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Thanks to ATR lineup regulars for helping put together this Betting Companion with their opinions and plays for you to consider with your own capping. These 2 days offer unique opportunities with chances to be rewarded for creative thinking and audacious risk-taking. Some will come away delighted and some maddeningly frustrated, but all should approach these races as the curious and challenging puzzles they've become.

No matter how well you 'handicap' the races, fields (and course conditions), this deep and mysterious event will produce several nearly unforeseeable results. Remember that you could be taking an 'O-fer' well into Saturday and get it all back (and more) in the weekend's waning moments. But no matter how the ledger looks when it's over, appreciate that your ability as a horseplayer won't be defined over the course of 2 days. Spend as freely as you can afford and here's hoping that everyone nets something that fills their account and makes them proud.

For the 15th year in a row, it's been a pleasure bringing the Cup to everyone listening. I hope the 15 hours here and the time leading up offered each of you something you can convert into winning tickets. Thanks to Keeneland, Breeders' Cup, ATR sponsors, regulars and everyone who contributed so generously to the shows and most importantly, the listeners..

Let's get lucky this weekend!
Steve

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FRIDAY 6TH: JUVENILE TURF SPRINT

By Seth Merrow ~ Equidaily.com/Capital OTB
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Analysis: As might be expected in a high-quality 21st century race for freshmen, most in this field are relatively lightly-raced and sport promise. Wesley Ward won this last year and returns with four contenders, including favored GOLDEN PAL. The race offers a good mix of speed [GOLDEN PAL, BODENHEIMER], stalkers [capable fillies AMANZI YIMPILO and DIRTY DANGLE] and horses that might be heard from late [AFTER FIVE, COWAN].

Main Contenders: GOLDEN PAL might be better than his 3/1-2-0 record. With no Keeneland spring meet, he debuted on dirt at Gulfstream and just missed at Royal Ascot before his stunning Saratoga stakes win. He's bred to be precocious and special [Uncle Mo/Lady Shipman], his early speed should overcome the outside post draw. AFTER FIVE and COWAN seem primed and should be rolling late; AMANZI YIMPILO will stalk and pounce.

Value Plays: MOMOS should benefit from the experience of his turf debut. INTO THE SUNRISE is interesting on the turn back by Ward. DIRTY DANGLE was purchased by Eclipse & Gary Barber out of a WO stakes win for this assignment.

Selections:

14 - GOLDEN PAL
9 - AFTER FIVE
5 - COWAN
8 - AMANZI YIMPILO

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$5 EXACTA KEY: GOLDEN PAL over AFTER FIVE, COWAN. (\$10)

\$1 EXACTA BOX: GOLDEN PAL, AFTER FIVE, COWAN, AMANZI YIMPILO, BODENHEIMER, SECOND OF JULY, DIRTY DANGLE. (\$42)

\$1 TRI PART WHEEL: GOLDEN PAL over AFTER FIVE, COWAN, AMANZI YIMPILO, BODENHEIMER, SECOND OF JULY, DIRTY DANGLE over AFTER FIVE, COWAN, AMANZI YIMPILO, BODENHEIMER, SECOND OF JULY, DIRTY DANGLE. (\$30)

\$6 DOUBLES: (Race 6) GOLDEN PAL with (Race 7) PUBLIC SECTOR, OUTADORE, BATTLEGROUND. (\$18)

**FRIDAY 7TH: JUVENILE TURF**

By Joe Bianca, Thoroughbred Daily News
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Analysis: A fascinating 14-horse field that features an even split between seven Americans and seven Euros, the Juvenile Turf has the highest-priced morning-line favorite in MUTASAABEQ at 5-1. He was impressive in the Bourbon and there are a few other chances for the home team, but no less than six group-level winners raiding who give Europe a strong chance to take the JT for the 10th time in 14 runnings.

Main Contenders: Aside from Mutasaabeq, Summer winner GRETZKY THE GREAT is logical, having won three straight north of the border. OUTADORE, two-for-two for Wesley Ward, also makes a lot of sense and should sit a good trip. On the Euro side, eight-length Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere winner SEALIWAY looms large and draws the advantageous rail. BATTLEGROUND, son of Keeneland's 2015 BC Turf winner Found, has been pointed for this for Aidan O'Brien, who has won the JT five times and GO ATHLETICO, never out of the exacta in five tries, gives France another top hopeful.

Value Plays: DEVILWALA will have to get a bit lucky from the 13-hole, but he likely gets lost on the board among the Euros and has already overachieved once in that position, running fourth at 100-1 in the G1 Dewhurst last out, beating CADILLAC who is one-fifth his morning-line quote. PUBLIC SECTOR provides rare value for Chad Brown. A first-out winner while clocking his last five-sixteenths in :28.80, he had little chance behind a dawdling pace in the Pilgrim but still finished up strong in :28.20 to be second, and third finisher Step Dancer flattered him when winning the Awad at 7-1 last weekend.

Selections:

#1 Sealiway
#4 Public Sector
#8 Outadore
#13 Devilwala

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$.50 Trifecta Box: SEALIWAY, PUBLIC SECTOR, OUTADORE, BATTLEGROUND, GO ATHELTICO, DEVILWALA (\$60)

\$4 Exacta: SEALIWAY, PUBLIC SECTOR with SEALIWAY, PUBLIC SECTOR, OUTADORE, BATTLEGROUND, GO ATHLETICO, DEVILWALA (\$40)

FRIDAY 8th: JUVENILE FILLIES

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Analysis: Quality over quantity as the field of seven features four G1 winners, three of which are undefeated. East Coast v. West Coast at Cup is always interesting at the Breeder's Cup and it's front and center here with Baffert bringing perfect PRINCESS NOOR East to face Saratoga stakes winners DAYOUTOFTHEOFFICE, SIMPLY RAVISHING and VEQUIST.

