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# WELCOME TO THE INSIDE TRACK

This Inside Track to the Breeders' Cup is a combination of some of the best handicapping forces in the country. The Racing Dudes have been at it for years, offering handicapping picks and analysis daily for over 7 years. This year, all hands are on deck. Racing Dudes Aaron and Jared have scoured over these fields for weeks, while Mike "Saratoga Slim" Spector and Mike Somich have also been busy at work. Mike Somich is known for his massive multi-race scores. He is fairly new to the team, but is already making many fans, with his pick 4 analysis and picks. Saratoga Slim is the master at crushing major tickets on big days. This year, he has cashed in HUGE at the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes. In addition to his handicapping skills, Saratoga Slim is also an award-winning writer.

And a special bonus this year, Team Rotondo will be contributing to this Inside Track to the Breeders' Cup! Former currency traders, Peter Rotondo, Sr. and Lee Davis, share a passion for horse racing and betting that forged a friendship that has endured through the years, culminating with their whirlwind tour of the country with the reality TV show, "HorsePlayers." Together they have amassed many great memories of cashing tickets on the Breeders' Cup!

Last year the entire Racing Dudes team pooled their money together to nail a \$1,270.00 trifecta on Friday of the Breeders' Cup in the Juvenile Fillies Turf. The team also hit the trifecta in the Breeders' Cup Distaff, Classic, and Sprint. Check out the Inside Track to find out ALL of our thoughts heading into this year's incredible event.

## IN THIS ALL-INCLUSIVE INSIDE TRACK TO THE BREEDERS' CUP YOU CAN FIND:

- ▶ Exclusive Exotics Wagers from award-winning handicapper Mike "Saratoga Slim" Spector
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# EXOTIC WAGERS

by Mike "Saratoga Slim" Spector

Winning money during the Breeders' Cup is every handicapper and bettor's goal. Picking a winner is fun and having the right horse is great, but there's nothing like coming out of the two big championship days with a hefty chunk of profit.

Handicapping the 191 entries over 14 races is an absolutely daunting task. Many players will take too much time studying all the horses and watching replays, while not spending enough time constructing their wagers. This is where a lot of players fall short when trying to make a profit betting the Breeders' Cup. A rule of thumb is that you should spend at least half of your time handicapping and half of your time constructing your tickets.

The key to sorting through the whole Breeders' Cup madness is formulating strong opinions and then leveraging them with smart wagers using the right options on the extensive wagering menu to maximize your return on investment.

With the mass amount of horses in the most competitive, large fields of the year, it's very difficult to focus, so I'll take you through my strongest opinions and show you how I'm planning to tackle Breeders' Cup 2018.

I'll start with the value horses I'm keying around in my wagers over the two days and then show you how I'll leverage these horses using different options on the wagering menu using a \$400 budget.

Let's start building a foundation towards a successful 2018 Breeders' Cup!

## KEY VALUE PLAYS

The horses I have the strongest opinions will run well at good prices are as follows (shown with their morning line odds):

### Friday, November 2

Race 7 - Juvenile Fillies - #4 *Restless Rider* (9/2)

Race 8 - Juvenile Turf - #4 *Forty Under* (5/1)

### Saturday, November 3

Race 4 - Turf Sprint - #11 *World of Trouble* (6/1)

Race 6 - Filly & Mare Turf - #1 *Fourstarcrook* (5/1)

Race 11 - Classic - #3 *Catholic Boy* (8/1)

None of these horses are the morning line favorites in their respective races. None of them are massive longshots either, but with the large fields, large pools and the highest level of competition at the Breeders' Cup, you don't have to hit a 45/1 shot to make money.

A rule of wagering is to start with your win bet and then build from there, so each one of these horses will get at least a \$10 win bet from me before I dive into the exotic wagers below.

## BETTING WITH LARGER BASE INCREMENTS

I will now leverage the horses above with logical winners (even with the favorites) in exactas, trifectas, and in adjoining races in doubles and Pick 3s. My goal is to cash those tickets for larger increments than the base wager by focusing my bets.

It is very easy to get caught up including 6 or 7 horses in each Breeders' Cup race because these are the best horses in the world and it's very easy to make cases for many horses to win.

If you include too many horses, though, your wagers will increase in size or you'll have to decrease the increment of your wager to a lower amount. For example, you can play a 2 x 3 double for a \$5 base bet for \$30. If you start including too many horses and play a 5 x 6 double, then you'll only be able to play it for a \$1 base increment for that same \$30. Having a double for only \$1 when it pays for example \$60 would net only a \$30 profit, in this scenario. That same double would return \$300 (i.e.,  $5 \times \$60 = \$300$ ) for your \$30 investment, if you're able to narrow your focus to only 2 or 3 horses in each race.

Therefore, you have to draw the line somewhere on Breeders' Cup day and using more than 2 or 3 horses in each race is beyond my small budget play. Even if you have a larger budget, the math above extrapolates and you start seeing thin profits in return.

You have to be willing to say to yourself, "I'm going to play the horses I feel strongest about. If some other horse comes in that I would've had if I went 5 deep in that leg, then I can live with it." There's a lot of mental exhaustion to betting the Breeders' Cup, so get your mind right, focused and let's dig into our exotics plays!

## FUTURE STARS FRIDAY

On Friday, I'll dip my toe into the pools just a little bit. With the new format of only juvenile Breeders' Cup races on Friday, it smells like a recipe for chaos and will make it very difficult to string together three or four races in a row to cash in multi-race tickets playing with this small budget. I usually don't play heavy on Friday of Breeders' Cup day anyway and keep most of my budget for the Saturday action. With this new arrangement of only two-year old races on Friday, I have every reason to keep that approach, since it is expected the results will be unpredictable.

### FRIDAY RACE #5 – JUVENILE TURF SPRINT:

The Breeders' Cup action starts with a new race in the Juvenile Turf Sprint and this is a race for me to only make a small "action" play (i.e., a bet to just have something on the race to make it fun and try to build bankroll if it hits). Playing with \$350 in my budget (after my \$50 in win wagers), I will invest only \$12 into a three-horse exacta box here.

#1 Strike Silver (4/1) is my top choice (and morning line favorite) in the race, as his last-to-first, late-charging win in the Indian Summer going this 5½ furlong distance over the Keeneland grass in his turf debut was jaw dropping. Amazingly, the Mark Casse-trainee had shown early zip in his first two starts on dirt, so he has shown great versatility to move to the turf and then become a one-run closer in his only grass start.

Without any previous results for this new Juvenile Turf Sprint from past years, the Indian Summer would seem to be a key prep for this race, so the filly that Strike Silver necked out there, #9 Chelsea Cloisters (8/1), is one to include here. She has looked good working at Churchill in the mornings and cuts back to her preferred trip for turf sprint training specialist Wesley Ward.

The best of the Europeans may be #2 Soldier's Call (9/2), who showed speed in the Group 1 Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp in France to start October. He was chased down there and could only muster a close third-place finish going 5 furlongs, but was facing older horses, which is rarely seen in American racing.

### The action play in Race #5 – Juvenile Turf Sprint:

•\$2 Exacta Box – #1 *Strike Silver*, #2 *Soldier's Call*, #9 *Chelsea Cloisters*

### \$12 Total Bet

### FRIDAY RACE #6 – JUVENILE FILLIES TURF:

Now we get into a race in the Juvenile Fillies Turf, where we have a strong favorite and a filly I've been watching for months since I visited her stall at Saratoga, #6 Newspaperofrecord (2/1). Trained by Chad Brown, who has won this race 3 of the past 4 years, Newspaperofrecord is getting hyped up as the next champion Lady Eli after crushing her first two races both over yielding turf, including the Grade 2 Miss Grillo at Belmont, which has been a key prep in past years for the Breeders' Cup. She will be a well-bet favorite over possible similar soft turf conditions she's had in her first two starts, so I'll look for a longshot filly to play her heavy in an exacta to try to get value.

The top candidate to fill that role is British-bred #14 East (20/1), who has also only run twice in her career, but unleashed a nice turn-of-foot down the middle of the Saint Cloud grass in France taking the Group 3 Prix Thomas Bryon to start October getting a nice Timeform Rating of 95 for that effort. East has been getting a lot of hype from pundits and should be a square price, trained by Kevin Ryan, who isn't a big-name trainer, but is well-respected. Breaking from the far outside #14 post is a concern, but at the price is worth an action play.

### The action bets in Race #6 – Juvenile Fillies Turf:

•\$10 Exacta Straight – #6 *Newspaperofrecord* over #14 *East*

•\$10 Double – #6 *Newspaperofrecord* with #4 *Restless Rider*

### \$20 Total Bets

### FRIDAY RACE #7 – JUVENILE FILLIES:

My first value play of the day comes in the Juvenile Fil-

lies with #4 Restless Rider (9/2), who has two wins at Churchill, including a remarkable win in the Debutante Stakes in June, where she was stopped cold behind a filly that went wrong on the lead, but then re-rallied to draw off by 1 1/4 lengths. She ran big in her runner-up finish in the Grade 1 Spinaway at Saratoga and then cruised in the Grade 1 Alcibiades for trainer Ken McPeck.

It will be tough for Restless Rider to beat favorite #10 Bellafina (2/1) coming in California with three straight graded stakes wins (including two straight Grade 1s), but these are two-year old fillies, so a jump up from Restless Rider from her 84 Beyer Speed Figure in the Alcibiades is possible to match Bellafina's 89 in her Grade 1 Chandelier win. Those are the two to play heavy in an exacta.

I'll may also play trifectas with these two and Spinaway winner #8 Sippican Harbor (12/1), as I discussed in my East vs. West article that you can check out on RacingDudes.com.

#### **The bets in Race #7 – Juvenile Fillies:**

- \$10 Win – #4 *Restless Rider*
- \$10 Exacta Box – #4 *Restless Rider*, #10 *Bellafina* (\$20 Total Bet)
- \$5 Doubles – #4 *Restless Rider*, #10 *Bellafina* with #4 *Forty Under* (\$10 Total Bet)
- \$5 Double – #4 *Restless Rider* with #2 *Abel Tasman*, #11 *Monomoy Girl* (Two-Day Double to Distaff) (\$10 Total Bet)

#### **\$50 Total Bets**

#### **FRIDAY RACE #8 – JUVENILE TURF:**

The Juvenile Turf is up next and has been dominated recently by the Europeans and trainer Aidan O'Brien, so his top charge #14 Anthony Van Dyck (4/1) has to be used here as the favorite.

I will try to buck that trend with #4 Forty Under (5/1), though, who recently beat a very good field in the Grade 3 Pilgrim at Belmont Park to end September. That race was over a yielding turf course and the Jeremiah Engelhart-trainee is likely to get similar conditions at Churchill. Forty Under's work over the Churchill turf on October 26 was slow on the clock over soft sod, but vi-

sually impressive, as he was stretching out late with a big gallop out. He is flourishing at a price I can buy into.

The bets in Race #8 – Juvenile Turf:

- \$10 Win – #4 *Forty Under*
- \$5 Exacta Box – #4 *Forty Under*, #14 *Anthony Van Dyck* (\$10 Total Bet)
- \$10 Double – #4 *Forty Under* with #2 *Enable* (Two-Day Double to Turf)

#### **\$30 Total Bets**

#### **FRIDAY RACE #9 – JUVENILE:**

The crown jewel at the end of the Friday Breeders' Cup action is the Juvenile. Two-time Triple Crown winning trainer Bob Baffert has a strong prospect in #9 Game Winner (9/5), who has dominated two back-to-back Grade 1s in California.

Chad Brown, who won this race last year with Good Magic, brings front-running burner #6 Complexity (5/2) this year, who absolutely blitzed the field gate-to-wire in the Grade 1 Champagne, but now needs to stretch out to two-turns for the first time in the Juvenile.

The runner-up in the Champagne, #11 Code of Honor (5/1), will be the "wise guy" horse after stumbling at the start and charging home late. Code of Honor should get plenty of pace to close into here for trainer Shug McGaughey.

These three will be the top three betting choices likely, so it'll be tough to make money here. The one longshot to use in all exotics is #1 Dueling (20/1), who has been facing top competition out west and freaked when he broke his maiden in his last race stretching out to a mile.

I will look to hook this race up with my strong opinion in the Breeders' Cup Classic in the two-day double. I've looked to leverage some of the two-day doubles allowing me to play my strongest opinions with logical winners on each side of the double (as you might have seen in the bets above). It's always great to be alive in the two-day doubles and with three options, I'll play them all, since I have a strong opinion on at least one side of each double.

### The bets in Race #9 – Juvenile:

•\$4 Doubles – #1 *Dueling*, #6 *Complexity*, #9 *Game Winner*, #11 *Code of Honor* with #3 *Catholic Boy* (Two-Day Double to Classic)

**\$16 Total Bet**

**Breeders' Cup Friday Total Bets = \$128**

## BREEDERS' CUP SATURDAY

By restricting myself to play only \$128 in wagers on Day 1, I've played less 32% of my budget, plus I may be alive in some of my two-day wagers, which I invested \$36 into. Now I can focus on attacking the Saturday-card with \$272 and make some strong wagers.

### SATURDAY RACE #3 – FILLY & MARE SPRINT:

The Filly & Mare Sprint starts the day and Baffert brings in a strong favorite in #13 *Marley's Freedom* (8/5), who throttled the Grade 1 *Ballerina* field at Saratoga in her last race. She had to go wide there and will be wide here drawing the 13 post, but it didn't matter in Saratoga and might not matter here. She was much the best in that race and most likely much the best in this division. Kicking off the day with some Pick 3 action is a good way to leverage the favorite with my strong opinions in the next two legs.

### The bets in Race #3 – Filly & Mare Sprint:

•\$4 Pick 3:  
#13 *Marley's Freedom* with  
#11 *World of Trouble* with  
#1 *City of Light*, #10 *Catalina Cruiser*

**\$8 Total Bet**

•\$2 Pick 3:  
#13 *Marley's Freedom* with  
#2 *Buccheri*, #5 *Disco Partner*, #13 *Will Call* with  
#1 *City of Light*, #10 *Catalina Cruiser*

**\$12 Total Bet**

There are three fillies in here that scare me that they can beat *Marley's Freedom* with their best effort and one of them did in her last race, #1 *Selcourt* (4/1). Off more than 7 months since she beat *Marley's Freedom* in the Grade 2 *Santa Monica* in March, *Selcourt* is one of the fastest horses in the race and should be a pace presence. One note, when *Selcourt* won that race in March,

*Marley's Freedom* was trained by Bob Hess, not Baffert, so that is important to consider along with the long lay-off.

The best three-year old filly in the field, #8 *Mia Mischief* (15/1), ran her top Beyer figure of 97 at Churchill when she ran away from the field in the Grade 2 *Eight Belles*. She ran well over the summer at Saratoga for Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen.

