines in this year's Breeders' Cup Mile, but none more "notable" than whether this particular horse can be the first to accomplish it since Wise Dan in 2013: Can **#8 Notable Speech** win back-to-back runnings of the Mile?

I dove into the race with the intent of trying to take him on completely, and I'm here to tell you that I just can't quite do it. He certainly has the merit of a potential repeat winner, with multiple G1 victories this season, both in the States and overseas. His stateside G1 victory came last time out up at Woodbine, where he used the go-around on the E. P. Taylor turf course similarly to the way he prepped in Canada last year. His main rival that day was **#1 Deterministic**, and it just seemed given the circumstances that if one of Godolphin's best were to be defeated, that was the time to do it. This six consecutive graded stakes winning horse tried his best to fend him off, but Notable Speech proved way too strong. The Keeneland turf course isn't as suitable as the long stretch at Woodbine, but it is MUCH more conducive to his running style than the tight turns of the Del Mar turf course he was able to handle last year. With all that being said, he'll be on the majority of my wagers on Saturday.

While I deeply respect Notable Speech, I'll take a bit of a stab with **#2 Lake Forest**. Lake Forest made his stateside debut just a few weeks ago when posting a runner-up finish to **#9 Rhetorical** in the G1 Coolmore Turf Mile. When watching that race back, I was eerily reminded of the Turf Mile from two years ago, where Carl Spackler was able to dictate terms on the front end, and the eventual 2024 Breeders' Cup Mile winner (who beat Notable Speech that year, by the way) More Than Looks was the one who was held up in traffic, compromised by the slow pace, and came with a meaningful late run, and Lake Forest seemed to do exactly that. The guys on our Euro Preview show aren't exactly fond of the jockey Fallon, which I will say is the biggest concern for me. He also might just not be as good as Notable Speech, but the run over the course could lead to a step forward, you know he'll get more pace to run at, and at what I think might be 5-1, I'll take a shot.

I've got **#1 Deterministic** third, but I don't see him turning the tables on Notable Speech if he couldn't last time. I'm not a fan of **#12 True Love** or **#14 Puerto Rico** (O'Brien 1 for 30 in the BC Mile), and he just seems to be the best of the rest.

PRICE / SPOT / VERTICAL / HORIZONTAL PLAYS

BUDGET	BET AMOUNT / TYPE	SELECTIONS	COST
LARGE	$50 Win	#2 - Lake Forest	$50
LARGE	$50 Exacta	8 / 2	$50

RACE 10

CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY · BREEDERS' CUP

DISTAFF

Post time **4:58pm EST** · Analysis by **Kyle Roscoe**

#4 TOP PICK	#2 SECOND	#3 THIRD
Fully Subscribed	**Nitrogen**	**Regaled**

Even with the recent scratch of **#5 Scottish Lassie** and VERY recent scratch of **#8 Splendora**, this year's edition of the Distaff is a small, but still nice field of six. The "nice" portion coming from the extremely strong matchup of the two best distance females in the country, **#2 Nitrogen** and **#4 Fully Subscribed**.

I have been the leader of the **#4 Fully Subscribed** fan club for the entire year, and I don't plan on wavering in the biggest race of the year. My love started back when she lost the G1 La Troienne at Churchill on Oaks Day, where she lost to a runaway wire-to-wire winner that day in Shred the Gnar. I thought she was extremely valiant in defeat, only losing by a length with no pace ahead of her. I think the same can even be said about her next race when she lost by basically the length of the stretch to Nitrogen at Saratoga, the latter's best track.

In my opinion, that was an absolute trouncing, but Nitrogen got an extremely easy lead and I think **#4 Fully Subscribed** is a MUCH better animal now.

My whole opinion rests on two other horses going to the lead to soften up **#2 Nitrogen**, mainly **#7 Super Corredora**, but I also have a weird feeling **#1 Immersive** is also going to have something to say early. Given all that, that leaves **#4 Fully Subscribed** in a prime position to pounce at a place where she won easily last time. If you give her the same type of trip again, she could be GONE. **#8 Splendora** would have been another major pace threat, so her being out does take a little wind out of the sails in terms of my confidence. However, I still think Fully Subscribed can be quick enough early to sit right behind the speed and go by late. The only other horse I would use would be **#3 Regaled**, who will be running very late. I don't think she has any chance to win unless it really melts down, but she will absolutely run her race and can sneak in there to fill out your exotics.