Main Contenders: SIMPLY RAVISHING debuted a turf winner Saratoga, followed by an off-the-turf P. G. Johnson score and solidified her dirt bona fides in the G1 Alcibiades at KEE. PRINCESS NOOR comes in unblemished but with questions about how fast she may be. DAYOUTOFTHEOFFICE impressed in the G1 Frizette beating favored VEQUIST while Dale Romans' GIRL DADDY is another yet to taste defeat.

Value: It's hard to get past the logicals in here, but one of those is VEQUIST who would offer value if her 8-1 morning line holds. CRAZY BEAUTIFUL is the "other" McPeck, a pop up angle as the longer half (20-1) of uncoupled barn mates.

Selections:

- 1 - SIMPLY RAVISHING
- 3 - DAYOUTOFTHEOFFICE
- 2 - VEQUIST
- 7 - PRINCESS NOOR

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$2 TRI PART WHEEL: SIMPLY RAVISHING, DAYOUTOFTHEOFFICE over SIMPLY RAVISHING, DAYOUTOFTHEOFFICE, VEQUIST, PRINCESS NOOR, CRAZY BEAUTIFUL over SIMPLY RAVISHING, DAYOUTOFTHEOFFICE, VEQUIST, PRINCESS NOOR, CRAZY BEAUTIFUL. (\$48)

\$16 exacta box: SIMPLY RAVISHING, DAYOUTOFTHEOFFICE (\$32)

\$5 exacta key box: SIMPLY RAVISHING with VEQUIST, PRINCESS NOOR (\$20)

FRIDAY 9TH: JUVENILE FILLIES TURF
By Kev Humphries ~ The Longshot Lad
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Analysis: The penultimate race on Day 1 of the Breeders' Cup is the Juvenile Fillies Turf over 1 mile. In contrast to the Juvenile Turf, the spoils have stayed Stateside and despite many fancied fillies over the years, Aidan O'Brien has yet to saddle the winner here. This preview will have a largely European slant as that is where I am more familiar with so feel free to sprinkle your own views with this and find the magic formula to success.

When it comes to Europeans in turf races, I look for horses proven at or just below distance. The Juvenile Fillies Turf is 8f, so I want a 7f horse. I am not really a fan of a horse stepping down in trip too much going from Europe to USA. Ground always varies a great deal in Europe and I base my assumption that it will be on firm side of good with conditions looks relatively nice for this time of year in Kentucky. I tend to forgive horses one or 2 runs (and get a bigger price as a result) or also, maybe slightly below top rated but has a steady progressive streak and can be projected to run a new top - it's all about the projections (and race dynamics!).

It can be tricky to gauge with huge certainty the likely pace dynamics of these turf juvenile races because of the little experience and even simple things like gate speed can hinder pre race tactics. However, I feel there will be a strong enough pace in the race with Aunt Pearl, Campanelle, Royal Approval and Union Gables in contention for the front. I am happy to toss pretty much all of these for win purposes.

Selections:

#8 MOTHER EARTH (Oddschecker 12-1; ML 20-1) - She was touted as one of Aidan's best juveniles at the start of the year but didn't progress like many of his historically do from one run to the next. However, with Covid and the rush to get juveniles ready for Royal Ascot, the same pattern hasn't really developed for Coolmore this year and its only been in the last few weeks that many of their horses are showing their true colours. Mother Earth could fall into that bracket. We have one of the more bizarre stories in that she came 3rd in the Fillies Mile at Newmarket when racing as "Snowfall" (numbers and jockeys were mixed up). There were a few rumblings on Twitter that all wasn't right - they were initially dismissed as part of the tinfoil hat brigade until it was confirmed that there was a mix up - if there was ever a year for it!! Anyway, for O'Brien's horses, she could easily improve another 10-15 pounds off that performance on quick ground here and be in the shake up! O'Briens poor US record puts me off a little but if she stays at double digit odds, I think she is a good play but I am less keen if she flirts with single digits.

#1 OODNADATTA (Oddschecker best price 14-1; ML 20-1) - From the Jessie Harrington yard, she comes over with a couple of chances this year after her maiden Breeders Cup voyage with Albigna last year in this race (finishing 4th after a troubled trip). This filly comes with a much quieter profile that will be reflected on the Tote board but a few reasons to like her. She won her debut snugly at The Curragh making all but has found the step up in class a little too difficult the last two. She still looks to run a little immaturity and her last run, while never looking to threaten the top 2 (who are both decidedly useful), she kept on running to keep hold on 3rd. I think if she can improve again from that, she could get a squeak of the prize money at a price. You would be worried a little that she disappointed on her one left handed run but that is factored into the big price.

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FRIDAY 9TH: JUVENILE FILLIES TURF - Continuation
By Kev Humphries ~ The Longshot Lad
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Selections - Continuation

#6 NAZUNA (Oddschecker 25-1; ML 30-1) - Roger Varian sends over this quietly improving Kodiak filly. She ran a lifetime best last time (huge doubts about overall form and winner finished poorly next time in G1) and fits two of my preferences in being progressive and a 7f horse who shapes like she will want a mile Stateside. Varian has a small Breeders Cup sample of 6 runners but half have been in the money and wouldn't be the biggest shock for me if she kept improving here to get into the money - She is a slow starter (even by Euro standards) so will likely be a hostage to fortune and need a strong pace to give her any chance. I also like the use of Saez here.

