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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, this deep and mysterious event will produce some nearly unforeseeable results. Remember that you could be taking an '0-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 these 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 16th year in a row, it's been a pleasure bringing the Cup to everyone listening. I hope the coverage offered each of you something you can convert into winning tickets.

### Let's get lucky this weekend!

**Steve**

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## FRIDAY 6th: JUVENILE TURF SPRINT

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By Seth Merrow ~ EQUIdaily.com/Capital OTB  
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**Analysis:** Trainer Wesley Ward has won the last two runnings of this race. Over the past two years he's 28% (39/141) with 2YO turf sprinters. That number drops to 20% (2/10) in graded stakes -- but, Ward often has multiple entrants, and, as in Friday's race where he has three entered, those ten graded stakes runners were in only four races. So Ward is two for four with regards to race results. A Euro completed the tri here last year and the foreign contingent offers some intrigue again.

**Main Contenders:** Ward seems loaded again, with an interesting trio of fillies. AVERLY JANE passed her turf test last time with flying colors - vs the boys. And TWILIGHT GLEAMING was impressive in France. ARMOR looks legit with top Euro jock Moore slated for the ride. And DERRYNANE, yet another filly, shipped north to score at Woodbine with a much improved Beyer.

**Value Plays:** Tend to feel as though the US runners have the edge in this event but, invaders TWILIGHT JET, VERTIGINOUS, and HIERARCHY each seem capable of making noise. However, the interesting price play might be RUN CURTIS RUN. The NY-bred's turf debut was promising. And while the Beyers seem a little light for ONE TIMER - he has to be mentioned being that he's undefeated.

#### Selections:

- 8 - AVERLY JANE
- 6 - TWILIGHT GLEAMING
- 7 - ARMOR
- 11 - DERRYNANE

#### \$100 Wagering Strategy:

**\$5 EXACTA KEY:** AVERLY JANE over TWILIGHT GLEAMING, ARMOR (\$10)

**\$1 EXACTA BOX:** AVERLY JANE, TWILIGHT GLEAMING, ARMOR, DERRYNANE, RUN CURTIS RUN (\$20)

**\$.50 TRI BOX:** AVERLY JANE, TWILIGHT GLEAMING, ARMOR, DERRYNANE, RUN CURTIS RUN (\$30)

**\$1 TRI:** AVERLY JANE over TWILIGHT GLEAMING, ARMOR, DERRYNANE, RUN CURTIS RUN over ALL (\$40)

## FRIDAY 7th: JUVENILE FILLIES

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**Analysis:** Not a whole lot to say here as a compact field of only six is scheduled. With \$2 million up for grabs it seems safe to assume that the three eye-popping victories by ECHO ZULU prompted many likely candidates to look elsewhere. That said, lightly raced horses always have to validate themselves, and also have the potential to step it up and show marked improvement.

**Main Contenders:** Hard to get past the top three. ECHO ZULU has impressed in all three starts, winning each with a Beyer that's solid for a 2YO filly and better than any of the competition has fired. HIDDEN CONNECTION is also undefeated and has impressed. A win by this filly would add another fun storyline with up-and-coming upstate NY native Reylu Gutierrez onboard. JUJU'S MAP is yet another logical contender.

**Value Plays:** Last year in this space I wrote, "It's hard to get past the logicals in here, but one of those is VEQUIST who would offer value..." I could write the same this year, substituting another daughter of Nyquist, SEQUIST, as the value play. She's shown some ability but more importantly, trainer Dallas Stewart rocked opening day at Churchill this past weekend with three longshot 2YO winners. Sometimes a barn just gets hot...