Of course **#2 Nitrogen** can win this race; she's the horse to beat, the classiest in the field and only one "blemish" since the spring (if you can even call it that in the Whitney). However, given the added pace pressure, give me **#4 Fully Subscribed** as my Irresponsible Wager of the Weekend™!

PRICE / SPOT / VERTICAL / HORIZONTAL PLAYS

BUDGET	BET AMOUNT / TYPE	SELECTIONS	COST
LARGE	$50 Win	**#4 - Fully Subscribed**	**$50**
MEDIUM	$25 Exacta	**4 / 2**	**$25**
MEDIUM	$20 Daily Double	**(Race 9 to 10: 8 / 4)**	**$20**

RACE 11

CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY · BREEDERS' CUP

TURF

Post time **5:36pm EST** · Analysis by **Paul Halloran**

#2 TOP PICK	#13 SECOND	#12 THIRD
Benvenuto Cellini	**Bay City Roller**	**Diamond Necklace**

In handicapping this race, I think it is worth your time to listen to Aidan O'Brien's assessment of his horses when he was an HHH Racing Podcast guest – find it on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/watch?v=235sTyrgu0w).

In speaking about **#2 Benvenuto Cellini**, Aidan said, "We always felt this race would suit him … He loves fast ground and we think Keeneland will suit him." He went on to say that the horse had a sneaky bad trip in the Arc and perhaps ran better than his 9th-place finish would indicate. I'm sold.

I find it interesting that Ryan Moore, who presumably could have ridden Aidan's other runner, **#12 Diamond Necklace**, the third-place finisher in the Arc, sticks with Benvenuto Cellini. He will certainly want to be closer early than he was in the Arc and, according to Aidan, they have been working with him out of the gate – or "stalls" as they call it in Europe – for just that reason.

#13 Bay City Roller led in the stretch of both the Arc and the Champion Stakes, but was caught by monsters – repeat winner Daryz in the Arc and Ombudsman and Calandagan in the Champion. If for any reason the turf comes up wet, this horse would be a lock, according to our friends on the other side of the pond. Regardless, I think he is almost certain to hit the board and a legitimate win threat.

#12 Diamond Necklace is a deserving 3-1 ML favorite, having won three of five starts this year with a second and a third. She was outposted in the Arc and ran a good third under Christophe Soumillon, who returns to ride here. Not sure if 12 furlongs is her ideal distance, but she will take some beating.

#10 Tiffany is getting some buzz and has been in the exacta in 16 of 19 career starts, but be aware that 6-year-olds are 1-62 in this race, with the incomparable Rebel's Romance the only winner in 2024.

PRICE / SPOT / VERTICAL / HORIZONTAL PLAYS

BUDGET	BET AMOUNT / TYPE	SELECTIONS	COST
LARGE	$25 Win/Place	**#2 - Benvenuto Cellini**	**$50**
LARGE	$10 Exacta Key Box	**2 w/ 12,13**	**$40**
SMALL	$1 Trifecta	**2 / 13 / ALL**	**$12**

RACE 12

CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY · BREEDERS' CUP

CLASSIC

Post time **6:16pm EST** · Analysis by **Howard Kravets**

#2 TOP PICK	#5 SECOND	#6 THIRD
Sovereignty	**Forever Young**	**Magnitude**

THIS IS THE BIG ONE, the $7 Million BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC!! We've been waiting for this matchup for a while, and what a field it is! Forever Young meets Sovereignty, plus 3yo Classic winners Golden Tempo and Napoleon Solo, and Knightsbridge, Magnitude, The Puma, and T O Password. This should be epic.

I was fully planning on touting **#5 Forever Young** for the last two weeks, until two things occurred: 1) Sovereignty looking amazing on track and no real signs of the foot issue, and 2) the addition of Knightsbridge.