Value Plays: #2 MISS AMULET (Oddschecker 11-1; ML 12-1) - Like Jessie Harrington returning after the first time last year, so does Ken Condon who has a nice team of Juveniles and sends over the very progressive Miss Amulet. She has pretty much improved with each of her 7 runs, culminating in a good second in the G1 Cheveley Park over 6f. She hit a flat spot in that race before running on again and was closing all the way to the line. You would think that 7f should be within her compass but maybe 1m is half a furlong too far? The one thing which could really help her tactically is her gate speed - look at her last 2 runs, she pinged them and if she's able to do that again, she can get a good position behind the speed and be first in line to attack - your view may increase / decrease depending on your thoughts on the race dynamics, I think she will be a much bigger price than the 11-1 on offer in Europe and worth a play upwards of 25-1 or so.

Others: Campanelle has been impressive in her 3 starts, 2 on European soil but happy to oppose off the break stepping up 2 furlongs and that wasn't the strongest G1 ever seen. I will be happy to look elsewhere. In the unlikely event Snowfall (the real one!) gets in, she is unlikely to make the massive step up to be competitive here. Plum Ali has looked tactically flexible and may have more in her than she has shown so far so would be happier siding with her and my buddy Joel Rosario of the US contingent as the likeliest winner for me. Chad Brown runs just Editor At Large who, while not looking like she can obviously turn the tables on Plum Ali, she can improve again under faster race dynamics.

Betting Advice:

#8 Mother Earth is probably the stand out European on paper and if forced to select a winner from this side of the ocean, it would be her. I hope she can stay higher than 10-1. #1 Oodnadatta and #6 Nazuna come next with preference for Harrington's filly who has shown the better form. Both should benefit from what I think will be a generous pace. If they are both above 15-1, I will be backing them both to win / place / show and within exotics with Mother Earth and my two American fancies, Plum Ali and Editor At Large. Miss Amulet will only come into consideration if she's north of 25-1. I think there is enough of a doubt about a mile and can't envisage too many scenarios where she comes out on top. I would include Plum Ali and Editor At Large in all considerations too.

**FRIDAY 10TH: JUVENILE**

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Analysis: A full gate of 14 will line up for the Future Stars Friday finale and the race will feature perhaps the shortest priced favorite of the weekend in JACKIE'S WARRIOR. Does that make him a slam dunk free bingo square or the most vulnerable short number of the two days? On the plus side, he's clearly fastest; On the minus side, he needs to transition to two turns and will face authentic pace pressures.

Main Contenders: JACKIE'S WARRIOR will be hounded on the front end, but does have Keeneland's short stretch first finish line on his side. He doesn't feel like the kind you 'play against'. Chad Brown's first out Saratoga winner REINVESTMENT RISK had to chase a loose JACKIE'S WARRIOR in the Hopeful and Champagne, but gets to stalk while saving ground here and is the one you want as an alternative to the favorite. He reminds me of the way Good Magic came to Del Mar to win the Juvenile for Chad. SITTIN ON GO and ESSENTIAL QUALITY won respective Churchill and Keeneland fall stake assignments and deserve respect.

Value Plays: Have a hard time foreseeing a price as a winner, but there's plenty of mid-pack stalkers or late running closers that could nab a share underneath and SITTIN ON GO is actually 12-1 to start the bidding. KEEPMEINMIND adds Jose Ortiz and blinkers for Diodoro, is 30-1 and exits a good 2nd behind track beneficiary ESEENTIAL QUALITY in the Futurity over this strip.

Selections:

#3 - REINVESTMENT RISK

#7 - JACKIE'S WARRIOR

#9 - SITTIN ON GO

#5 - ESSENTIAL QUALITY

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$1 TRI KEY: REINVESTMENT RISK, JACKIE'S WARRIOR with REINVESTMENT RISK, JACKIE'S WARRIOR, SITTIN ON GO, ESSENTIAL QUALITY with REINVESTMENT RISK, JACKIE'S WARRIOR, SITTIN ON GO, ESSENTIAL QUALITY, LIKEABLE, KEEPMEINMIND, ROMBAUER (\$40)

\$6 SPECIAL JUVENILE-CLASSIC DOUBLE: REINVESTMENT RISK, JACKIE'S WARRIOR with IMPROBABLE, TOM'S D'ETAT, HIGHER POWER, TIZ THE LAW, MAXIMUM SECURITY (\$60)



NOTES

SATURDAY 4th: FILLY & MARE SPRINT

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By Nick Tammaro

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Analysis: The Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint brings together the best 3YO filly around one turn in her generation and a group of salty elders with Grade I credentials of their own. GAMINE is the ML favorite and figures to draw strong support. She has been a lightning rod for controversy throughout the year, mixing together sparkling victories with puzzling positive tests on multiple occasions. The main issue she faces in this spot is the presence of the fastest horse she's ever faced in SERENGETI EMPRESS. Remade as a sprinter with 2 take no prisoners 7f efforts over the last few months. Her trainer and jockey are a perfect pair in their approach to this filly's running style, as she is going to run as far as she can, as fast as she can. That will set the table for off the pace types, including recent Derby City Distaff winner BELL'S THE ONE, Ashland winner SPEECH or even longshot Inside Information winner SALLY'S CURLIN.