The star of morning workouts at Churchill over the weekend was #5 *Golden Mischief* (10/1), who is coming off an impressive win at Keeneland in the Grade 2 *TCA* for trainer Brad Cox. She may be rounding into top form to run a big race at a nice price.

**I'll back up in the Pick 3 with these two as follows:**

•\$1 Pick 3:  
#1 *Selcourt*, #5 *Golden Mischief*, #8 *Mia Mischief* with  
#2 *Buccheri*, #5 *Disco Partner*, #11 *World of Trouble*,  
#13 *Will Call* with  
#1 *City of Light*, #10 *Catalina Cruiser*  
\$24 Total Bet  
\$44 Total Pick 3 Bets

### SATURDAY RACE #4 – TURF SPRINT:

Hoping to be alive in the Pick 3, I won't do much in the Turf Sprint, since this race can go a lot of ways and will be a mad scramble. The three-year-old #11 *World of Trouble* (6/1) is the one that intrigues me, as he's the new face in this division trying his elders for the first time. He is one of the fastest colts in this sophomore crop, as was evident how he wore down top sprinter *Promises Fulfilled* in the Grade 2 *Woody Stephens* when he was still running on dirt. A move to the grass has boosted him into the winner's circle twice including stakes wins at Saratoga and Belmont in front-running fashion over yielding and good turf courses, which he may find at Churchill.

*World of Trouble* will be one of the main early speeds in the Turf Sprint, so I'll match him up with three horses that can come off the pace in #5 *Disco Partner* (7/2), #12 *Will Call* (20/1) and #2 *Buccheri* (10/1).

*Disco Partner* is one of my favorite horses in training and once he gets clear on a firm turf, he may be the fastest horse in the world over the grass. The problem here is that he may get softer footing than his preference with rain in the forecast this week in Louisville. The

Christophe Clement charge just won his last out over a good turf at Belmont, so maybe his preference has changed a bit, and he's one I can't let beat me.

Will Call and Buccherio are the local Kentucky horses that have shown love for Churchill and I'll include, as I'm playing against the west coast invaders based on the notion they will not take to this softer turf.

#### **The bets in Race #4 – Turf Sprint:**

- \$10 Win – #11 *World of Trouble*

- \$2 Exacta – #11 *World of Trouble* over #2 *Buccherio*, #5 *Disco Partner*, #13 *Will Call* (\$6 Total Bet)

- \$2 Exacta – #2 *Buccherio*, #5 *Disco Partner*, #13 *Will Call* over #11 *World of Trouble* (\$6 Total Bet)

- \$5 Pick 3:

- #11 *World of Trouble* with

- #1 *City of Light*, #10 *Catalina Cruiser* with

- #1 *Fourstarcrook*

- \$10 Total Bet

**\$32 Total Bets**

#### **SATURDAY RACE #5 – DIRT MILE:**

The head-to-head showdown of the undefeated #10 *Catalina Cruiser* (8/5) vs. the multiple Grade 1 winner #1 *City of Light* (5/2) highlights the Dirt Mile and may be the best stretch duel of the whole Breeders' Cup.

*Catalina Cruiser* has crushed his competition on the west coast in his four lifetime starts including two Grade 2 wins in his last two by a combined 14 lengths. *Catalina Cruiser* needs to answer a step up in class and will get that test with *City of Light* here. Coming off a disappointing runner-up finish at Saratoga in the Grade 1 *Forego* as the odds-on favorite after a very wide trip, *City of Light* has been working lights out (pun intended) at Santa Anita for up-and-coming trainer Mike McCarthy.

These two are head and shoulders above the field in talent and is the likeliest exacta of the whole Breeders' Cup. I'll be watching the probable payouts on the *Catalina Cruiser* / *City of Light* exacta closely and if I get decent value and up on the day, I may not make a strong exacta bet with these two.

The one horse to be beware that can mess up this plan is sophomore #7 *Firenze Fire* (6/1), if he brings his top race, like he did blitzing the one-turn Grade 3 *Dwyer* in July. If trainer Jason Servis' other horses (including *World of Trouble*) are running well before this race, I may need to be flexible and include *Firenze Fire*, on the notion Servis is priming his charges for the occasion.

#4 *Seven Trumpets* (15/1) is another three-year-old developing at the right time and is likely to be flying late to round out the bottom of the exotics for Churchill's all-time winning training Dale Romans.

#### **The action bet in Race #5 – Dirt Mile:**

- \$5 Trifecta – #1 *City of Light*, #10 *Catalina Cruiser* / #1 *City of Light*, #10 *Catalina Cruiser* / #4 *Seven Trumpets*, #7 *Firenze Fire*

**\$20 Total Bet**

#### **SATURDAY RACE #6 – FILLY & MARE TURF:**

In 2014, trainer Chad Brown brought the New York-bred *Dayatthespa* to this race and she won gate-to-wire over the Santa Anita turf at nearly 6/1 odds. Brown has won this race 3 of the past 6 years and looks to repeat the feat this time around with another New York-bred at similar odds, #1 *Fourstarcrook* (5/1). She is one of the five horses Brown has entered in this race, but should be a square price and in the best form of the quintet after winning her first Grade 1 in the *Flower Bowl* at Belmont over good turf to start October.

A Brown exacta is likely here, as three-time Grade 1 winner and favorite #6 *Sistercharlie* (3/1) looks to round back into form after missing some training time with a bruised hind foot after her impressive Grade 1 *Beverly D.* win in August. Both will be rolling home late, as stablemate #2 *Thais* (20/1) looks like a likely pacesetter, much like she was when *Sistercharlie* and *Fourstarcrook* ran 1-2 in the *Beverly D.* The inside paths at Churchill are expected to be good so watch the early turf races on the card to see if there is an inside, rail bias on the turf course.

The best of the Europeans looks to be #3 *Wild Illusion* (7/2) coming off an impressive win running to her favoritism in the prestigious Group 1 *Prix de l'Opera* at Longchamp in France. She should be fine if the turf comes up yielding for trainer Charlie Appleby, who won this race last year with *Wuheida*.

### The bets in Race #6 – Filly & Mare Turf:

- \$10 Win – #1 *Fourstarcrook*
- \$5 Exacta Box – #1 *Fourstarcrook*, #6 *Sistercharlie* (\$10 Total Bet)
- \$2 Trifecta Box – #1 *Fourstarcrook*, #3 *Wild Illusion*, #6 *Sistercharlie* (\$12 Total Bet)

### \$32 Total Bet

### SATURDAY RACE #7 - SPRINT:

The key to handicapping the Sprint is if you think the speed will hold going 6 furlongs. Watching how the main track is playing leading up to this race is extremely important as there is a load of speed signed on here with #2 *Promises Fulfilled* (6/1) expected to burn up the track right from the gate. The sophomore sprint star faced his elders for the first time in the Grade 2 Phoenix at Keeneland and held off two top sprinters in #1 *Whitmore* (6/1) and #6 *Limousine Liberal* (6/1) to win in gutsy fashion.

If someone decides to try to press *Promises Fulfilled*, it may be favorite #5 *Imperial Hint* (9/5). The 6 furlongs should be right up *Imperial Hint*'s alley, after faltering going 7 furlongs at Churchill in May. He has been the best sprinter on the east coast all year after losing to #9 *Roy H* (5/2) last year in this race.

*Limousine Liberal* will be tracking down the leaders in the final strides at the wire and would excel if the track has any moisture in it. The Ben Colebrook-trainee amazingly has won 6 of 8 lifetime starts at Churchill including the last two editions of the Grade 2 Churchill Downs over wet strips. Those two wins were at 7 furlongs and a major fear is that the 6 furlongs of this Sprint will not give him enough room to unleash his closing kick.

This race may be tough to make money betting, since it's difficult to have a strong opinion with an equally matched group. This is the perfect place to make some action bets only.

### The bets in Race #7 – Sprint:

- \$5 Exacta Box – #5 *Imperial Hint*, #6 *Limousine Liberal* (\$10 Total Bet)
- \$2 Trifecta Box – #2 *Promises Fulfilled*, #5 *Imperial Hint*, #6 *Limousine Liberal* (\$12 Total Bet)

### \$22 Total Bet

### SATURDAY RACE #8 – MILE:

The Mile brings together a wide-open field that is tough to grasp, too, but kicks off the \$3 million guaranteed late Pick 4. If I'm up to this point I'll be constructing some Pick 4s based on input from my man Mike Somich, who you can find his analysis in this Guide.

#5 *Oscar Performance* (6/1) looks like the controlling speed here coming off a front-running win in the Grade 1 Woodbine Mile, which has been a key race for the Breeders' Cup Mile in recent years. As a Breeders' Cup winner as a juvenile, the Brian Lynch charge has the back class to beat an International field like this, but hasn't done his best racing in Kentucky, as he lost by 15 lengths in his one race over the Churchill turf in the Grade 2 American Turf last year over good turf. Most think he hates a soft turf, but he did win the Grade 3 Pilgrim over yielding turf as a juvenile.

The top Euros look to be #4 *Polydream* (5/1) and #7 *Expert Eye* (8/1), but it's difficult to know which Euro entry is best with no major standout. A soft turf would hamper *Expert Eye*'s chances to stay the mile and blunt his explosive turn of foot, but he is definitely a proper Group 1 colt overseas. *Polydream* has tactical speed and has the right connections for this race with trainer Freddy Head, who won this race three years in a row with *Goldikova*. #11 *Lightning Spear* (20/1) is a veteran 7-year-old that brings a ton of back class at a long price here.

Another American to watch is #15 *Divisidero* (30/1), who absolutely loves Churchill Downs, but will need to draw in from the Also Eligible list. If he makes the field, he should be used at a huge price. This is a race to play only action bets.

### The action bets in Race #8 – Mile:

- \$2 Exacta Box – #4 *Polydream*, #5 *Oscar Performance*, #7 *Expert Eye* (\$12 Total Bet)
- \$2 Trifecta Box – #4 *Polydream*, #5 *Oscar Performance*, #7 *Expert Eye* (\$12 Total Bet)

### \$24 Total Bets

### SATURDAY RACE #9 – DISTAFF:

The Distaff kicks off the back end of the two-day doubles and the hope is to be alive in those bets here, since this

race is not going to provide a great betting opportunity, unless you play against one of the two favorites, #11 Monomoy Girl (2/1) and #2 Abel Tasman (7/2).

I have struggled over the past few weeks having the conviction to bet against Abel Tasman after her flop in the Grade 1 Zenyatta to end September. Maybe she was just sick and will be back to her old self in the Distaff, as she is the best filly in the race. You can check out our full article on [RacingDudes.com](http://RacingDudes.com) about our analysis in our east vs. west debate.

I have loved Monomoy Girl for over a year and know she's ready for this race. I just can't see one of these two not winning this race, but have a strange feeling they won't end up being the exacta.

The key horse that may disrupt the exacta is #10 Blue Prize (6/1), who has been very consistent and loves Churchill. Therefore, I'll get her mixed in some action plays keying her with the top two, trying to get some value.

#### **The action bets in Race #9 – Distaff:**

- \$5 Exacta – #2 Abel Tasman, #11 Monomoy Girl, over #10 Blue Prize (\$10 Total Bet)

- \$5 Trifecta – #2 Abel Tasman, #11 Monomoy Girl / #2 Abel Tasman, #11 Monomoy Girl / #10 Blue Prize (\$10 Total Bet)

#### **\$20 Total Bet**

#### **SATURDAY RACE #10 – TURF:**

#2 Enable (1/1) is the star coming into the Breeders' Cup that everyone wants to see. The British-bred filly has won back-to-back, prestigious Group 1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphes and is fresh, as the Turf will be only her third race this year. An Arc winner has never won the Turf in the same year, so she has that going against her, but will be very tough to beat here at a short price.

I've been trying to find ways to play against her, but will play her with some longshots in exotics instead. If you can't beat her, then why not try to pound a few exactas to get a return? Everyone is saying the Americans have no shot in this race. The Europeans are usually much better going long on the grass and this 1½ mile trip is usually where they excel. The way the Americans in this division have beaten up on each other all year lends itself to the notion that there is no standout and the Euros

will dominate.

But sometimes in horse racing, you have to take a contrarian view to make some money. Therefore, I'm siding with two Americans in #3 Channel Maker (12/1) and #7 Glorious Empire (12/1) to try to spice up the exotics. I know that both will get good position early and Glorious Empire will likely set the pace way in front of the field, like he did winning the Grade 1 Sword Dancer at Saratoga in August. Channel Maker returned from his runner-up performance in the Sword Dancer to dominate the Grade 1 Joe Hirsch in front-running fashion at Belmont over soft turf. They dead-heated at Saratoga in the Grade 2 Bowling Green back in July over soft turf, so the footing at Churchill should be no problem. I ain't saying they are going to win, but sometimes in these turf races a horse gets on the lead and he doesn't come back to them. It can happen here at a big price!

#### **The action bets in Race #10 – Turf:**

- \$2 Exacta Box – #2 Enable, #3 Channel Maker, #7 Glorious Empire (\$12 Total Bet)

- \$2 Trifecta Box – #2 Enable, #3 Channel Maker, #7 Glorious Empire (\$12 Total Bet)

#### **\$24 Total Bets**

#### **SATURDAY RACE #11 – CLASSIC:**

You may have noticed that the last four races have all totaled \$20 to \$24 per race. Once you start going through this exercise of laying out your bets for the day, the \$400 you budgeted gets ate up quick. The bets above will be pressed and not boxed, if I hit a few bets to get up, but the bets above give you an idea who I'll be looking to play.

With only \$54 left in my original \$400 budget, I better hope I'm up on the day because this Classic is one of the best betting races I have ever seen and deserves more than \$54 in bets.

#3 Catholic Boy (8/1) has been my boy all year and has looked great over the Churchill surface training the past two weeks. The impressive Grade 1 Travers winner will get a good position leaving from the 3 post and be able to save ground behind the leader, #9 Mendelssohn (12/1). Catholic Boy is my top pick in the Classic, but #11 Mind Your Biscuits and #10 Yoshida will be my main plays with him.

The all-world sprinter Mind Your Biscuits has shown the uncanny ability to stretch out, as he impressed winning the Grade 3 Lukas Classic at Churchill, after his runner-up finish in the Grade 1 Whitney, both at 1 1/8 mile. He now stretches out to this 1 1/4 mile trip for the first time in his career, but he had plenty of gas left in the tank at the end of the Lukas Classic. If you're backing him, you must believe that his heart and grit will get him that extra furlong. He should get a good place early behind the pack of leaders and stalkers.

Yoshida may be farther back, but should get a good pace set-up with many horses looking to be near the lead early. The Grade 1 Woodward winning unleashed a big rally in his first dirt try and has looked regal over the Churchill dirt working out.