I still don't like the fact my top choice **#2 Sovereignty** missed his prep race, but he's recovered from the foot issue (was NOT an injury) and is undefeated going 1¼ miles…distance is his friend. In addition, there's plenty of early gas to set up his wicked closing kick, and he's learned to be a little more tactical this year…doesn't have to launch from 15 lengths back, but he can if necessary. There's no reason his final fractions won't be as good as normal over the Keeneland oval, which plays pretty fair going a route of ground. He'll need his "A" game in this talented field, but I have faith in Mott and Alvarado that this beast is ready to go.

I have literally nothing to say negatively about Forever Young and he would have been my top pick if Knightsbridge wasn't in the race. He's been absolutely awesome during his career, winning more than $32 million! He was rusty and not visually impressive in his comeback run at Belmont, but that was to be expected. I love his workout on Wednesday and he looks primed for another effort. My only negative is the pace should be quick, and he MIGHT get a bit caught up in a pace duel when the real running starts on the far turn. This feels like a repeat of 2 years ago at Del Mar when Sierra Leone won…Forever Young will run well but come up a bit short.

#7 Knightsbridge has been looking great all week and Godolphin means business with him…this is no rabbit for his stablemate. I just think when push comes to shove, he's not as good going 10f as he is shorter, and he's going to have to battle other VERY high quality speed, such as Magnitude and maybe Forever Young, plus **#8 Napoleon Solo** will be aggressive early as well. It's just a tough spot for him, but he's uber-talented. Finally, **#6 Magnitude** is a threat also, and I was going to pick him had the field looked different. I think he's coming up to a big race, but can he rate if necessary off the speed and beat this field? I don't believe so…he did beat Forever Young though earlier this year. And don't forget the Derby winner, **#3 Golden Tempo**. 3yo's are capable of stepping their game up this time of year, but he'll have to, because his figs so far have been too slow. I wouldn't be surprised if Cherie and Jose have Golden Tempo ready to run a monster race…will it be good enough?

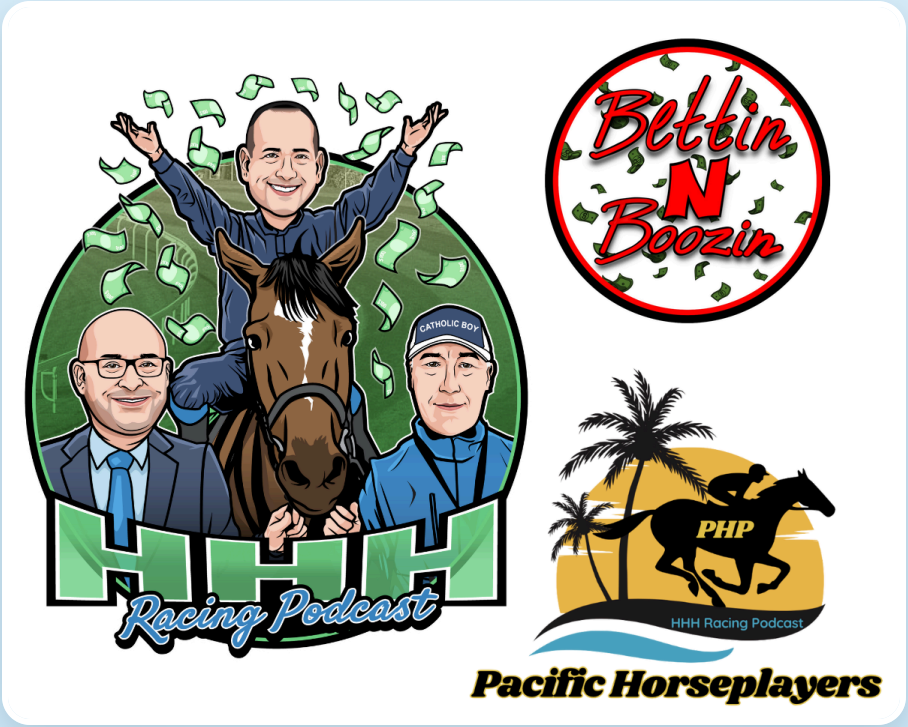
Trip will be the key…good luck in a fantastic BC Classic!!

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BUDGET	BET AMOUNT / TYPE	SELECTIONS	COST
BIG	$100 Win	**#2 - Sovereignty**	**$100**
SMALL	$20 Exacta	**2 / 3,5,6**	**$40**

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