Main Contenders: The "big four" in the Filly and Mare Sprint to me are Serengeti Empress, Gamine, Speech and Bell's the One. There will be support for VENETIAN HARBOR, but a pathway to victory for her in a fast-paced race looms unfathomable. She has generally been a need the lead type and beat a drastically weaker field last time out in the Raven Run over this course. While Gamine has looked nothing short of brilliant in one-turn romps like the Acorn and Test, she did so in both spots as a lone leader on a slow pace. That scenario simply will not unfold here. The likelihood of a fast pace makes her a favorite worth betting against.

Value Plays: The aforementioned Bell's the One and Sally's Curlin are the dangerous late runners in this field. The latter lacks any speed whatsoever and runs the risk of having too much to do in the late stages. The former is a graded stake winner over this strip and figures to get a similar trip to the one she enjoyed when victorious last time out. She has become reliable enough to be keyed in any wagers in this spot.

Selections:

#9 Bell's the One

#7 Serengeti Empress

#1 Speech

#8 Sally's Curlin

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$40 win on BELL'S THE ONE (\$40)

\$10 Exacta Part wheel BELL'S THE ONE with SERENGETI EMPRESS and SPEECH (\$20)

\$6 Exacta Part wheel BELL'S THE ONE with GAMINE and SALLY'S CURLIN (\$12)

\$14 Exacta Part Wheel SERENGETI EMPRESS and SPEECH with BELL'S THE ONE (\$28)

SATURDAY 5th: TURF SPRINT

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Analysis: The Turf Sprint began in 2008, has been run at distances from 5 to 6.5 furlongs and Keeneland will host its second running at 5.5f. Conventional wisdom holds that outside posts would be a detriment with a short run into the turn, but post 14 was no problem for Mongolian Saturday, who posted a front-running upset at 15-1 odds in the 2015 Turf Sprint at Keeneland in his first start over the Beard Course. The race has been won by all different run styles and Peter Miller, represented by 20-1 outsider Texas Wedge this year, has captured the last three editions.

Contenders: #12 GOT STORMY, a close second in the 2019 BC Mile, is the 7-2 morning line favorite. After some early season travails, the classy 5-year-old mare has excelled cutting back to a sprints. #7 LEINSTER, now 3-for-4 at Keeneland with Shakertown (2) and Woodford S. (G2) wins, enlists Luis Saez and will take some beating. #3 IMPRIMIS, first in 2 starts this year, is also 4-1 on the morning line. The gelding has run well at Keeneland previously taking the 2019 Shakertown and will be running late with Irad Ortiz Jr.

Value: Multiple Group 1 winner #6 GLASS SLIPPERS will enter in top form from England. American sprint distances can be sharp for Europeans, but the 4yo filly appears well-suited to the 5 1/2-furlong trip at Keeneland. She's appealing at 12-1 on the morning line. #8 Oleksandra is intriguing for Neil Drysdale. A convincing winner of the 2019 Buffalo Trace Franklin County S., the 6-year-old mare will make her first start since an excellent win in the June 20 Jaipur (G1) at Belmont.

Oleksandra appears to be training forwardly and runs well fresh. Stormy Liberal upset the 2017 Turf Sprint in his first start since the Jaipur. Along with Glass Slippers and Oleksandra, #14 Extravagant Kid will be included on my multi-race tickets. He recorded a fast-closing second to Leinster in the recent Woodford S., and the 7-year-old gelding has run well in all four previous attempts on Keeneland's turf despite not winning, receiving the rail post in the last three outings, and I like the move to an outside post for the stalker.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

I am using several runners for multi-race wagers, but will stand against Got Stormy. I will opt for Extravagant Kid as my top choice at long odds, but I will also use Glass Slippers and Oleksandra prominently for in-race exotic wagers.

For a \$50 budget, here are my Turf Sprint plays:

\$15 Win & Place 14 (\$30)

\$10 Win: 6,8 (\$20)

\$4 Exacta part-wheel: 3,7 with 6,8,14 (\$24)

\$2 Exacta part-wheel 6,8,14 with 3,7,12 (\$18)

\$2 Exacta box: 6-8-14 (\$12)

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SATURDAY 6th: DIRT MILE

SATURDAY 7TH: DIRT MILE

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This is the 14th running of the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. This race was first run in 2007 at Monmouth Park, the year the Breeders' Cup expanded to two days. This year's edition will be run with 12 and because of the course configuration (1 1/16 oval) the race begins 70 yards ahead of the regular finish line and will end at the 1/16 pole ("first wire"). This means a relatively short run into the first turn and may not be good for horses with outside post positions.

This race was created for years like this with a stacked Classic and a full field of types in the Sprint. If any of these horses were in the Classic they would probably be overmatched and none of them are sprinters either. This is the perfect landing spot and a very competitive race.

Historically, this race has not been close at the wire with the winner in the 1, 2, or 3 position at the stretch call in the last 10 races. Three-year-olds have won two of the last three runnings and four of the last nine. Only two favorites have taken the golden ring during the same time period and they were both odds-on. No one will be odds-on this year. Leaving out the two favorites, the average win price during that decade has been a juicy 12-1.

Analysis:

COMPLEXITY has to go from out there and KNICKS GO just won at Keeneland on the front end and will be on the engine early. ART COLLECTOR needs to break sharply and gain position near the early pace. MR FREEZE, RUSHIE, SILVER DUST, PIRATE'S PUNCH and WAR OF WILL will all be battling for position not too far off the lead.

ART COLLECTOR frustratingly missed the Derby and will try to put a disappointing Preakness behind him. He fits this race nicely, has the Blue Grass win and should be involved throughout.