I don't fear the west coast invaders, favorite #14 Accelerate (5/2) or #7 West Coast (5/1), but I am a bit scared to play against #6 McKinzie (6/1), who was very impressive winning the Grade 1 Pennsylvania Derby after a long lay-off, in which he missed a shot at the Kentucky Derby. The Baffert-trainee was once his top sophomore prospect way before Justify won the Triple Crown this year. I'll mix McKinzie into my trifecta plays below and play against Accelerate and West Coast.

For more analysis, please check out our full article on [RacingDudes.com](http://RacingDudes.com) in our east vs. west debate about the Classic. Good luck to all and let's cash some tickets! ■

#### **The bets in Race #11 – Classic:**

- \$10 Win – #3 *Catholic Boy*
- \$2 Exacta Box – #3 *Catholic Boy*, #10 *Yoshida*, #11 *Mind Your Biscuits* (\$12 Total Bet)
- \$4 Exacta – #3 *Catholic Boy* over #10 *Yoshida*, #11 *Mind Your Biscuits* (\$8 Total Bet)
- \$2 Trifecta Box – #3 *Catholic Boy*, #10 *Yoshida*, #11 *Mind Your Biscuits* (\$12 Total Bet)
- \$2 Trifecta – #3 *Catholic Boy* / #6 *McKinzie*, #10 *Yoshida*, #11 *Mind Your Biscuits* / #6 *McKinzie*, #10 *Yoshida*, #11 *Mind Your Biscuits* (\$12 Total Bet)

**\$54 Total Bet**



5.5 FURLONGS 2-YEAR-OLDS

# JUVENILE TURF SPRINT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

\$1,000,000 | 3:21 PM EDT

## OVERVIEW:

For the first time ever, we will have a Turf Sprint for the Juvenile's. This race drew a large number of entries, which certainly is an improvement over the now-defunct Juvenile Dirt Sprint. We will see if this race will stay around longer than that one did.

## TOP CHOICE: #5 BULLETIN

This horse is the most intriguing of the bunch. He has just one race under his belt, yet that race was very fast. We will find out if experience matters in this race, as we have no data to go on currently. He may be the "speed of the speed."

## MAJOR THREATS:

**#1 Strike Silver, #10 So Perfect, #2 Soldier's Call, #3 Well Done Fox, #4 Stillwater Cove**

A long list of threats here in a race where it is hard to separate the contenders from pretenders

## OTHERS:

**#9 Chelsea Cloisters, #14 Comedy, #6 Moonlight Romance, #7 Shang Shang Shang, #16 Legends of War, #11 Queen of Bermuda, #8 Sergei Prokofiev, #13 Big Drink of Water**

Even these horses are ones to consider if the price is right. With this huge field size, and the presence of so much speed, anything can happen. This race is, without a doubt, the true definition of a crapshoot.

## RACE SHAPE:

The pace will be blazing.

**PURE SPEED:** Bulletin, Chelsea Cloisters, Comedy, Shang Shang Shang, Soldier's Call

**PRESSING SPEED:** Big Drink of Water, Moonlight Romance, So Perfect, Stillwater Cove

**STALKERS:** Legends of War, Pocket Dynamo

**CLOSERS:** Strike Silver, Queen of Bermuda, Sergei Prokofiev, Van Beethoven, Well Done Fox

The inaugural running of this race is likely to have a blazing pace up front. A turf sprint will always have plenty of speed balls, especially if it for 2-Year-Olds. Every prep race leading up to this had a hot pace as well, which all led to horses winning from off the pace. Look for the winner to come from a stalking or closing position.

## LONG SHOTS TO USE:

**#15 Van Beethoven, #12 Pocket Dynamo**

The key here is to look at the tote board and find who is offering the most value out of this group. That will be in question until right before the gates open as this should be a race where the money is very spread out.

## PICKS & PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** Bulletin – Confidence Level: 0 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE OR SHOW:** Strike Silver – Confidence Level: 0 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD LONGSHOT PLAY:** Pocket Dynamo – Confidence Level: 0 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 1,2,5,10 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 1,2,5,10 BOX

**SUPERFACTA:** 1,2,5,10 BOX

**HORSES TO USE IN MULTI RACE WAGERS:** 1,2,5,10

**SMALL BUDGET WAGER:** This is a good race to skip. If you must play, but a small win amount on your favorite longshot.

**LARGE BUDGET WAGER:** This is the first race of the Breeders' Cup, so do not burn much bankroll here, as it is also the hardest race to predict. A small \$10 win wager on a horse with long odds should be the play.

# 1 MILE ON TURF 2-YEAR-OLD FILLIES JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

\$1,000,000 | 4:00 PM EDT

**OVERVIEW:** Chad Brown has had tremendous success over the last few years in this race with stars such as Lady Eli and Rushing Fall. This year, it should be more of the same, as the fabulous Newspaperofrecord will be tough to beat. As always, the European shippers will be her main challengers, with Aidan O'Brien leading the charge.

## TOP CHOICE: #6 NEWSPAPEROFRECORD

This could be the most talented juvenile in the country. In her two starts, nobody has even been close to beating her, with both wins coming by over six lengths. Her normal effort will dominate this group.

## MAJOR THREATS:

**#4 Just Wonderful, #2 The Mackem Bullet, #1 Concrete Rose**

If any horse is going to beat Newspaperofrecord, it will have to come from Europe, as our horses don't seem to match up. The one horse that could stand a chance from America is Concrete Rose, who recently picked up a big win at Keeneland.

## OTHERS:

**#14 East, #5 La Pelosa, #3 Lily's Candle, #16 Winning Envelope, #7 Stellar Agent, #8 Belle Laura, #11 Lady Prancealot, #10 Pakhet, #15 Pivottina, #9 Varenka**

It will be hard for any of these horses to pull off a major upset in this race.

## RACE SHAPE:

The pace should not be overly fast in this race

**PURE SPEED:** Newspaperofrecord, Winning Envelope

**PRESSING SPEED:** East, The Mackem Bullet

**STALKERS:** Summering, Concrete Rose, Stellar Agent

**CLOSERS:** La Pelosa, Just Wonderful, My Gal Betty, Belle Laura, Lady Prancealot, Lily's Candle, Pakhet, Pivottina, Varenka

The heavy favorite in this race will be Newspaperofrecord. If you are looking to try to beat her it will be tough, with this pace set up not doing you in favors. The race lacks a lot of true speed, which could mean Newspaperofrecord can dictate her own terms on the front end.

## LONG SHOTS TO USE:

**#13 My Gal Betty, #12 Summering** These two horses have shown flashes at times, which could make them dangerous at big price. Summering must bounce back from a lack-luster third last time out, which will bolster her price even further. My Gal Betty must run away from Woodbine for the first time in this spot.

## PICKS & PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** Newspaperofrecord – Confidence Level: 5 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE OR SHOW:** Concrete Rose – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD LONGSHOT PLAY:** My Gal Betty – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 6/1,2,4

**TRIFECTA:** 6/1,2,4/1,2,4,5,12

**SUPERFACTA:** 6/1,2,4/1,2,4,5,12/1,2,4,5,12

**HORSES TO USE IN MULTI RACE WAGERS:** 6

**SMALL BUDGET WAGER:** \$40 to win on Newspaperofrecord

**LARGE BUDGET WAGER:** \$200 to win on Newspaperofrecord



# 1 1/6 MILES 2-YEAR-OLD FILLIES JUVENILE FILLIES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

\$2,000,000 | 4:40 PM EDT

**OVERVIEW:** It has been bombs away in the past for this event, yet, we have also seen heavy favorites win this race at times. Oddly enough, when the Breeders' Cup has been in Kentucky lately, the favorite has won every time. The last time the Breeders' Cup was held in this state, Songbird romped to a devastating score at Keeneland.

## TOP CHOICE: #10 BELLAFINA

She is just too good to go against. Now the winner of three straight graded stakes events, Bellafina picked up her second straight Grade 1 win last time out in the Chandelier Stakes, where she dominated by over six lengths. If she fires her normal race this group will have a tough time beating her.

## MAJOR THREATS:

**#7 Jaywalk, #2 Serengeti Empress** Jaywalk certainly will garner plenty of attention after dominating rivals last time out in the Grade 1 Frizette Stakes, which was her third straight victory. Serengeti Empress' last race was also something spectacular. It came in the Grade 2 Pocahontas Stakes, where she won by an outstanding 19 1/2 lengths.

## OTHERS:

**#1 Reflect, #4 Restless Rider, #9 Splashy Kisses, #6 Baby Nina, #5 Cassies Dreamer** Restless Rider is easily the horse that stands out in this group. She is coming off of a Grade 1 win in the Darley Alcibiades at Keeneland. However, the speed figure did not come back all the strong for that race, or any of her races, which makes her questionable against such a tough field.

## RACE SHAPE:

You can expect a fairly swift pace in this one.

**PURE SPEED:** Bellafina, Serengeti Empress

**PRESSING SPEED:** Jaywalk, Splashy Kisses, Vibrance

**STALKERS:** Reflect, Restless Rider

**CLOSERS:** Sippican Harbor, Baby Nina, Cassies Dreamer

There is no doubt there will be a fight for the lead. As usual, several of these early-developing juveniles like to show speed right out of the gate. Bellafina and Serengeti Empress will be two of the favorites in here, with both of them likely to go head to head early. The horse that shows they can sit off the lead in a stalking position will have the biggest advantage. The pace also could set up well for the strongest closer in the race, which is Sippican Harbor.

## LONG SHOTS TO USE:

**#8 Sippican Harbor, #3 Vibrance** Sippican Harbor was last seen at Saratoga winning the Grade 1 Spinaway Stakes. She comes into this race off of several solid works, while also getting a new rider. Vibrance improved while stretching out last time out, finishing second to Bellafina in the Grade 1 Chandelier Stakes.

## PICKS & PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** Bellafina - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE OR SHOW:** Serengeti Empress - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD LONGSHOT PLAY:** Vibrance - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 10/2,7,8 and 2,7,8/10

**TRIFECTA:** 10/2,3,7,8/2,3,7,8

**SUPERFECTA:** 10/2,3,7,8/2,3,7,8/2,3,7,8

**HORSES TO USE IN MULTI RACE WAGERS:** 2,7,10

**SMALL BUDGET WAGER:** \$20 to win on Bellafina

**LARGE BUDGET WAGER:** \$2 Trifecta Box: 2,3,7,10

# 1 MILE 2-YEAR OLD MALES JUVENILE TURF

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

\$1,000,000 | 5:22 PM EDT

**OVERVIEW:** In the past, this has been the race where European shippers have had tremendous success, including last year when Mendelssohn won here with a dream trip up the rail. Trainer Aidan O'Brien is always the most dangerous of the European trainers, with this year being no different. The American-based horses will have their work cut out for them.

## TOP CHOICE: #7 SOMELIKEITHOTBROWN

He was a close second to Opry in the Grade 3 With Anticipation, while also finishing a solid second in the Grade 3 Pilgrim to Forty Under. This shorter distance may help him today, though, while he also draws a perfect post position. He could be poised to pull an upset.

## MAJOR THREATS:

### #4 Forty Under, #8 Opry, #12 Current, #14 Anthony Van Dyck

Forty Under was the most impressive horse coming out of the prep races for this event in the United States. He is a perfect two for two since moving to the turf. Opry was fourth in the Pilgrim after his impressive win in the With Anticipation at Saratoga. Current is another dangerous American horse, after using a furious late really down the center of the track to take home the Grade 3 Bourbon Stakes at Keeneland. Finally, Aidan O'Brien will also bring over Anthony Van Dyck.

## OTHERS:

#5 Line of Duty, #13 Marie's Diamond, #3 Much Better, #9 The Black Album, #16 Order and Law, #2 Uncle Benny, #11 King of Speed, #15 Tracksmith

These horses look to be overmatched in what is a very deep field of juveniles.

## RACE SHAPE:

This race should have a moderate pace

**PURE SPEED:** War of Will, Much Better

**PRESSING SPEED:** Arthur Kitt, Line of Duty, Somelikeithotbrown, Tracksmith

**STALKERS:** Forty Under, Marie's Diamond, Anthony Van Dyck, The Black Album

**CLOSERS:** Henley's Joy, Current, Opry, Uncle Benny, King of Speed, Order and Law

The pace will come down to how several of the European horses perform in their American debuts. Shippers Arthur Kitt and Line of Duty have shown solid speed overseas, while the American based War of Will will be the likely-pace setter with those two from Europe. Either way, the pace should not be that swift in this race. Closers could end up being at a disadvantage.

## LONG SHOTS TO USE:

### #1 Arthur Kitt, #10 War of Will, #6 Henley's Joy

Arthur Kitt provides value as he will be considered the lesser European shipper in comparison to some of the other horses in the race. War of Will might still be a maiden after three stats, however, she also nearly won the Grade 1 Summer Stakes, finishing a close second to Fog of War. Henley's Joy was beaten just a nose last time out in the Grade 3 Bourbon Stakes.

# PICKS & PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** Somelikeithotbrown – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE OR SHOW:** Anthony Van Dyck – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD LONGSHOT PLAY:** Arthur Kitt – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 4,7,12,14 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 4,7,12,14 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 4,7,1,2,14 BOX

**HORSES TO USE IN MULTI RACE WAGERS:** 4,7,8,10,12

**SMALL BUDGET WAGER:** \$2 Exacta Box: 4,7,12,14 BOX

**LARGE BUDGET WAGER:** \$1 Trifecta: 7,14/4,7,14/ALL

1 1/16 MILES 2-YEAR OLD COLTS

# SENTIENT JET JUVENILE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

\$2,000,000 | 6:05 PM EDT

**OVERVIEW:** Lately, this race has produced several fantastic horses, while serving as the first major step towards the 2019 Kentucky Derby. Several of the big trainers are lined up to take their shot here, with Bob Baffert leading the way with two entries. His trainee, Game Winner, will be backed heavily, but several challengers are set to give him in a battle in what can be considered a deep and talented field.

## TOP CHOICE: #9 GAME WINNER

This looks to be Bob Baffert's next big horse after three straight wins to start his career. His win in the Grade 1 American Pharoah Stakes at Santa Anita was his most impressive performance, which was run around two turns.

## MAJOR THREATS:

### #11 Code of Honor, #6 Complexity

The top 2 finishers of the Grade 1 Champagne Stakes are top contenders to win this race. Complexity went fast early and late in that race to win, while being Chad Brown's best Kentucky Derby prospect. Code of Honor will appreciate the stretch out in distance here.

## OTHERS:

### #10 Knicks Go, #7 Mind Control, #2 Mr. Money, #4 Tight Ten, #1 Dueling, #14 Signalman, #8 Standard Deviation, #5 Well Defined, #3 Derby Date, #13 Topper T

Two horses on this list could surprise: Knicks Go and Mind Control. Both won Grade 1 races last time out. Knicks Go took home the Breeders' Cup Futurity at odds of 70-1, which makes a reasonable person a bit skeptical that he can repeat that performance. Mind Control was very impressive at Saratoga winning the Grade 1 Hopeful Stakes, however, he missed his final prep race for this one.

## RACE SHAPE:

This race looks to set up well for closers

**PURE SPEED:** Complexity, Tight Ten, Well Defined

**PRESSING SPEED:** Game Winner, Mind Control, Knicks Go

**STALKERS:** Signalman, Mr. Money, Derby Date, Topper T, Gunmetal Gray

**CLOSERS:** Code of Honor, Dueling, Standard Deviation,

Several speed horses are signed on to run here, while several more will look to press the leaders right from the start. This means the closers should have plenty of pace to run at, making horses like Code of Honor and Gunmetal Gray extremely interesting at long prices. However, the expected favorite Game Winner has shown he can sit a bit off the pace and come with a big run at the end. The pace should hurt Complexity, making him a risky play at a short price.

## LONG SHOTS TO USE:

### #12 Gunmetal Gray

Gunmetal Gray ran on well to finish second in the Grade 1 American Pharoah Stakes behind Game Winner. That track favored speed, which might not be the case at Churchill Downs on a track that will likely have moisture in it.

# PICKS & PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** Game Winner – Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE OR SHOW:** Code of Honor – Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD LONGSHOT PLAY:** Gunmetal Gray – Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 9/6,11,12 AND 6,11,12/9

**TRIFECTA:** 6,9,11,12 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 6,9,11,12 BOX

**HORSES TO USE IN MULTI RACE WAGERS:** 6,9,11,12

**SMALL BUDGET WAGER:** \$20 to win on Game Winner

**LARGE BUDGET WAGER:** \$50 to win on Game Winner. \$10 EX BOX 6,9,11

# 7 FURLONGS 3-YEAR-OLD & UP FILLIES & MARES FILLY & MARE SPRINT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

\$1,000,000 | 12:00 PM EDT

**OVERVIEW:** Trainer Bob Baffert packs a dangerous punch in this race with Marley's Freedom. She will be looking for her 5th straight victory in this spot. The Filly and Mare Sprint will kick off day two of the Breeders' Cup events.

## TOP CHOICE: #13 MARLEY'S FREEDOM

Baffert has this race over a barrel as Marley's Freedom is set to run a big one in here. She has dominated her rivals all year long.

## MAJOR THREATS:

### #5 Golden Mischief

Golden Mischief is a pace place here, as she should get the perfect set up. There are several horses that are going to fly on the front end.

## OTHERS:

**#8 Mia Mischief, #7 Skye Diamonds, #9 Stormy Embrace, #12 Anonymity, #4 Kirby's Penny, #6 Chalon, #2 Miss Sunset, #14 Shamrock Rose, #15 Dream Pauline, #3 Happy Like a Fool, #10 Highway Star** The most likely horse to make an impact out of this list is Mia Mischief. She has been solid in most of her races this season, while being a tough luck loser in her last couple. She will be involved with the early pace right out of the gate.

## RACE SHAPE:

There's plenty of speed signed on in this one

**PURE SPEED:** Finley'sluckycharm, Mia Mischief, Selcourt, Anonymity, Kirby's Penny

**PRESSING SPEED:** Skye Diamonds, Stormy Embrace, Chalon, Miss Sunset, Shamrock Rose

**STALKERS:** Golden Mischief, Marley's Freedom, Dream Pauline, Happy Like a Fool

**CLOSERS:** Highway Star

Five horses in this race can really fly on the front end, while several others can sit close. That makes for a pace that should be very fast. The closers in this race will be given a fair chance. A few are intriguing at a nice price including: Golden Mischief and Let It Ride Mom.

## LONG SHOTS TO USE:

### #11 Finley'sluckycharm, #1 Selcourt

There is a lot of class in this field. These four horses are just a slight cut below the top choices. However, they can make an impact here at a big price if the pace sets up in their favor.

# PICKS & PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** Marley's Freedom – Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE OR SHOW:** Golden Mischief – Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD LONGSHOT PLAY:** Finley'sluckycharm – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 1,5,13 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 1,5,11,13 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 1,5,11,13 BOX

**HORSES TO USE IN MULTI RACE WAGERS:** 1,5,13

**SMALL BUDGET WAGER:** \$1 Trifecta Box: 1,5,11,13

**LARGE BUDGET WAGER:** \$2 Trifecta Box: 1,5,11,13

# 5.5 FURLONGS 3-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD TURF SPRINT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

\$1,000,000 | 12:38 PM EDT

**OVERVIEW:** It could be bombs away in this race that is loaded with talent. The top 3 finishers of last year's race are back to do battle once again, along with some new talent. European ship-pers will also play a big part in the outcome here.

## TOP CHOICE: #11 WORLD OF TROUBLE

World of Trouble has been flawless since moving to the turf. He earned two ungraded stakes victories in his last two starts, both of which were in wire to wire fashion. Now, he must deal with significant pace pressure, which could be the biggest challenge.

## MAJOR THREATS:

**#5 Disco Partner, #12 Richard's Boy, #9 Stormy Liberal, #4 Vision Perfect** If the pace melts down it will be last year's top 3 finishers that are the most likely to win yet again. Disco Partner was making a winning move, but ran out of real estate to finish third.

## OTHERS:

**#2 Buccheri, #1 Ruby Notion, #10 Havana Grey, #3 Hembree, #8 Chanteline, #15 Insta Erma, #7 Lost Treasure**

This race is completely wide open, which means the winner could easily come from this category. Look for a horse at a huge price and take a swing for the fences.

## RACE SHAPE:

This one will be blazing

**PURE SPEED:** World of Trouble

**PRESSING SPEED:** Conquest Tsunami, Richard's Boy, Ruby Notion, Stormy Liberal, Vision Perfect, Havana Grey

**STALKERS:** Buccheri, Hembree

**CLOSERS:** Disco Partner, Rainbow Heir, Will Call, Chanteline, Insta Erma, Lost Treasure

Like usual, this race will be loaded with speed. The race will feature several horses flying to the front looking to take the early advantage. This could mean the race will set up great for closer Disco Partner, who gets an extra 1/2 furlongs to close into this season. That factor could make him tough, with the pace expected to fall apart.

## LONG SHOTS TO USE:

**#14 Conquest Tsunami, #6 Rainbow Heir, #13 Will Call**

There are many good horses in this field that will be double digit prices worth playing. Will Call loves this track, while Conquest Tsunami has run well all year against top-notch competition.

# PICKS & PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** World of Trouble – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE OR SHOW:** Disco Partner – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD LONGSHOT PLAY:** Will Call – Confidence Level: 0 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 5,9,11 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 5,9,11,12 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 5,9,11,12 BOX

**HORSES TO USE IN MULTI RACE WAGERS:** 5,9,11,12

**SMALL BUDGET WAGER:** \$5 across the board on World of Trouble

**LARGE BUDGET WAGER:** \$20 across the board on World of Trouble

# 1 MILE 3-YEAR-OLDS & OLDER DIRT MILE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

\$1,000,000 | 1:16 PM EDT

**OVERVIEW:** This race is all about Catalina Cruiser, who should be in the Breeders' Cup Classic, instead of this race. He may be the best horse in the country. Sadler is taking the conservative route with him here, which should lead to a dominating win.

## TOP CHOICE: #10 CATALINA CRUISER

He towers over this field. Plain and simple, he should be close to a lock in this race.

## MAJOR THREATS:

**#1 City of Light** There is no doubt this is the only horse that can match up with Catalina Cruiser in this race. He has shown plenty of talent this season. However, this 1-mile distance may not be his best, which could be tough for him to overcome.

## OTHERS:

**#9 Giant Expectations, #2 Trigger Warning, #3 Isotherm, #6 Seeking the Soul, #5 Awesome Slew, #8 Bravazo, #4 Seven Trumpets**

It will be hard for any of these horses to run with the top two in this race.

## RACE SHAPE:

The pace should be moderate

**PURE SPEED:** Catalina Cruiser

**PRESSING SPEED:** City of Light, Trigger Warning, Isotherm

**STALKERS:** Giant Expectations

**CLOSERS:** Firenze Fire, Seeking the Soul, Awesome Slew, Bravazo, Seven Trumpets

Catalina Cruiser doesn't need the extra help, yet he will get it here, with a pace that looks to set up perfectly for him. He is the lone speed in the race, with City of Light being the only horse that can press him at all. A wire to wire victory seems likely.

## LONG SHOTS TO USE:

### #7 Firenze Fire

His strongest race came at 1-mile, which means he has an outside shot. The top two choices in this race will be heavily bet, which could mean his price will be a bit higher than it should be in this spot.

# PICKS & PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** Catalina Cruiser – Confidence Level: 5 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE OR SHOW:** City of Light – Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD LONGSHOT PLAY:** Firenze Fire – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 1,10 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 1,10/1,10/1,7,9,10

**SUPERFECTA:** 1,7,9,10 BOX

**HORSES TO USE IN MULTI RACE WAGERS:** 1,10

**SMALL BUDGET WAGER:** \$20 to win on Catalina Cruiser

**LARGE BUDGET WAGER:** \$200 to win on Catalina Cruiser



# 1 3/8 MILES 3-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD FILLY & MARE TURF

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

\$2,000,000 | 2:04 PM EDT

**OVERVIEW:** For months, this race has been about Sistercharlie, as she has taken this division by storm with back to back Grade 1 victories. Trainer Chad Brown is also tough in this race. This year should be no different as he has several horses in here with a shot. The European shippers will need to bring their "A Game" to have a shot.

## TOP CHOICE: #6 SISTERCHARLIE

She has been simply brilliant this season. Chad Brown is ready for yet another big performance today, where a win will give her three straight Grade 1 victories. Look for her to drop to the back of pack, yet don't panic, as she will come with her furious rally down the lane.

## MAJOR THREATS:

**#9 A Raving Beauty, #1 Fourstar Crook, #10 Magic Wand**

Chad Brown or the European Shippers. Those are the horses to play in this race.

## OTHERS:

**#14 Eziyra, #11 Mom's On Strike, #5 Princess Yaiza, #7 Smart Choice, #3 Wild Illusion, #2 Thais, #8 Fuhrioulsy Kissed, #4 Paved**

It will be hard for anyone from this group to jump up and make an impact against a top-heavy and top-notch bunch.

## RACE SHAPE:

The pace should be moderate

**PURE SPEED:** Magic Wand, Thais

**PRESSING SPEED:** A Raving Beauty, Eziyra

**STALKERS:** Princess Yaiza, Wild Illusion

**CLOSERS:** Fourstar Crook, Mom's On Strike, Sistercharlie, Athena, Fuhrioulsy Kissed, Paved, Santa Monica, Smart Choice

The pace here should not be all that strong. At first you would think that would not be to Sistercharlie's advantage. That may not be true, though, as this means she will be within range of the leaders when turning for home. At that point it will become a sprint to the finish, which will make her very difficult to hold off down the stretch.

## LONG SHOTS TO USE:

**#13 Athena, #12 Santa Monica**

Athena shipped to the United States to win the Grade 1 Belmont Oaks, which gives her valuable experience. Santa Monica will be interesting as she will serve as the "other" Chad Brown entry.

## PICKS & PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** Sistercharlie – Confidence Level: 4.5 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE OR SHOW:** Fourstar Crook – Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD LONGSHOT PLAY:** Magic Wand – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 1,6,10 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 1,6,9,10 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 1,6,9,10 BOX

**HORSES TO USE IN MULTI RACE WAGERS:** 1,6,10

**SMALL BUDGET WAGER:** \$20 to win on Sistercharlie

**LARGE BUDGET WAGER:** \$50 to win on Sistercharlie. \$10 Exacta Box 1,6,10

# 6 FURLONGS 3-YEARS-OLDS & UPWARD TWINSPIRES SPRINT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

\$2,000,000 | 2:46 PM EDT

**OVERVIEW:** Year after year, this provides one of the most entertaining results. This year is no different, as the top two finishers from last year, Roy H and Imperial Hint, are back once again. Both horses are coming into the race off of wins, which could make for a fun rematch. However, these are not the only two horses in this race to watch. Several of the horses in the race are strong, making this event one the best at the Breeders' Cup.

## TOP CHOICE: #5 IMPERIAL HINT

This horse has been absolutely amazing in his last two races, both of which have come with just a hand ride in Grade 1 events. He can't get away with just a hand ride today, with all the talent he will be facing, but there are plenty of reasons to think he can win this one with a huge effort.

## MAJOR THREATS:

**#2 Promises Fulfilled, #9 Roy H** Defending champion Roy H is coming into the race in fine form after winning the Grade 1 Santa Anita Sprint Championship last time. He is going to be hard to hold off down the lane. Speedster Promises Fulfilled is as tough as nails. He will take this field as far as he can.

## OTHERS:

**#4 Warrior's Club, #7 Distinctive B, #6 Always Sunshine, #3 B Squared**

These horses simply look to be out-classed against this loaded field.

## RACE SHAPE:

This one has a chance to be fast.

**PURE SPEED:** Promises Fulfilled, Distinctive B

**PRESSING SPEED:** Imperial Hint

**STALKERS:** Roy H, Whitmore

**CLOSERS:** Limousine Liberal, Warrior's Club, Always Sunshine, B Squared

Promises Fulfilled flying on the front end of this race may be worth the price of admission! He will have no interest in slowing down, which means this race will have a blazing pace. That's good news for closers. However, the bad news is he has proven that he can still finish strong down the lane after setting fast fractions.

## LONG SHOTS TO USE:

**#8 Limousine Liberal, #1 Whitmore**

You must respect these two warriors, who have butted heads all year long, while staying in incredible form. Whitmore is just as tough as they come. He will show up with a solid effort. Limousine Liberal absolutely loves Churchill Downs, making him a must use.

## PICKS & PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** Imperial Hint – Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE OR SHOW:** Roy H – Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD LONGSHOT PLAY:** Limousine Liberal – Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 2,5,9 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 2,5,8,9 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 2,5,8,9 BOX

**HORSES TO USE IN MULTI RACE WAGERS:** 2,5,8,9

**SMALL BUDGET WAGER:** \$20 to win on Imperial Hint

**LARGE BUDGET WAGER:** \$50 to win on Imperial Hint. \$1 Trifecta Box: 2,5,8,9

# 1-MILE TURF HORSES 3-YEARS-OLD & UPWARD

## MILE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

\$2,000,000 | 3:36 PM EDT

**OVERVIEW:** The Breeders' Cup Mile is always one of the strongest divisions of the entire event. Legends such as Goldikova, Wise Dan, and Tepin have won this race over the last 10 years, while last year World Approval put his name up there with those horses. This year might be the most wide-open Mile in recent history, which should make for a wide-open betting affair.