SHARP SAMUARI is one of the two 'goofball'* horses in here. All but four of his races are on turf, where he is a multiple Grade 2 winner, but his best number is on dirt. The horse is doing good right now and they had to run him somewhere. These connections are savvy and he might just run a good one in here.

SILVER DUST is perfect for this race but he looks like he may have lost a step in his six-year-old year. Maybe underneath.

WAR OF WILL is the other 'goofball'* horse in this race. Last year's Preakness winner nabbed a G1 on the grass in 2020, but ops for this spot instead? Needs to be prominent early.

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SATURDAY 6th: DIRT MILE - Continuation

SATURDAY 7TH: DIRT MILE - Continuation
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Analysis (Continued):

KNICKS GO switched barns earlier this year and promptly won two allowance races by a combined 17 lengths. This Grade I stakes winner (at Keeneland) will be on the engine and will take them as far as he can.

MR. MONEY was just that last year sweeping many three-year-old stakes with ease on his way to a million dollar season. This year has not been the same but he does come off a win in the Ack Ack (Gr 3) in his last start. Looks to be up against it here.

RUSHIE, a three-year-old, took the Pat Day Mile in September. He doesn't look to be fast enough to have an impact against these.

PIRATE'S PUNCH crossed the finish line first in two major stakes at Monmouth. He will try and be prominent early and is coming up to this race in super form. He may get lost in the shuffle

MR. FREEZE finally got back in the winner's circle after showing great form at Gulfstream. This one has some races that would make him tough in here and Dale Romans can pop up on these big days. Think twice before tossing completely.

COMPLEXITY is a deserving favorite coming off a nice score in the Kelso (Gr 2) at Belmont Park. He beat a nice horse in Code of Honor and will have to break sharply here from his outside post in this much larger field. Favorites have not fared well in this event but he fits this race perfectly.

JESUS' TEAM comes here off a well beaten third in the October Preakness and looks overmatched.

OWENDALE is up against it from the start with the dreaded outside post at the mile distance. He does his best running from off the pace and that is what he will have to do in here. He is a serious horse and with a good trip has a chance to upset.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$5 DOUBLE: ART COLLECTOR, SHARP SAMUARI, KNICKS GO, OWENDALE, COMPLEXITY with AUDARYA, RUSHING FALL, CIVIL UNION, PEACEFUL. (\$100)

* A 'goofball' horse is not a bad thing. To me it just means that a horse had other options and chose to run here.

SATURDAY 7th: FILLY & MARE TURF

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This is the 22nd running of the Filly and Mare Turf, the first 'new' Breeders' Cup race added to the initial seven races in 1999. While not one of the Cup's glamour races, the F/M Turf has delivered good races with eight of the last 10 decided by one length or less. Payouts have been nice too with only one winning favorite since 2006 (Ouija Board) and an average win payout of \$28!

Of late, European and Chad Brown runners have dominated this race winning the last eight contests. So if you are in a hurry, take the four Europeans and the four Chad Browns and call it a race. Also note that a 3yo has won this race three of the last four years.

Analysis:

The usual large field (14) lines up for the start of the 9.5f at the top of the Keeneland stretch which should give ample time for things to get sorted out before heading into the first turn. Post position should not be an issue and MEAN MARY seems to be the only 'need to lead' type in here. There are others who will likely not be too far away, but the pace should not be suicidal. Chad Brown's Dayatthespa has been the only gate to wire winner in the last 10 years of this race.

The Europeans: While this might not be the strongest group we have seen make the trip overseas for this race, they really aren't facing a terribly tough group of Americans except for the ultra consistent RUSHING FALL.

AUDARYA (Fr) (12-1) – think 'my eyes...' This filly has been on fire in her last three starts which shows two wins, including a Group I score at 47-1 in August at 1 ¼ (T). Should be sitting on a good one.

CAYENNE PEPPER (Ire) (8-1) This ultra consistent 3F has come close in Group 1 company and tuned up for this with a dominating performance in a Group 2 in Ireland. She comes into this race fresh and dangerous.

PEACEFUL (Ire) (12-1) Another 3yo from the powerful Aidan O'Brien barn, PEACEFUL is a Group 1 winner, taking the Irish 1000 Guineas earlier this year. She has raced once at the Breeders' Cup distance and was beaten a neck at 4-1 in a Group 1.

TEREBELLUM (20-1) Another nice price here. Dettori takes the mount on this John Gosden trainee. Her three wins come at 1 ¼ (T). Been facing Europe's best. Must include in gimmicks.

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Analysis (Continued):

Of the four CHAD BROWN fillies, RUSHING FALL (5/2) is the obvious standout and will probably go favored in here. She has beaten up on most of her stateside competition winning 11 of her 14 starts. But, the distance is new as is the large field. Play against her at your own risk but remember this race has not been kind to favorites of late. Half siblings MY SISTER NAT (12-1) and SISTERCHARLIE (6-1) and NAT LADY NAY (20-1) are in fine form but seem to be facing an uphill battle to get the win in here.

CIVIL UNION (12-1) looks fresh, fit and dangerous. Shug must have seen a reason to keep her going and he was right, as usual. She has improved in every start and is coming off a smart score in the Grade I Flower Bowl. Not sure what was behind her in some of those races but she figures to be part of some vertical wagers.

HARVEY'S LIL GOIL (20-1) Oy Vey... Worth a couple bucks just for the name...it's a good one. This 3yo has taken to the turf and captured the QEII in her last start on this surface. She's a hard trying type, but not sure she is good enough against these at this point.