## TOP CHOICE: #8 I CAN FLY

This race is completely wide open. Let's take a shot with I Can Fly, who just narrowly lost last time out to the very talented Roaring Lion. Aidan O'Brien at 10-1 is very appealing, especially with a horse that has proven to be classy.

## MAJOR THREATS:

**#2 Next Shares, #5 Oscar Performance, #14 Mustashry, #11 Lightning Spear** Oscar Performance is the most interesting horse out of this group. If the pace sets up like it shows on paper, there is a shot he could take this field wire to wire. If left alone up front, he becomes dangerous. Either way, he is a must use based on his talents at a mile

## OTHERS:

**#10 Catapult, #15 Divisidero, #13 Gustav Klimt, #3 Happily, #1 One Master, #4 Polydream**

Nobody is impossible in this race. Catapult is an interesting horse in this group, who has won races in bunches this year. However, he will have to prove he is ready for this sort of competition.

## RACE SHAPE:

The pace should be honest but not blazingly fast

**PURE SPEED:** Oscar Performance, Mustashry

**PRESSING SPEED:** Analyze It

**STALKERS:** Expert Eye, I Can Fly, Clemmie

**CLOSERS:** Catapult, Hunt, Next Shares, Almanaar, Divisidero, Gustav Klimt, Happily, One Master, Polydream, Lightning Spear

There is enough speed signed on to make this race interesting up front, while also not enough speed to where a horse can't take this field wire to wire. The presence of Oscar Performance means somebody will have to run with him early. If they don't, he could sneak away from field, while taking them wire to wire. Overall, the pace set up does not look to favor anyone in this field.

## LONG SHOTS TO USE:

**#9 Hunt, #12 Analyze It, #7 Expert Eye, #6 Almanaar, #16 Clemmie** If an American horse wins this race, it could be one of many, as they have traded wins all season long. Last year, we had World Approval to lean on, which is just not the case this year in this wide-open event.

## PICKS & PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** I Can Fly – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE OR SHOW:** Oscar Performance – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD LONGSHOT PLAY:** Catapult – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 5,8,11,14 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 5,8,11,14 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 5,8,11,14 BOX

**HORSES TO USE IN MULTI RACE WAGERS:** 5,8,11,14

**SMALL BUDGET WAGER:** \$.50 Trifecta Box: 5,8,11,14

**LARGE BUDGET WAGER:** \$2 Trifecta Box: 5,8,11,14

1 1/8 MILE DIRT 3YR OLD & UPWARD FILLY & MARES

# LONGINES DISTAFF

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

\$2,000,000 | 4:16 PM EDT

**OVERVIEW:** Welcome to the race of unknowns. The first, and biggest, being the form of favorite Abel Tasman. On paper, she looks to be a standout. However, her poor performance last time out in the Grade 1 Zenyatta Stakes leaves us with a lot of question marks. How she runs will be the key to this race. If she runs poorly this could become a wide-open fair that is completely up for grabs.

## TOP CHOICE: #2 Abel Tasman

Can she rebound from a poor effort last time out in the Grade 1 Zenyatta Stakes? In that race, she never picked up her feet, finishing a very poor fifth. Her workouts since that race have been brilliant, though, with trainer Bob Baffert claiming she is back to her old self. If she is, the rest of this field will be in trouble, with her being the most talented runner in the field.

## MAJOR THREATS:

**#10 Blue Prize, #7 Midnight Bisou, #11 Monomoy Girl, #8 Vale Dori** Monomoy Girl and Midnight Bisou have been great rivals all year long, with Monomoy Girl having a tremendous season. They both will prove tough here, with older horses Blue Prize and Vale Dori looming dangerously. Blue Prize is the Queen of Kentucky, while Vale Dori finally got back to her top form last time out with a win in the Zenyatta Stakes.

## OTHERS:

**#1 Champagne Problems, #4 Mopotism, #6 Verve's Tale** There are some quality horses in this group. However, it is hard to see any of them making an impact in this loaded field.

## RACE SHAPE:

The pace should be slow in this race.

**PURE SPEED:** NONE

**PRESSING SPEED:** Abel Tasman, Monomoy Girl, Vale Dori

**STALKERS:** Blue Prize, Champagne Problems, Midnight Bisou, Wonder Gadot, Verve's Tale

**CLOSERS:** La Force, Mopotism, Wow Cat

As you can see there is not a lot of speed signed on for this race. The most likely candidate to go to the front is Monomoy Girl, who has done a lot of damage this year when on the lead. The pace scenario does not set up well at all for closers in this race.

## LONG SHOTS TO USE:

**#3 La Force, #5 Wonder Gadot, #9 Wow Cat**

Longshots will have a chance in this race if Abel Tasman fails to show up with her best effort. These three are the best closers in the race, making them once you must consider.

# PICKS & PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** Abel Tasman – Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE OR SHOW:** Monomoy Girl – Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD LONGSHOT PLAY:** Wow Cat – Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 2,10,11 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 2,9,10,11 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 2,9,10,11

**HORSES TO USE IN MULTI RACE WAGERS:** 2,7,8,9,10,11

**SMALL BUDGET WAGER:** \$10 across the board on Abel Tasman. \$5 win on Wow Cat

**LARGE BUDGET WAGER:** \$20 across the board on Abel Tasman. \$2 Trifecta Box: 2,9,10,11

# 1 ½ MILE TURF 3-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD LONGINES TURF

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

\$4,000,000 | 4:56 PM EDT

**OVERVIEW:** Enable is thought of as the best horse in the world by many pundits. Just having her come over for a Breeders' Cup race might be the lead story of the entire event. However, no Arc winner has ever won at the Breeders' Cup, meaning this super star filly will be looking to make history.

## TOP CHOICE: #2 ENABLE

If she shows up with her normal effort there will be no defeating her. She won the Arc last time out off of just one race in 11 months, which is an incredible feat. As previously stated, history will be against her as no Arc winner has ever won at the Breeders' Cup, but this could be the right horse to break that trend.

## MAJOR THREATS:

**#3 Channel Maker, #4 Robert Bruce, #1 Talismanic**

America's best hope for a win in this race comes with Channel Maker or Robert Bruce. They were the 1-2 finishers in the Grade 1 Joe Hirsch Turf Classic, where both horses were well clear of their competition.

## OTHERS:

**#6 Arklow, #8 Liam the Charmer, #9 Quarteto de Cordas, #11 Sadler's Joy, #10 Hi Happy, #13 Hunting Horn, #5 Magical, #12 Waldgeist**

The horse that sticks out in this group is the classy Sadler's Joy, who can always be counted on for a strong effort. He might be a fringe underneath play in this tough spot. He'll need some pace to make an impact, which is scary, as the pace scenario does not look to be in his favor.

## RACE SHAPE:

This should be a slow pace

**PURE SPEED:** NONE

**PRESSING SPEED:** Enable, Glorious Empire, Hi Happy, Hunting Horn

**STALKERS:** Quarteto de Cordas, Magical

**CLOSERS:** Arklow, Channel Maker, Liam the Charmer, Robert Bruce, Sadler's Joy, Talismanic, Waldgeist

This race is lacking a true speed horse. Superstar Enable should be close to the lead throughout the entire race. Glorious Empire will be the pace setter, giving Enable a target to run at down backside. Closers could have trouble catching her if it plays out like the way it looks on paper.

## LONG SHOTS TO USE:

**#7 Glorious Empire**

Glorious Empire could make sense in this race if he sneaks out to an uncontested early lead. That seems possible, which could be dangerous, as he has won his last two races in wire to wire fashion. The most impressive of the two coming last time out in the Grade 1 Sword Dancer Stakes at Saratoga.

# PICKS & PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** Enable – Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE OR SHOW:** Channel Maker – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD LONGSHOT PLAY:** Glorious Empire – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 2/1,3,4

**TRIFECTA:** 2/1,3,4/1,3,4,5,7

**SUPERFECTA:** 1,2,3,4 BOX

**HORSES TO USE IN MULTI RACE WAGERS:** 2

**SMALL BUDGET WAGER:** \$1 Trifecta: 2/1,3,4/ALL

**LARGE BUDGET WAGER:** \$100 to win on Enable

# 1 1/4 MILES HORSES 3-YEARS-OLD & OLDER CLASSIC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

\$6,000,000 | 5:44 PM EDT

**OVERVIEW:** The main event! The stars are out for this one, which should always be the case, with this being the richest race of the Breeders' Cup. Past winners have used this race to solidify themselves as "Horse of the Year," which could be the case for Accelerate if he can manage to win this race. To win he'll have to beat a strong cast of horses and connections

## TOP CHOICE: #6 MCKINZIE

Before Justify, it was McKinzie that was known to be Bob Baffert's Derby horse, while the trainer told everyone that was listening that he was really high on this colt. That hasn't changed. McKinzie missed the Triple Crown season with an injury but is back in a big way after winning the Grade 1 Pennsylvania Derby off of a 6-month layoff. He's breathing fire coming into this spot, with the chance of value being strong.

## MAJOR THREATS:

**#14 Accelerate, #3 Catholic Boy, #11 Mind Your Biscuits, #7 West Coast** All of these horses are serious threats. Each have shown this season that they can run races fast enough to compete with nearly anyone in the country.

## OTHERS:

**#12 Axelrod, #5 Lone Sailor, #8 Pavel, #10 Yoshida, #15 Collected, #2 Roaring Lion, #16 Toast of New York, #4 Gunnevera**

Yoshida is the most accomplished horse on this list. He may be able to come with a run if the pace is hot. We still believe he is better off on the turf, though, which is why we are against him in this race.

## RACE SHAPE:

The pace should be moderate

**PURE SPEED:** Mendelssohn, West Coast

**PRESSING SPEED:** Accelerate, Catholic Boy, McKinzie, Thunder Snow, Collected

**STALKERS:** Mind Your Biscuits, Pavel

**CLOSERS:** Axelrod, Discreet Lover, Gunnevera, Lone Sailor, Yoshida, Roaring Lion, Toast of New York

It is hard to think the pace will be blazing in this race. However, the presence of Mendelssohn means it will at least be honest. His early gate speed should find him on the lead, while several horses have the ability to press him the entire way. Stalkers and closers will have a set up that should not give them any excuses once the race is over.

## LONG SHOTS TO USE:

**#13 Discreet Lover, #9 Mendelssohn, #1 Thunder Snow** How Mendelssohn and Thunder Snow fare at Churchill Downs is a major story line. Both had absolutely terrible days here when running in the Kentucky Derby. Discreet Lover is the perfect underdog play as he always outruns his odds.

## PICKS & PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** McKinzie – Confidence Level: 3.5 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE OR SHOW:** Mind Your Biscuits – Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD LONGSHOT PLAY:** Catholic Boy – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 6,7,11,14 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 6,7,11,14 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 6,7,11,14 BOX

**HORSES TO USE IN MULTI RACE WAGERS:** 3,6,7,11,14

**SMALL BUDGET WAGER:** \$2 Exacta Box 6,7,11,14. \$1 Trifecta 6,7,11,14. \$10 to win on McKinzie

**LARGE BUDGET WAGER:** \$50 to win on McKinzie. \$5 Exacta Box 6,7,11,14. \$2 Trifecta Box 6,7,11,14.

# SENIOR'S BREEDERS' CUP PICKS



## PETER ROTONDO, SR.

"Senior" retired from the real world in 1997 and has been playing the ponies virtually full-time ever since. He has that "old school" instinct that is unteachable and is known for picking LIVE longshots and identifying BAD favorites. His stint on HorsePlayers gave the world an look into his handicapping and rooting style as well his knack for "bad beats!" If only his horses had bigger noses...

## SENTIENT JET JUVENILE

### MAJOR THREATS:

**DUELING**- 475K yearling graduated in his 3rd start at SA on 9/28 going a 1 1/16 for the first time after running 2nd to BC JUV favorite GAME WINNER. Mike Smith stays on the gr/ro. colt which is a positive sign. The wily veteran Jerry Hollendorfer is his conditioner.

**CODE OF HONOR**- Stumbled at the gate in the GR1 Champagne yet finished with a burst of energy in the stretch to finish a good 2nd. With a clean getaway, the Shug McGaughey trained colt should appreciate the added distance and the 2 turns. Will close stoutly late to be a major factor.

**LONGSHOT: TIGHT TEN**- This Tapit colt was beaten only a 1/2 length in the GR3 Iroquois at CD going 1 1/16. He's been training smartly on the CD main track and if the track were to come up wet, this colt won't need his "rain boots" to run a huge race at a very square price.

**BET AGAINST:** Taking a stand against the undefeated **GAME WINNER** who is the anticipated heavy favorite. There is a plethora of early speed that could prove troublesome for him. he will be hounded early and late from the opening bell.

## JUVENILE TURF

### MAJOR THREATS:

**LINE OF DUTY (IRE)**- Galileo colt won the GR3 Prix de Conde in his last outing at Chantilly going 1 1/8. He's improving with each start and cutting back to one mile will suit him perfectly. Colt has high profile connections: Godolphin/Charles Appleby

**OPRY**- Disregard his lackluster performance in the GR3 PILGRIM on a yielding turf at Belmont on 9/29. if the

turf is firm on Saturday look for this son of Declaration Of War to EXPLODE down the stretch..Pletcher trains and Castellano will be back aboard.

**LONGSHOT: FORTY UNDER**- He won both his turf starts on a firm then yielding course. This colt rates kindly and packs a good closing kick, the son of Uncle Mo has a legit shot to upset at a good price.

**BET AGAINST: BROOME** has only been victorious once in 5 starts for A. O'Brien yet finished 2nd by a neck in a GR 1 Stakes at Longchamp on 10/7. His problem is that in his 3 prior starts he DWELT at the start in relatively small fields. TOO RISKY to play him in a 14 horse field.

## TITOS HANDMADE VODKA JUVENILE FILLIES

### MAJOR THREATS:

**SIPPICAN HARBOR**- Orb filly rallied from last place to win the GR1 Spinaway at Saratoga back on 9/1. Since the pace should be honest if not fast, look for this filly to make one sweeping move on the far turn to get up in the final strides to capture top honors.

**REFLECT**- She ran a creditable 2nd in the GR1 ALCIA-BEDES at Kee on 10/5 and love the fact that this filly is traing very well on the CD main track. She will need to run a career best to win but has a decent chance. Jockey James Graham will stay aboard for trainer Keith Desormeaux.

**LONGSHOT: CASSIE'S DREAMER**- She's been knocking on the door while finishing 3rd in her last couple of GR 1 Stakes. Trainer Barclay Tagg of Funny Cide fame claimed this gal for 50K ON Aug 8th. Could be a Cinderella Story if she were to upset this contentious group of fillies.

**BET AGAINST:** *BELLAFINA* will be another huge chalk as she will be knocking heads with several fillies vying for the early lead. She is NOT a value play at short odds making her 1st start on the CD oval.

## JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

### MAJOR THREATS:

**LILLY'S CANDLE(Fr)** - She's a winner of 3 races in 5 starts and is 2 for 2 at the one mile distance. This filly is coming off a GR1 victory at Longchamp on 10/7 and has improved her Timeform rating with each start. She can handle firm or soft ground. Looks solid here!!

**CONCRETE ROSE** - She's 2 for 2 on grass winning at 5 1/2F and a 1 1/16, the latter was the GR2 Jessamine at Keenland on Oct 10th. Jockey Jose Lezcano will try and make it 3 in a row on this gal that seems to adore the turf.

**LONGSHOT: THE MACHEM BULLET** - She lost 2 consecutive Group races at 6f. She will stretch out for the first time and if allowed to get loose up front, just might take this field gate to wire at generous odds.

**BET AGAINST: HERMOSA** - This will be her 4th start in just 47 days. Despite her running a game 2nd in the GR 1 bet 365 Mile at Newmarket, it may take a toll on this filly to perform against this stellar group. She most likely will chase the pace to NO avail.

## JUVENILE TURF SPRINT

### MAJOR THREATS:

**STILLWATER COVE** - She's trained by Wesley Ward and looks very formidable in this event at 5 1/2 F on the turf. 2 back she won at today's distance but tired in the final furlong going one mile in the GR1 Natalma at WO and will appreciate cutting back to her favorite distance. Look for her to score at a good price

**SERGEI PROKOFIEV** - A. O'Brien's colt by Scat Daddy won his latest race at Newmarket on OCT 12th going 5F. He ran a career best and in his present form can be a handful against his competitors in his us debut.

**LONGSHOT: POCKET DYNAMO** - had a very tough trip in his latest start at Newmarket in a GR3 event. He has shown promise/talent while finishing a very close 2nd to Shang Shang Shang back in June. With a clean trip and careful rating this colt is capable of pulling off a big surprise to pay double digits.

**BET AGAINST: SHANG SHANG SHANG** - She's been idle since the GR 2 Norfolk where he beat Pocket Dynamo by a whisker going 5F. There's plenty of early speed to run with him and it's no value to play her at a short price off a 4 month layoff.

## BC CLASSIC

### MAJOR THREATS:

**THUNDER SNOW** - will attempt to make amends for his debacle in the 2017 Ky Derby where he jumped up at the start and was PULLED UP

After losing by a neck in the JkClbGC-GR1 at 1 1/4 on 9/29 at Belmont, he is poised to run a career best in the Classic as the 4 yr old colt is training very well on the CD main track. His forte is tracking the leaders together with his fondness for 1 1/4 will make him a MAJOR PLAYER

**ROARING LION** - This 3 yr old Ky bred has been racing in England and Ireland banking more than 3.5 million while winning 4 Group 1 races in a row.

It's been only 14 days since his last victory at one mile on a soft turf in the GR1 QESTakes at Ascot but if he can handle the dirt, LOOK OUT!!

**LONGSHOT: SEEKING THE SOUL** - Expect a huge price on this 'blue collar' work horse. He rewarded his connections last year with a rousing victory in the GR1 Clark at CD going 1 1/8. This 5 yr old has an affinity for this oval and thus could possibly pull off a great upset in the Classic

On the negative side he has never raced at 1 1/4. he is definitely worth a wager at generous odds.

**BET AGAINST: ACCELERATE** - Despite winning 5 of 6 in 2018 including his latest victory in the GR1 Awesome



Again at SA on 9/28, he was 'all out' to win that event and was visually UNIMPRESSIVE racing wide throughout the race. Accelerate offers NO VALUE as he is making his first start at CD. GO ELSEWHERE

## BC TURF

### MAJOR THREATS:

**ENABLE(GB)** Won the GR1 ARC de Triomphe on 10/7. This 4 yr old is SPECIAL while winning 6 of 6 at the 1 1/2 mile distance. Jockey Frank Dettori has never lost on her and he is determined to keep that streak intact. she will have to buck the odds in that an Arc winner NEVER won the BC TURF. Quite sure she will have her running shoes on here in her 1st US start.

**WALDGEIST(GB)** This 4 yr old colt finished 4th behind Enable in the Arc but had some traffic problems with a 1/4 of a mile to go. Prior to the ARC he reeled off 4 victories in a row all at the distance of 1 1/2. Trained by the very capable Andre Fabre, this colt could very well be the right one in this very contentious running of the BC Turf.

**LONGSHOT: CRYSTAL OCEAN(GB)** He's won several Group races in England but has yet to win a GR1 event. 2 races back he ran an OK second to ENABLE at 1 1/2 on a synthetic surface where he spotted her 8 lbs. In the BC turf he'll have to spot her only 3. Trainer Sir Michael Stoute didn't bring his 4 yr old colt here just for the frequent flyer miles. Waldgeist is a possible UPSETTER.

**BET AGAINST: TALISMANIC** Won last years edition of the BC Turf at Delmar while beating some tough foes. He was AWFUL in the ARC and frankly hasn't been relatively sharp this year as opposed to 2017. Despite having a good reputation and record in his career, he appears that he might be regressing

## BC DISTAFF

### MAJOR THREATS:

**BLUE PRIZE(Arg)** loves CD and the 1 1/8 distance. She's won 4 of 6 this year while her latest victory was at today's distance and was her first GR1 score. in her 5 races lifetime at CD she has 3 wins and 2 seconds. This 5 yr old mare has been ultra consistent during her career and should fare extremely well in the Distaff.

**La FORCE (GER)** This filly has been knocking on the door with three consecutive 2nd place finishes in GR1 races in California. It's possible that she is shy of the Winners Circle but with her running style of closing ground late, CD may be the surface she needs to achieve her 'Blue Ribbon'

**LONGSHOT: CHAMPAGNE PROBLEMS** has only won 1 race of 9 at CD but has 4 seconds and 2 thirds. She finished right behind Blue Prize in her last 2 starts and just might be able to turn the tables on her with extra patient handling by Calvin Borel. Not impossible by any means at good odds.

**BET AGAINST: ABEL TASMAN** ran a distant 5th in her last start at SA on 9/30 after a troubled start going off at 10 cents to the dollar. She has been lightly raced while winning only 2 races in her last 6 outings dating back to Sep 2017. She's 1 for 2 at CD on a sloppy oval and with these negatives I'll toss her.

## BC SPRINT

### MAJOR THREATS:

**LIMOUSINE LIBERAL** loves CD main track having won 6 of 8 lifetime starts. Disregard his 3rd place finish in his latest start vs Promises Fulfilled and Whitmore as he had an horrendous trip in the stretch drive only to lose top honors by a 1/2 length. With any kind of racing luck, look for this 6 yr old gelding having his picture taken in the Winners Circle.

**WHITMORE** hard hitting gelding who almost always FIRES. He'll need confident handling and a good trip to win. Although he is only 1 for 3 on the oval, he has been victorious 9 of 13 tries at the 6F distance. Must respect.

**LONGSHOT: DISTINCTIVE B** Another old veteran gelding who is a reformed claimer. Trainer Peter Miller has the senior guy feeling his oats as he finished 2nd best to Roy H in a GR1 event at SA ON 10/6 Would be nice for the geriatric son of With Distinction to upset this contentious field

**BET AGAINST: IMPERIAL HINT** it would be insane to fault this 5 yr old after having won 12 of 18 starts lifetime but despite his envious record and his current mint condition, I'll take a stand against him as he failed to hit the board in 2 career starts at CD on a fast and a



sloppy oval. Might be overanalyzing BUT at a very low price, lets try and beat him. Imperial Hint is NO LOCK.

## BC DIRT MILE

### MAJOR THREATS:

**CATALINA CRUISER**- 4 yr old colt who is lightly raced is UNDEFEATED winning once as a 3yr old and thrice in 2018. His last 2 victories were impressive GR2 scores both at Del Mar. He will be forwardly placed as usual and if he can adapt to the CD surface, he'll be a really tough customer to overhaul. He's trained by the veteran conditioner John Sadler.

**SEVEN TRUMPETS**- is owned by prolific owner West Point Thoroughbreds and might well be ready to blow his 'horn' in the WINNERS CIRCLE.. He's been training steadily on the CD oval which he ADORES having been a perfect 3 for 3 during his short career. Trained by the gregarious Dale Romans, his colt has a big shot.

**LONGSHOT: ISOTHERM**- has shown improvement switching from primarily the turf onto the dirt. He finished 3rd by only 2 3/4 lengths to the probable BC Classic favorite ACCELERATE in the GR1 awesome Again at SA on 9/29 at 1 1/8 .He cuts back to a one turn mile and although a monumental task at hand might be able to pull off a major upset at a real good price.

**BET AGAINST:** Yes, I'm aware **CITY OF LIGHT** beat **ACCELERATE** in early spring at OP but the consistent 4 yr oldl will make his first start at CD going a one turn mile for the very first time also. Back in August he was odds on to win the GR1 Forego at Saratoga and although he finished 2nd didn't look right to me. He'll take lots of money here but NOT mine.

## FILLY AND MARE SPRINT

### MAJOR THREATS:

**MARLEY'S FREEDOM**- has really blossomed under Bob Baffert who took over her conditioning in May. The 4 yr old daughter of Blame has won 3 consecutive races at 3 different race tracks and at 3 different sprint distances. She's been working like a tigress after receiving a short respite from her latest victory in Aug at the SPA in the

GR 1 Ballerina going 7F. SHE appears BEST in a very deep field of female sprinters.

**LONGSHOT: STORMY EMBRACE** IS trained by Kathleen O'Connell who is a veteran conditioner. The 4 yr old filly has been racing mostly in Florida and has 7 career victories in 20 starts. She ran huge 2 back in the GR2 Princess Rooney at GP going today's distance of 7f at 15- 1 in June. Was that a fluke?

She had a prep race at GP where she had trouble and finished a disappointing 3rd at 1=2. No doubt she will BIG ODDS here but she might just be a live longshot.

### BET AGAINST:

**SEL COURT**- This 4 yr old daughter of Tiz Wonderful won 3 consecutive races at SA in the winter of 2018. She's been on vacation since and although she has been training steadily, it seem a monumental task to win a BC race off a long layoff and just workouts. She'll take some money but it may be too tough an assignment to overcome not to mention 1st try at CD.

## BC TURF SPRINT

### MAJOR THREATS:

**WORLD OF TROUBLE**- This 3 yr old colt found a home on the grass. He won both turf starts in Stakes company at Saratoga and Belmont. While being conditioned by a high % trainer in Jason Servis. This colt has alot of UP-SIDE. he showed that he can rate despite having good speed. he should be a square price and has a legit chance.

**DISCO PARTNER**- Has been victorious in 10 of his 21 lifetime starts. He needs a solid pace to make his late run very effective and should get an honest if not an early contested hot pace to run a. Must respect his chances here as he will be very dangerous with a clean trip.

**LONGSHOT: WILL CALL**- This guy has one thing going in his favor here and that is he is undefeated on the CD turf course. On any given day he could jump up and run YUUUGE. Case in point: he narrowly missed winning the GR2 Woodford at Keenland on 10/7 going 5 1/2f. Demand a square price!!

**BET AGAINST: LOST TREASURE** A. O'Brien trained colt has won 3 of 7 in 2018 but did lose his last 3 racing in France and Ireland. he ran OCT 19th and will attempt to win off a 14 day layoff. It would actually be his 3rd start in the last 19 days Can't recommend.

## BC MILE

### MAJOR THREATS:

**EXPERT EYE** 3 yr old colt is owned by Juddmonte Farms Ltd and conditioned by Sir Michael Stoute. In his last 2 of 3 starts in Group 1 races Expert Eye had a 2nd and 3rd place finish. He has tactical speed and should be in a good spot to earn his first GR1 victory

**MUSTASHRY** knows how to win as he captured 3 of his last 4 albeit against a bit weaker opponents. He can go to the lead, stalk or close ground late which is very advantageous in a bulky field. DON'T OVERLOOK!

**LONGSHOT: POLYDREAM** is a 3 yr old filly who disappointed badly in her latest start vs the boys in the GR 1 Qatar Prix de la Foret at Longchamp on 10/7 Prior to that poor effort, she had won a GR1 event against her elders/boys at 5-1. She likely will be overlooked off her dull performance yet those who still believe in her can be rewarded with a handsome payout

**BET AGAINST: OSCAR PERFORMANCE** this colt rebounded nicely off his unfortunate outing in the GR1 Arlington Million by winning the WO mile on 9/15. He seems to need things his own way and in a bulky field he will meet just might be too much to ask for. This will be his toughest task to date. I can NOT recommend him vs this ultra-competitive field.

## BC Filly and mare TURF

### MAJOR THREATS:

**WILD ILLUSION(GB)** This 3yr old filly is in mint form having won her last 2 GR1 races at Goodwood and Longchamp respectively at 1 1/4 vs her elders. Her connections should not have any apprehension for her getting 1 3/8 as she raced at 1 1/2 earlier in the season resulting in a couple of 2nd place finishes. She is the one to beat for my money.

**MAGIC WAND(IRE)** this 3 yr old daughter of Galileo has finished 2nd twice in a row in GR1 races in Sep and Oct. Aidan O'Brien will try and turn the tables on WILD ILLUSION but it won't be an easy task. This gal has indeed room to improve and should NOT be overlooked.

**LONGSHOT: EZIYRA(IRE)** 4 Yr old filly has won 4 of her last 5 Group races dating back to AUG 2017. She's won GR2 and GR3 but in her only try at a GR1 two races back she can only manage a 3rd place finish. This filly has ability but will need an A+ performance to capture the top spot.

**BET AGAINST: FOURSTAR COOK** 6 yr old NY bred mare has done little wrong in her career having won 12 of 19 career starts. She also has a GR 1 victory having accomplished that in her most recent outing on 10/7 in the Flower Bowl at Belmont going a 1 1/4. This will be her first attempt at 1 3/8.

Chad Brown fans will back her but these European invaders are real tough. Go elsewhere!!! ■



# BIG LEE'S BREEDERS' CUP PICKS



## LEE DAVIS

"Big Lee" is still working in foreign exchange but is the definition of a Weekend Warrior! He too has that "old school" ethic (buy the form and do the work!) and is known for picking wild longshots and has hit many a superfecta! His stint on Horseplayers gave the world a look at his big heart and over the top personality!

## JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

**BEST BET: NEWSPAPER OF RECORD** - With the turf looking yielding, this IRE bred is already 2 for 2. Looks like my Friday single. STALKER

### MAJOR THREATS:

**CONCRETE ROSE** - This daughter of the great Frankel should benefit from a nice pace and have a much easier time against her own kind. Broke maiden on the off going. CLOSER

**EAST** - My original pick but 14 is a tough post, even for this daughter of Frankel. CLOSER

**NEWSPAPER OF RECORD** - This Chad Brown-trained filly looks like the clear favorite in this mile turf event. She's been working good and should enjoy the cut back in distance. STALKER

**LONGSHOT: PRINCESA CAROLINA** - This Tapit filly needs some pace and a break, but she can cross the wire at a huge price to give trainer Kenny McPeck his first BC win.