STARSHIP JUBILEE (10-1) Claimed for 16K three years ago, this mare has earned over \$2 million and is one of the weekend's feel good stories. Fresh off a score against the boys in the Woodbine Mile, the connections opted for this (presumably) easier spot rather than face some monsters in the MILE. She has run some races that would make her competitive in here.

The CALIFORNIA contingent – LADY PRANCELOT(Ire), MUCHO UNUSUAL come off third and first place finishes respectively in the Grade 1 Rodeo Drive Stakes at Santa Anita. Both are competitive on their home turf but look up against it in here.

Selections:

- #11 Audarya
- #6 Rushing Fall
- #14 Cayenne Pepper
- #3 Peaceful

\$100 (about) Wagering Strategy:

\$20 WIN: AUDARYA (\$20)

\$2 EXACTA: ALL with AUDARYA (\$26)

\$.50 EXACTA BOX: AUDARYA, CAYENNE PEPPER, CIVIL UNION, RUSHING FALL, PEACEFUL, SISTER CHARLIE (\$60)



SATURDAY 8TH: SPRINT

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Analysis: It is probably more about who is not running in this field prior to post time as who will. Morning line favorite Vekoma was scratched on Wednesday, two days after the upstart Nashville was entered in the Perryville rather than this. That leaves favoritism to either C Z Rocket, or more likely, Yaupon. The former has emerged as a Grade I sprinter after being claimed by two-time BC Sprint winning trainer Peter Miller earlier this year. Yaupon is a 3 year-old with hordes of talent, as he launched a multiple graded stake winning campaign with a maiden win just a few months ago. The waters are far deeper in this spot, but he appears to be ready for top competition. Diamond Oops scored in the Phoenix over this oval last month and is a versatile son of Lookin at Lucky. He has been at his best sprinting on dirt and figures to get a great trip just off the pace. Firenze Fire put himself in the conversation in this spot with an authoritative win in the Vosburgh. The venerable Whitmore is back for his 4th try in the BC Sprint and has likely lost a step, but also faces the weakest field he has in any 'Cup try.

Main Contenders: Yaupon is the horse to beat based on the pace scenario. He is quicker than any of his rivals in the opening stages and has been quite effective when he gets the early lead. Joel Rosario has shown a great deal of aggression out of the gate on this son of Uncle Mo and he figures to do so again today. The aforementioned Diamond Oops is interesting on many fronts given that he has the tactical speed to stay close early and arrives in top form. He is a major player and drew quite favorably towards the outside. C Z Rocket is a contender I am willing to take a swing against as he figures to have difficulty procuring that coveted outside stalking spot from an inside draw. He has also not taken an appreciable step forward speed figure-wise.

Value Plays: The bulky field offers a couple of potential price horses who could spice up the exotics. Echo Town is 20-1 on the morning line and was a competitive 3rd in the Phoenix last time. Both he and fellow 3 year-old, Empire of Gold, showed enough ability in that event to be given length looks in here. Hog Creek Hustle is a late threat as well and enters off a solid effort. While he has not moved forward a great deal as a 4 year-old, his best races put him in the mix.

Selections:

- #10 Yaupon
- #11 Diamond Oops
- #12 Hog Creek Hustle
- #1 Echo Town

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$3 Trifecta YAUPON and DIAMOND OOPS with YAUPON and DIAMOND OOPS with ECHO TOWN, C Z ROCKET, COLLUSION ILLUSION, WHITMORE, FIRENZE FIRE, EMPIRE OF GOLD, HOG CREEK HUSTLE

\$2 Trifecta YAUPON and DIAMOND OOPS with ECHO TOWN, C Z ROCKET, COLLUSION ILLUSION, WHITMORE, FIRENZE FIRE, EMPIRE OF GOLD, HOG CREEK HUSTLE with YAUPON and DIAMOND OOPS

\$15 Exacta YAUPON with DIAMOND OOPS and \$5 Exacta DIAMOND OOPS with YAUPON



SATURDAY 9TH: MILE

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The Breeders' Cup Mile is one of my real favorite races. As a young boy, I had a rather large win bet on Antonius Pius who, not for the first time, threw a race at his mercy away when ducking in behind Singletary at Lone Star in 2004. I loved seeing Jerry Bailey aboard the very classy Six Perfections in 2003 and thoroughly enjoyed the runs of Goldikova and Wise Dan notching up multiple wins. It's great to see a full 14 runner field with 6 European contenders in here, 4 of them with multiple Group / Grade 1s.

Race Dynamics: I am not expected a full pace meltdown here but it won't be lacking with Halladay and Factor This. I think Circus Maximus will be most inconvenienced by this. Ground wise - the expected fast conditions should suit most but Safe Voyage and One Master would be 2 that would like it a little easier.

Euro Contenders:

1 - Circus Maximus (Oddschecker best price 14-1; ML 12-1)

What do we do with Circus Maximus - do we think he can return to those very solid runs earlier this year in Royal Ascot and Goodwood or can he stop the regression of his last 3 starts? He doesn't look like the obvious winner, beaten nearly 10 lengths on very soft ground at Ascot 3 weeks ago. For me, I'll pass. His best runs have been when allowed to dictate the pace or be close up on soft pace and can't see the same scenario here with Halladay and Factor This here. I will not be using him on any ticket and will let him beat me.