**NO SHOT: MY GAL BETTY** - At a short price, I am looking elsewhere. Trainer Roger Attfield only wins at a 9% rate in Graded Stakes events!

## JUVENILE TURF SPRINT

### MAJOR THREATS:

**STRIKE SILVER** - With so much speed in here, this Mark Casse-trained colt will get a great chance to run them down in the final furlong, and he has been working great! CLOSER

**STILLWATER COVE** - This Quality Road filly will probably enjoy the cut back to the 5 1/2-furlong distance that she loved when winning at Saratoga this summer. STALKER

**LONGSHOT: MOONLIGHT ROMANCE** - She's a notch below these other foes, but at a square price, she is a must-use for any value player! STALKER

**NO SHOT: BULLETIN** - With lots of pace in this one, trainer Todd Pletcher has his work cut out for him. At a short price, this one is not for me.

## JUVENILE FILLIES

### MAJOR THREATS:

**CASSIES DREAMER** - Her trainer, Tom Amoss, is a good handler, and this filly has a win over this track and at this distance. She had plenty of excuses in previous race, and should like the wet!!

**RESTLESS RIDER** - Third back off the bench. Posts a huge wet number.

**SERENGETI EMPRESS** - Her trainer, Tom Amoss, is a good handler, and this filly has a win over this track and at this distance. Working well and speed in the wet. Dangerous.

**LONGSHOT: REFLECT** - She has been getting better and better with each race, has been working well, and with a fast pace, she should be flying late for trainer Keith Desormeaux at a big price! CLOSER

**NO SHOT: BELLAFINA** - After winning a pair of Grade 1s in California, she will be a likely big chalk, but she only ran against five-horse fields both times. She is not for me!

## JUVENILE TURF

### BEST VALUE PLAY:

**FORTY UNDER** - This Uncle Mo-sired colt is also getting better with every race. Trainer Jeremiah Englehart has a chance here. Like CURRENT, he will have plenty of

pace while sitting a nice stalking trip at this mile distance.

#### **MAJOR THREATS:**

**UNCLE BENNY** – Big closer in a race that has plenty of speed.

**CURRENT** - Looks like trainer Todd Pletcher has a good one here. Bred like a monster, he has improved in every race. He has a nice closing kick and should get a great setup! CLOSER

**NO SHOT: MUCH BETTER** - Because he fires at “just” 15% on turf, this is the best chance to beat trainer Bob Baffert this weekend. This horse will probably be overbet and is not for me!

## **JUVENILE**

#### **MAJOR THREATS:**

**CODE OF HONOR** - McGaughey/Johnny V hook up with a future star in the filly division.

**GAME WINNER** – Baffert is a perfect 3 for 3 with this colt. He’s been working great and looks the part. STALKER

**COMPLEXITY** – This Grade 1 Champagne winner is the speed of speeds and will be the one to catch.

**LONGSHOT: GUNMETAL GRAY** - He was second to **GAME WINNER** in one of those five-horse events. With a bigger field here, he has a good chance at pulling an upset. He just needs a clean start. STALKER

## **FILLY AND MARE SPRINT**

#### **MAJOR THREATS:**

**MARLEY’S FREEDOM** - In a race with plenty of pace, this Bob Baffert-trained filly can get the perfect setup to make it five wins in a row! CLOSER

**MIA MISCHIEF** - She has speed and loves CD (two firsts and two seconds in four career starts here).

**LONGSHOT: GOLDEN MISCHIEF** - At a square price and with all of the speed entered here, this Brad Cox-trained filly should get a nice trip.

**NO SHOT: SELCOURT** - She has speed and is three-for-three this year, but she has others to run against in her first start at CD. Not for me!

## **TURF SPRINT**

#### **MAJOR THREATS:**

**WILL CALL** - He loves the track and distance, should get a nice trip, and has a good closing kick. STALKER

**STORMY LIBERAL** - One of three from trainer Peter Miller in the race, the defending champion has won his last three and represents his barn’s biggest shot! STALKER

**LONGSHOT: RUBY NOTION** - This sneaky-good filly is stepping up to the big time at a big price! She has a win over the track and at the distance. CLOSER

**NO SHOT: RICHARD’S BOY** - Another from trainer Peter Miller, last year’s runner-up has no chance this year. Not for me.

## **DIRT MILE**

#### **MAJOR THREATS:**

**CATALINA CRUISER** - This undefeated colt should be the one to beat and looks like the best chance to give trainer John Sadler his first BC win.

**CITY OF LIGHT** - This 4-year-old by Quality Road should get the perfect stalking trip and have a chance.

**LONGSHOT: SEVEN TRUMPETS** - If a speed duel takes place, he can pick up the pieces late and is undefeated in three starts here at CD. CLOSER

**NO SHOT: FIRENZE FIRE** - This 3-year-old will be overbet but has zero chance!

## **FILLY AND MARE TURF**

#### **MAJOR THREATS:**

**SISTERCHARLIE** - She hasn’t done much wrong and should definitely get a piece of the money. She is the best of the American entries. CLOSER

**WILD ILLUSION** - The one to beat, she looks like a single!

**FOURSTAR CROOK** - This solid mare has done nothing wrong and should get a nice price due to the talent in this field.

**NO SHOT: A RAVING BEAUTY** - With a history of struggling at longer distances, I’ll pass.



## SPRINT

### MAJOR THREATS:

**IMPERIAL HINT** - His last three wins were visually amazing and he could be rider Javier Castellano's best chance at a BC win. This big chalk will be a single on some tickets. STALKER

**LIMOUSINE LIBERAL** - This tough-knocking horse always tries!

**ROY H** - You will get a squarer price than you should on the defending champion, largely due to the competition entered.

**NO SHOT: PROMISES FULFILLED** - The speed of speeds, he was all-out to beat WHITMORE and LIMOUSINE LIBERAL. He is not for me!

## MILE

### MAJOR THREATS:

**OSCAR PERFORMANCE** - This son of Kitten's Joy has been nothing but amazing in his turf career. He has earned over \$2 million with eight wins in 14 starts.

**MUSTASHRY** - Trainer Sir Michael Stoute and Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum team up with this gelding from abroad. He should be well-backed! STALKER

**LONGSHOT: NEXT SHARES** - This 5-year-old is in the best shape his career, and at a big price, he is a must-use.

**NO SHOT: ANALYZE IT** - This 3-year-old will get his chance down the road, but in here, he's a toss at a short price.

## DISTAFF

### MAJOR THREATS:

**ABEL TASMAN** - This filly is running her third start off of the layoff and has an excuse for her last race's dull effort. The class of the field, she is working great and has trainer Bob Baffert on her side!

**LA FORCE** - She lost by only a 1/2-length to UNIQUE BELLA last out.

**LONGSHOT: VALE DORI** - You should get a nice price on this Bob Baffert-trained mare in her third start back. She will be on or close to the lead.

**NO SHOT: MONOMOY GIRL** - At a short price against the best older horses in the world, she is not for me!

## TURF

### MAJOR THREATS:

**ENABLE** - She will be the chalk and a single in many exotic plays.

**MAGICAL** - She gets another shot at ENABLE but will most likely be second at best.

**LONGSHOT: SADLER'S JOY** - Not sure how many more he has left in the tank, but this classy son of Kitten's Joy always puts in a good effort.

**NO SHOT: HI HAPPY** - He will get bet down to a shorter price, so I must disregard

## CLASSIC

### MAJOR THREATS:

**THUNDER SNOW** - He's 1 for 2 in the wet and should sit the perfect trip. Thunder Snow is my best value play of the Breeders' Cup!

**ACCELERATE** - Great year and an amazing career. Wet. Working great. Only negative is the post!

**WEST COAST** - Can't leave Bobby B out of any big event. Johnny V looking to impress.

**NO SHOT: MIND YOUR BISCUITS** - The shoe will finally drop on this amazing, tough-knocking horse. The distance will prove to be too much, and at a shorter-than-average price, I must toss him aside! ■

# MULTI-RACE WAGERS



**BY MIKE SOMICH**

Mike started going to the track when he was 3 months old. Over the summers, he spent multiple weeks a year cutting his teeth at Saratoga. Since taking horse handicapping seriously at the end of 2017, he's cashed over 15 five figure tickets, hit both massive Rainbow 6 carryovers at Gulfstream and tore up Del Mar including a \$35,000 cash off \$148. He's a regular writer for RacingDudes.com with his series Handicapping 301 and a co-host on the Magic Mike Show brought to you by the Racing Dudes.

Before we get into it, let's start out with a PSA. My style of betting is not for the weak of heart. I will offer the most risk of any of the people who are offering plays that they will be making at this year's Breeders' Cup. I'll be betting between \$1,000-\$1,500 over the course of the two days and it's completely possible I will not cash a ticket. Now, I've been fortunate four of the last five years with big time winning weekends, but it's horse racing, it's gambling. I'm also the most likely to cash a ticket for \$25,000. That's why Racing Dudes asked me to write this piece.

When I structure the tickets below, it's built to make the most out of the opinions that I've got. I spent more time working out the combinations and actual bets than I did handicapping the races. With multi-race wagers, how you bet is as important as who you bet if you want to be profitable over the long term.

Now that's out of the way, let's kick it off with Friday's card!

## BREEDER'S CUP FRIDAY

### Race 1 – Pick 5:

This is a bet that I feel is WAY undervalued each year. People spend 5-10% of their time handicapping these races since you only have one Breeder's Cup race and the payouts are always nice. I kicked off my weekend last year cashing this Pick 5 for \$1, paying over \$5,000, and I was a winner for the weekend off that cash alone.

**Race 1** – This is the race that I like the least of the sequence. If you wanted to either spend more money or

have a strong opinion later in the card, then go all here. For me, I'm going three deep to kick it off. We will start with #3 Stronger Than Ever who will be facing older for the first time. She's been facing some very good 2YO/3YOs and has been improving. Two back she ran without Lasix so let's throw that one out. Without it, the progression is excellent and now she's in with company that fits. I'll back her up #4 Dutch Parrot who's another that's getting back to where she fits. The last one was on turf, chuck it, and prior to that she faced Blue Prize who will be in the Distaff on Saturday. This is the right spot for her. Finally, in a paceless race, let's take the speed of #2 Sweet Legacy who's second off a layoff.

**Race 2** – I'm going to spread here as well since there is some nice first timers. Let's use #2 Admire, #7 Midnight Curfew, and #9 Gray Attempt, who will all be going out for the first time that have been working well for trainers who can get horses home first out. I like Gray Attempt the most of the three who's been working well over the track and by Graydar, who can get young horses home early in their career. #5 Chess Chief and #6 Captain Von Trapp faced each other last time out and I'm simply not willing to play one without the other. Race 3 - #3 Patch is probably the best horse in the race, but will be over bet so I'm going to include a couple others with him that I think can get home. Let's use the #6 Westerland who jumped up last time running at this level and on dirt for the first time in his career. I'm expecting a step forward second time on dirt and he should like the one turn mile today. #7 J Boys Echo will be the other horse I'm using here. He's a lightly raced 4-year-old who's 3-year-old numbers are actually better than Patch. He's run well at Churchill in the past and

this is his second time off a LONG layoff so I'm projecting a big step forward.

**Race 4** – This race came up very, very interesting. I don't see how you leave off #2 Improbable who's shipping in for Bob Baffert and looked like a monster first time out. I'm not willing to single here because of #8 Louder Than Bombs who's trying dirt for the first time. I love me some Violence and it's a very interesting move to take a stakes winner on the turf and move him over to the dirt. David Fawkes is very successful with this move, 33% dirt to turf, and this screams like a horse the connections think might end up on the derby trail and that's why he is trying dirt. If it's muddy, watch out for #3 Trophy Chaser as well.

**Race 5** – Well, this is just WIDE open! I'm going five deep to close this out. Magic made a good case for #2 Soldier's Call who ran well against older last time out and should make the lead from the 2 post. I'll use one other shipper, #8 Sergei Prokofiev who could kick off a big weekend for Ryan Moore and Aidan O'Brien. #1 Strike Silver, by Violence, did nothing wrong in his turn debut and closed 6 lengths in a blink of an eye. There's a ton of pace in here so we should be gobbling up ground late again. Do NOT leave #4 Stillwater Cove off any tickets! She simply went too long last time out at a mile, but her sprinting effort two back is the best race of any North American horse sub 6F on the turf. Take 20-1 all day on her. Finally, I'll use #5 Bulletin who will be bet down from a 10-1 ML. This Pletcher trainee debuted in a \$82,000 stakes race and blew the field out by 7 lengths. City Zip is a great win early sire, if she can rate, she is dangerous.

**\$0.50 Pick 5**  
**2,3,4/2,5,6,7,9/6,7,8/2,8/1,2,4,5,8**  
**\$225.00**

**Race 5 – Pick 5:**  
**Race 5 – Using the same as above**

**Race 6** – Let's not over think this, #6 Newspaper- of record is very good. However, I'm not singling her here because of a European invader that's sitting at 20-1 on the ML. #14 East should not be overlooked here. She's running for her 3rd time today and if she improves at the same rate then watch out. She's also a homebred daughter of Frankel (Galileo) out of an Indian Ridge mare. So yeah, there is some talent here.

**Race 7** - #10 Bellafina has not let me down yet and she's the best horse here again. If I used a second here, it's #4 Restless Rider who got a terrible trip in the Spin-away and still almost won. She's improving every race (shown by her G1 win last out) and if Bellafina is a no-show shipping in, Restless Rider is the play.

**Race 8** – Since we're two and one deep in the last two, let's spread like butter in the next two legs. #2 Uncle Benny just got up last out first time on the turf at six furlongs. He'll like the extra distance today being a son of Declaration of War (War Front). #3 Much Better should be much better today second time out on the turf, second time around two turns. This Baffert runner was bet heavily first out on turf and should be sitting close to the lead. #6 Henley's Joy and #12 Current were a nose apart last time out and both could improve again here. The jockey change on #10 War of Will could be extremely impactful since Rosario is most likely going to take this son of War Front off the lead like he did two back. The mile today is also a better distance than the 1 1/16th at which the previous two beat him last time out. The must use invader here is #14 Anthony Van Dyck who just keeps improving.

**Race 9** – I will not accept 9/5 on #9 Game Winner so I'm going to go DEEEEEEP here. #1 Dueling is one that I've talked about for a while. The hip was dropped first time out, was against a track bias the second time out and both of those were too short for this son of....Violence. I'm not sure how you leave off #5 Well Defined at 20-1. Mike Smith, who's got a Magic Mike Show award named after him, took this horse over Dueling and he just keeps improving. We're also going to use #6 Complexity, #8 Standard Deviation, and #11 Code of Honor.

**\$0.50 Pick 5**  
**1,2,4,5,8/6,14/10/2,3,6,10,12,14/1,5,6,8,9,11**  
**\$180**

**Race 6 – Pick 4**  
**If we lose leg 1 of the Pick 5:**  
**\$0.50 Pick 4 6,14/4,10/2,3,6,10,12,14/1,5,6,8,9,11**  
**\$72**

**Betting either way:**  
**\$5 Pick 4 – 6,14/10/2,3,10,14/1,5,8,9**  
**\$160**

### **Race 7 Pick 4**

**Race 7 though Race 9 notes above.**

Race 10 – I'm only going to play two horses here to close out the card. I love #9 Toast of New York and was considering using him in the Classic. This spot is a lot softer. I'll also use #10 Rocketry who may have found a new career going long on the dirt last time out running top Beyer first time over the dirt.

### **\$5 Pick 4**

**10/2,3,10,14/1,5,8,9/9,10**

**\$160**

## **BREEDER'S CUP SATURDAY**

### **Race 1 – Pick 5**

Let's jump right into this with a single. My plan here is to play more on the Pick 4 starting in the second, so I'll key on #5 Mo's Mojo here. Last time out was a glorified work out going 6.5F. He's wanted longer last year as a 3-year-old and get's it today second time out as a 4-year-old. Any improvement over last year's G3 Matt Winn at this track, over this distance, puts him in the winner's circle today.

**Race 2** – This race really starts with #3 Audible. It's interesting to see him coming back at 7F, which is not his best distance. It is enough for me to spread here. Let's add #2 Honorable Treasure who was a favorite against many of these last time out and has run well at Churchill. 12-1 doesn't hurt either. #11 Still Having Fun and #12 Super Sol are both too good to leave off at his distance as well. Super Sol has more upside, but Still Having Fun is the most proven. Both of them should be on every ticket trying to beat Audible.

**Race 3** – I'm simply not sold on #13 Marley's Freedom and beating her and Audible in the same sequence can make a weekend. #1 Selcourt whooped up on her last time they faced each other and has gotten better each time she breaks from the gate. If it wasn't for Sadler, I'd consider singling here, but I can only single one Sadler horse today. #9 Stormy Embrace is coming in second off a layoff and thrashed a "Win and Your In" race in June at Gulfstream. Don't overlook her at 20-1, she's only missed the money once at 7F which is specialist distance. The horse for course here is #11 Finley'sluckycharm who's 6 for 7 at Churchill and 2 for 6 at the distance. She can stalk and pounce which may

be the perfect trip with the speed drawn in here. If #15 Dream Pauline gets in (she's AE) then I'm using this lightly raced daughter of Tapit who has been ultra-impressive in her two career starts.

**Race 4** – These turf sprints often produce a nice price. Just look to last year when #9 Stormy Liberal won at 30-1. This year we are only getting 4-1, but I'm still going to use him. #5 Disco Partner is too dangerous not to use, but if it's soft turf I will be cutting him from my tickets. There are three prices that I'm going to try to get home here. #1 Ruby Notion has ran HUGE the last two races and fits here. Don't knock her for the Beyer regression last out at Kentucky Downs. We've already seen multiple winners come from those races with Beyers lower than normal due to the course style. #4 Vision Perfect has the ability to win this race and is a big overlay at 15-1. Like the jockey change to Castellano here as well. My top longshot and a horse I will be using all over the place is #7 Lost Treasure who will be invading from Europe. This one of War Front is carrying his low career weight today. He carried 137lbs last time out, and has continued to improve. He's 20-1 for the Moore/O'Brien duo that should have a big weekend. **Race 5** – Let's go ahead and single one of the best three horses at the Breeder's Cup this year, #10 Catalina Cruiser. I'd pick him in the Classic so I'll single him here.

**\$0.50 Pick 5 5/2,3,11,12/1,9,11,13,15/1,4,5,7,9/10**  
**\$50**

### **Race 2 – Pick 4**

I'm going to come back with the same ticket if the 5 loses the first race.

### **\$0.50 Pick 4**

**2,3,11,12/1,9,11,13,15/1,4,5,7,9/10**

**\$50**

**And either way I'll play a larger ticket.**

### **\$5 Pick 4**

**2,3,11,12/1,11,13 (15AE)/7,9,11/10**

**\$180**

### **Race 4 – Pick 4**

**See Race 4 and 5 comments above.**

**Race 6** – This was one of the tougher races for me, but in the end, I'm going to pass on all of the Chad Brown

turfers here and play three Europeans. #3 Wild Illusion and #10 Magic Wand are the class of the field. They have been facing better overseas and if they get an off turf, they get even more dangerous. I'm also going to include #14 Eziyra who was only 3 lengths off Sea of Class two back and has beaten Magic Wand, yet is sitting 15-1 on the ML. If I played any of the Brown horses it would be #6 Sistercharlie, whom I considered a single before seeing the Euro's that are coming in for this one. Race 7 – The Sprint is probably the race I am looking forward to the most. Including #2 Promises Fulfilled is a must, since going back to sprinting he's been untouchable and the scratch of X Y Jet gives him the lead if he wants it. #5 Imperial Hint has done nothing wrong and has to be included as well. Same can be said of #9 Roy H. Finally, #1 Whitmore makes the ticket. Both loses at Belmont where on Santana who miss rode the track. He knows Churchill well and loves the distance going 9 for 13 lifetime. I'm leaving off #8 Limousine Liberal unless it rains. He's simply better at 7F.

#### **\$2 Pick 4**

**1,4,5,7,9/10/3,10,14/1,2,5,9**

**\$120**

#### **Race 7 – Pick 5**

**See Race 7 comments above.**

Race 8 – Another good example of the Kentucky Down Beyers is #2 Next Shares who keeps improving as a 5-year-old. He fits well here and draws nicely in the two hole. #5 Oscar Performance has done nothing wrong at this distance as a 4-year-old. He broke the track record in his first start of the year at Belmont in the G3 Poker and wired the field in the G3 Woodbine Mile. There is not much speed in this one so he may go to the lead and never look back. Let's use two shippers as well. #4 Polydream just missed to Wild Illusion last year and beat James Garfield two back. She was a heavy favorite last out and had a terrible trip. I'll give her a pass there. #8 I Can Fly missed by a neck to Roaring Lion, who's in the Classic, last time out. He'll be flying late and will need to get a good trip.

Race 9 – I've been saying it for months so I'm not going to change my mind now. #2 Abel Tasman is a single. Race 10 – Everyone needs to appreciate just how good #2 Enable has been in her career. She's averaging \$850,561 in earnings PER RACE! To put that in perspective, no other horse in this race has earned \$850k

this year, let alone per start. She's 5 for 5 against the boys and ran a 130 timeform rating as a 3-year-old, which is a 116 Beyer equivalent. That is the highest of any horse, in any race, on any surface. I'll cover a little with #12 Waldgeist who has been an improving 4-year-old.

Race 11 – The Classic is wide open this year! My top pick is an unlikely one at the start of the year. Chad Summers has done a wonderful job with #11 Mind Your Biscuits who will be right there at the top of the lane. His last over the track was huge and projecting improvement second off a layoff isn't crazy. The hate has gone too far on #14 Accelerate so he'll be the other pick on my short tickets. He's got tactical speed to overcome the 14 post and his A game is the best in the field. On deeper tickets, add #2 Roaring Lion who will be awfully dangerous if he takes to the dirt. We will close it out with the two Baffert horses, #6 McKinzie and #7 West Coast.

#### **\$5 Pick 5**

**1,2,5,9/2,4,5,8/2/2/11,14**

**\$160**

#### **\$0.50 Pick 5**

**1,2,5,9/2,4,5,8/2/2,12/2,6,7,11,14**

**\$80**

I'll bet both back as Pick 4s if the first leg knocks me out!

Good luck this weekend! Remember, only bet what is fun for you! Any of the \$5 plays can be played for \$0.50! ■



# BREEDERS' CUP 2018

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## FRIDAY 11/2/2018

Juvenile Turf Sprint	Bulletin So Perfect Strike Silver Soldier's Call	So Perfect Strike Silver Soldier's Call Sergei Prokofiev	Strike Silver Soldier's Call Chelsea Cloisters Sergei Prokofiev	Stillwater Cove Strike Silver Soldier's Call Bulletin	Soldier's Call Sergei Prokofiev Strike Silver Bulletin	Stillwater Cove Sergei Prokofiev Soldier's Call Pocket Dynamo	Stillwater Cove Moonlight Romance Strike Silver Soldier's Call
Juvenile Fillies Turf	Newspaperofrecord Just Wonderful Concrete Rose The Mackem Bullet	Newspaperofrecord La Pelosa East Concrete Rose	Newspaperofrecord East Just Wonderful Concrete Rose	Newspaperofrecord East Concrete Rose Summering	Newspaperofrecord La Pelosa East Just Wonderful	Lily's Candle Concrete Rose Newspaperofrecord The Mackem Bullet	Newspaperofrecord My Gal Betty Concrete Rose East
Tito's Handmade Vodka Juvenile Fillies	Bellafina Jayhawk Serengeti Empress Sippican Harbor	Bellafina Jaywalk Serengeti Empress Sippican Harbor	Restless Rider Bellafina Sippican Harbor Jaywalk	Bellafina Restless Rider Vibrance Reflect	Bellafina Restless Rider Jaywalk Serengeti Empress	Sippican Harbor Reflect Restless Rider Cassies Dreamer	Cassies Dreamer Restless Rider Serengeti Empress Reflect
Juvenile Turf	Somelikeithotbrown Anthony Van Dyck Forty Under Current	The Black Album Anthony Van Dyck War of Will Uncle Benny	Forty Under Anthony Van Dyck Uncle Benny Somelikeithotbrown	Uncle Benny Anthony Van Dyck War of Will Henley's Joy	Line of Duty The Black Album Anthony Van Dyck War of Will	Line of Duty Forty Under Much Better Opry	Forty Under Uncle Benny Current War of Will
Sentient Jet Juvenile	Game Winner Complexity Code of Honor Gunmetal Gray	Standard Deviation Game Winner Complexity Code of Honor	Complexity Code of Honor Game Winner Dueling	Game Winner Dueling Well Defined Standard Deviation	Game Winner Code of Honor Gunmetal Gray Standard Deviation	Dueling Code of Honor Complexity Tight Ten	Complexity Game Winner Code of Honor Gunmetal Gray

## SATURDAY 11/3/2018

Filly and Mare Sprint	Marley's Freedom Golden Mischief Selcourt Finley'sluckycharm	Marley's Freedom Golden Mischief Finley'sluckycharm Mia Mischief	Marley's Freedom Golden Mischief Mia Mischief Selcourt	Finley'sluckycharm Marley's Freedom Selcourt Stormy Embrace	Marley's Freedom Mia Mischief Golden Mischief Chalon	Marley's Freedom Anonymity Skye Diamonds Stormy Embrace	Marley's Freedom Mia Mischief Golden Mischief Finley'sluckycharm
Turf Sprint	World of Trouble Disco Partner Stormy Liberal Will Call	World of Trouble Lost Treasure Stormy Liberal Disco Partner	World of Trouble Disco Partner Will Call Bucchero	Stormy Liberal Disco Partner Lost Treasure Ruby Notion	Stormy Liberal World of Trouble Rainbow Heir Richard's Boy	World of Trouble Disco Partner Rainbow Heir Will Call	Will Call Stormy Liberal Ruby Notion Disco Partner

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<b>SATURDAY 11/3/2018</b>							
Dirt Mile	Catalina Cruiser City of Light Firenze Fire Giant Expectations	Catalina Cruiser City of Light Giant Expectations Seeking the Soul	Catalina Cruiser City of Light Firenze Fire Seven Trumpets	Catalina Cruiser City of Light Seeking the Soul Firenze Fire	City of Light Catalina Cruiser Firenze Fire Seeking the Soul	Seeking the Soul Catalina Cruiser Seven Trumpets Isotherm	Catalina Cruiser City of Light Isotherm Seven Trumpets
Maker's Mark Filly and Mare Turf	Sistercharlie Fourstar Crook Magic Wand A Raving Beauty	Sistercharlie Wild Illusion Fourstar Crook A Raving Beauty	Fourstar Crook Sistercharlie Wild Illusion Thais	Wild Illusion Magic Wand Eziyra Sistercharlie	Wild Illusion Sistercharlie Magic Wand Fourstar Crook	Wild Illusion Magic Wand Sistercharlie Eziyra	Sistercharlie Wild Illusion Fourstar Crook Magic Wand
Twinspires Sprint	Imperial Hint Roy H Limousine Liberal Promises Fulfilled	Imperial Hint Roy H Promises Fulfilled Limousine Liberal	Imperial Hint Limousine Liberal Promises Fulfilled Roy H	Roy H Promises Fulfilled Imperial Hint Whitmore	Roy H Imperial Hint Limousine Liberal Promises Fulfilled	Limousine Liberal Roy H Whitmore Distinctive B	Imperial Hint Limousine Liberal Roy H Whitmore
Mile	I Can Fly Oscar Performance Lightning Spear Mustashry	Polydream I Can Fly Lightning Spear Expert Eye	Oscar Performance Polydream Expert Eye Lightning Spear	Oscar Performance Polydream Next Shares I Can Fly	Oscar Performance Polydream Happily Mustashry	Expert Eye Polydream Gustav Klimt Mustashry	Oscar Performance Mustashry Next Shares Analyze It
Longines Distaff	Abel Tasman Monomoy Girl Blue Prize Wow Cat	Monomoy Girl Abel Tasman Blue Prize Wow Cat	Monomoy Girl Abel Tasman Blue Prize Wow Cat	Abel Tasman Monomoy Girl Midnight Bisou Vale Dori	Abel Tasman Monomoy Girl La Force Blue Prize	Blue Prize La Force Monomoy Girl Champagne Problems	Abel Tasman La Force Vale Dori Mopotism
Longines Turf	Enable Channel Maker Robert Bruce Talismanic	Enable Waldgeist Robert Bruce Channel Maker	Enable Channel Maker Glorious Empire Waldgeist	Enable Waldgeist Channel Maker Robert Bruce	Enable Waldgeist Robert Bruce Glorious Empire	Waldgeist Enable Channel Maker Robert Bruce	Enable Magical Sadler's Joy Expert Eye
Classic	McKinzie West Coast Mind Your Biscuits Accelerate	McKinzie Roaring Lion Accelerate Mind Your Biscuits	Catholic Boy Mind Your Biscuits Yoshida McKinzie	Mind Your Biscuits Accelerate Roaring Lion McKinzie	McKinzie West Coast Thunder Snow Mind Your Biscuits	Thunder Snow West Coast Catholic Boy Roaring Lion	Thunder Snow Accelerate West Coast Catholic Boy