2 - Kameko 9-2 (Oddschecker best price 9-2; ML 6-1)

2000 Guineas winner has had an up and down year - starting on a high, bursting Pinatubo's reputation at Newmarket, before running credibly if not spectacularly to finish 4th in the bizarre Derby. He was unlucky at Goodwood in the strong Sussex Stakes (Circus Maximus and Siskin ahead of him) before wilting against Ghaiyyath in the Juddmonte over 10.5f. The season appeared to be getting away from him before an impressive win (rated very high by Racing Post and Timeform) in the G2 Joel carrying a penalty and giving weight to his elders. They are useful yardsticks and I do always upgrade 3 year olds when giving weight away to elders. That run puts him back into the equation for this. I would worry a little that his best runs have come on straight tracks so the relatively tight bends of Keeneland will be a challenge and he takes his time to get into top stride, feels more like a grinder than one with an accelerator. The scenario I see for him is getting going all too late and finishing with a rattle for a 2nd or 3rd.

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3 - Lope Y Fernandez (Oddschecker 25-1; ML 30-1)

I am still trying to figure out this guy. He has run plenty of so-so races but the 2 that stand out are his 6.5f and 7f runs in France beaten not too far by Pinatubo and Space Blues who would both be single digits in this race. Furthermore, there is still potential for him at a mile as his only run this year was his reappearance where he made a huge sweeping move before wilting in the last furlong and finishing 2 lengths behind Siskin. Given a more patient ride, he can reverse form and deliver a career best. He does look like a complicated ride and doesn't always seem to be 100% genuine so could Frankie will have to be at his best on him and repeat the Expert Eye tactics delivering him on the line. Hopefully Frankie doesn't have too much of an impact on the Tote board and if he's north of his Morning Line 30-1, I will take a cheap stab that he goes one better than Coolmore's ultimate tricky ride - Antonius Pius!

4 - Siskin (Oddschecker 11-1; ML 15-1)

Ger Lyons's star and unbeaten through his first 5 starts winning 2 G1s. However, he has always felt somewhat overrated to me and still has a bit to prove in open company. You could easily forgive his run in France (winner was given too much freedom) but I didn't think his juvenile sequence was beating much (Monarch of Egypt multiple times) and for his Irish 2000 Guineas run, I felt he was more forward in fitness than some of O'Brien's big hitters in the race. Much was made of team tactics by Coolmore that day, but I think it played into Siskin's hand. It must be remembered that in the Sussex Stakes, he was sent off favorite and was beaten just over a length and with only 7 lifetime starts and just 3 this year (all spaced out), there is a chance he is sitting on a personal best. I, however, will take the chance that he isn't as good as he might seem and that he finishes mid pack.

6 - Safe Voyage 12-1

A personal favourite of mine, I put him up as one of 5 older horses who I thought might capture a G1 this year - he's gotten close (beaten a neck last time to One Master) and has one more chance here - he will be one of the more forwardly placed Euros and comfortable on all terrains but excellent when very soft (he did set a track record at Epsom over a mile on Derby day on quick ground, wind assisted though) so won't get his ideal conditions.

He will likely go under the radar as a 7yo with relatively low key trainer / jockey who hasn't won a G1 - I am happy to take him at a likely big price (much bigger than the 15-1 ML). He will have to improve 3-4 pounds to win it but a replica of last time or at Leopardstown on good ground could have him hitting the frame - and he is possibly the best placed Euro if the pace is soft (if he can get over his patented mid race flat spot).

However - Safe Voyage - Breeders' Cup Mile Winner just has an odd ring to it and will be more of a sentimental bet more than anything more serious.

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9 - One Master 14-1

What a tough admirable mare she is. She comes here, like she did in 2018 off the back of victory in the Prix Foret over 7f (her third in a row) where she narrowly touched off Earthlight and Safe Voyage. Crucially though, in 2018 she went from Longchamp to Churchill. This year, however, she is going from Longchamp to Keeneland via Ascot and the short rest tends to take a small toll on her and I expect the same to happen here.

Others: Order Of Australia doesn't fit the profile of an obvious Breeders Cup Mile contender if he finds his way into the starting stalls. Of the American contingent, I am scared of Factor This being left alone on the lead and will try to cover that eventuality. Uni, despite not appearing as fast as last year, comes here ready to peak and Raging Bull with his solid prep here in Keeneland are the 2 US standouts for me to give Chad Brown another Breeders' Cup victory.

Betting Advice:

I am relatively lukewarm on the European contingent here. I have Kameko as the likeliest winner from Europe and will be on my side from a win perspective.

With my "Longshot Lad" hat on, Lope Y Fernandez makes sense to me and at the prices, will be a strong win / place / show bet.

I will take these 2 and combine with Uni and Raging Bull for the bulk of my exotic considerations.

**SATURDAY 10TH: DISTAFF**

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Analysis:

Whether it's Personal Ensign catching Winning Colors on the wire, or Beholder getting the bob by the slimmest of margins over Songbird, the Distaff has featured some of the greatest moments in Breeders' Cup history. In Keeneland's first Breeders' Cup in 2015, Stopchargingmaria had experience over the track (a second in the G1 Madison) and rallied to post a 7-1 upset from just off the pace. Four of the last nine Distaff winners were 3-year-old fillies, including Monomoy Girl in 2018. She is seeking to become the fourth female to win multiple editions of the 1 1/8-mile race. Beholder and Royal Delta each won it at age 3 before capturing it as an elder, and Bayokoa compiled both Distaff tallies after her 3-year-old season. The 2020 Distaff features a compelling matchup between Monomoy Girl and Swiss Skydiver.

Contenders: #10 MONOMOY GIRL enters with a 3-for-3 record this year, tuning up with a sharp win in the Sept. 4 La Troienne S. (G1) at Churchill and appears to be building towards a peak performance. Her Brisnet Speed ratings are strong (111 two back), and she showed an affinity for the track when romping the 2018 Ashland (G1). #5 SWISS SKYDIVER is the presumptive 3yo filly champion exiting a courageous neck victory in the Preakness Stakes where she out-dueled Kentucky Derby winner Authentic. Swiss Skydiver has displayed remarkable resiliency, making all nine starts this year over different tracks and ran well when 2nd in the Blue Grass over the KEE surface. The Kenny McPeek-trained filly should be prominent from the start with her tactical speed.

Value: #8 VALIANCE and #9 OLLIE'S CANDY, the 1-2 finishers in the Oct. 4 Spinster (G1) at Keeneland, merit a serious look for minor awards. Both enter with consecutive triple-digit Speed ratings. I will be against #2 Dunbar Road and #3 Harvest Moon, who have earned lower Speed ratings. The same applies to last-out Beldame S. (G1) winner #4 Horologist, who did not run well in her previous attempt on Keeneland's main track.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

Monomoy Girl enters at the top of her game, and the outside post is no concern at the distance. A massive effort in the recent Preakness Stakes could take a little starch out of her main rival, Swiss Skydiver. Along with in-race wagers, Monomoy Girl will be singled in all multi-race bets. For a \$50 budget, here are my Distaff plays:

\$50 Win 10 (\$50)

\$30 Exacta: 10 over 5 (\$30)

\$10 Exactas: 10 over 8,9 (\$20)

**SATURDAY 11TH: TURF**

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Analysis: Of the weekend's races with Euro participation, this looks like the race where they have the strongest hand. With a weak division of American turf horses, four of the six shippers boast strong chances, headed by MAGICAL who ran a 113 Beyer when second to the great Enable in this event two years ago.

Main Contenders: Magical is a legitimate morning-line favorite who shows up every single time. A remarkable seven-time Group 1 winner, she is simply the horse to beat and has the tactical speed to put herself in a good spot behind CHANNEL MAKER, the best shot for America. The one horse who could beat Magical on her best day is LORD NORTH if he runs back to his scintillating Prince of Wales victory. He'll have to stay 12 furlongs for the first time, but John Gosden thinks that's up his alley and the firmer ground at Keeneland should suit him. TARNAWA also has a big chance taking on the boys, coming in off back-to-back Group 1 triumphs in France, and MOGUL from the outside for Aidan O'Brien is the ascendant 3-year-old to keep an eye on.

Value Plays: It'll depend on how the Euros get bet, but on their morning-line odds Lord North is clearly the best bet. In addition to his Prince of Wales, he was beaten just 1 1/4 lengths by Magical in the Juddmonte International despite throwing a shoe and is nearly four times her price estimate. The ascending RED KING isn't impossible to sneak into the number as the longest shot on the board, but he'll need help up front.

Selections:

#6 LORD NORTH
#2 MAGICAL
#3 TARNAWA
#9 CHANNEL MAKER

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$20 Win: LORD NORTH (\$20)

\$10 Exacta Box: MAGICAL, LORD NORTH (\$20)

\$1 Trifecta: MAGICAL, LORD NORTH, TARNAWA with MAGICAL, LORD NORTH, TARNAWA, CHANNEL MAKER, MOGUL, ARKLOW with MAGICAL, LORD NORTH, TARNAWA, CHANNEL MAKER, MOGUL, ARKLOW (\$60)

**SATURDAY 12TH: CLASSIC**

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Analysis: A deep, talented group assembles for the weekend's feature, a set of 10 which have won 20 Graded Stakes between them this year. With Baffert speeds AUTHENTIC and MAXIMUM SECURITY outposted, the field should be stretched and spread out on the long run to the first turn. While forwardly-placed types generally have an edge on the KEE main, you can expect a bona fide pace that provides an opportunity for all styles to challenge.

Main Contenders: TOM'S D'ETAT and IMPROBABLE have had this assignment as their target while posting nearly blemish free seasons in top level Handicap Division events like the Whitney, Foster and Hollywood Gold Cup. While there are rock solid foes lining up against them, one or the other appear as an overwhelmingly likely winner with their "A" races. Derby exacta of AUTHENTIC and TIZ THE LAW face off with the Belmont-Travers winner arriving at KEE early and seemingly having a style advantage to his fellow sophomore. MAXIMUM SECURITY has finished first in both his runs at 10f, a distance that suits his evenly paced cruising speed.

Value Plays: If TOM'S D'ETAT is actually 6-1 when the gates open, he's obviously an overlay. HIGHER POWER and TACITUS are each 20-1 and provide intrigue in this field sporting a combined 11/2-3-4 record at the 10f trip. Both could find comfortable trip sunder their highly capable regular riders (Prat and Jose Ortiz respectively) behind the ample pace.

Selections:

#4 - TOM'S D'ETAT

#8 - IMPROBABLE

#10 - MAXIMUM SECURITY

#6 - HIGHER POWER

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$2 EXACTA BOX: TOM'S D'ETAT, IMPROBABLE, MAXIMUM SECURITY, HIGHER POWER, TACITUS, TIZ THE LAW (\$60)

\$1 TRI KEY: TOM'S D'ETAT, IMPROBABLE with TOM'S D'ETAT, IMPROBABLE, MAXIMUM SECURITY, HIGHER POWER, TACITUS, TIZ THE LAW with TOM'S D'ETAT, IMPROBABLE, MAXIMUM SECURITY, HIGHER POWER, TACITUS, TIZ THE LAW (\$40)



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