#### Selections:

- 6 - ECHO ZULU
- 2 - HIDDEN CONNECTION
- 5 - JUJU'S MAP
- 3 - SEQUIST

#### \$100 Wagering Strategy:

**\$70 EXACTA:** ECHO ZULU over HIDDEN CONNECTION (\$70)

**\$8 EXACTA:** HIDDEN CONNECTION over ECHO ZULU (\$8)

**\$2 EXACTA BOX:** HIDDEN CONNECTION, JUJU'S MAP, SEQUIST (\$12)

**\$.50 TRI:** SEQUIST over ALL over ALL (\$10)



### FRIDAY 8TH: JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

By Kev Humphreys  
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**Top Line Analysis (Race Profile/Storyline);** 4 Europeans take on 10 North Americans in an extremely open Juvenile Fillies Turf contest. There have been 13 runners of this with just 2 European winners - an anomaly when compared to the Juvenile Turf for colts. We have up and coming English trainers George Boughey, David Loughnane and James Ferguson attempt to put the icing on a stellar season as well as the glorious story of California Angel and George Leonard III.

The overseas markets have been betting 7-1 the field on this race that suggests that there is no standout US or European horse in the line up. However, it allows for a tremendously competitive race on paper, a delightful betting race and comfort that your fancy will go off at a reasonable price, whoever she is.

#### Main Contenders;

The US horse that really pleased the eye was #7 Consumer Spending. She looked full of quality last time out at Laurel and I feel there is still plenty of improvement to come - there were still signs of greenness. Prat fits very well on board - not many ride Del Mar better and she has the right trainer for this race.

My pick from a European standpoint is #6 Hello You, drawn just to the inside of #7 Consumer Spending. She was blistering on debut at Wolverhampton (her only experience going left handed) before pulling hard in a few starts upped in class. She finally made the Group winning breakthrough on her last start in the Group 2 Rockfel Stakes at Newmarket where she settled and travelled immensely powerfully. That can set her up for a peak performance here. She generally breaks well and can be forwardly placed which for European horses at Del Mar so crucial.

I prefer her narrowly to #13 Mise En Scene who has been hampered by the draw and tends to break from the gate a little slow. She still has plenty of upside potential with only 3 runs and one to keep onside a little. I think she may be flying fast at the finish like #14 California Angel drawn beside her.

#9 Koala Princess has looked impressive over shorter trips, bred to love the mile trip and another for considerations.

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## FRIDAY 8th: JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

### FRIDAY 8TH: JUVENILE FILLIES TURF - Continuation

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#### Values & Upset Candidates - Continued

The Californians don't have a great record in the race but I like the look of #2 Cairo Memories. She has a maiden win over course / distance and was essentially hands and heels last time out in Santa Anita in the Surfer Gal. She looks to be flexible in tactics and I would like her on side.

Then Top 4, \$100 worth of wagers.

#### Selections:

- #7 Consumer Spending
- #6 Hello You
- #2 Cairo Memories
- #13 Mise En Scene

**\$10 Exacta Box:** Consumer Spending, Hello You and Cairo Memories (\$60)

**\$2 Exacta Box:** Consumer Spending, Hello You, Cairo Memories, Mise En Scene, Koala Princess (\$40)



## FRIDAY 9TH: JUVENILE

**Favorites book-end interesting Juvenile lineup**  
**By Nick Tammaro @NTamm1215**

**Analysis:** The story of the 2021 Breeders' Cup Juvenile centers on the likelihood that the flashy chestnut Jack Christopher tops out distance wise at or around the race's distance. He also figures to meet multiple early challenges from a pair of runners from the barn of Bob Baffert. What happens in the opening half-mile will go a long way towards determining just that, and Jack Christopher's connections and backers were likely a bit perturbed by his rail draw.

Contention does not run particularly deep in the bulky field, as there is a chasm between the likes of Jack Christopher, Corniche and Commandperformance and the balance of the field from a speed figure perspective. What we've learned over the years, though, especially when dealing with lightly raced horses, is to entertain every alternative possible.

**Main Contenders:** Outside of Jack Christopher, the main win candidate in the field is the rival who he just bested in the Champagne, Commandperformance. Corniche is the horse, from a betting perspective, that you are supposed to take a whole hearted stand against. He took advantage of a massive rail bias in the American Pharoah and earned accolades from a debut win over a weak field where he controlled a slow pace. It is unlikely he will be ridden hard enough to get clear early in here and he seems like a bad play at a short price. The runner who he just beat, Pappacap, is very interesting to me. If you believe, as I do, that the rail was the place to be on October 1, then this son of Gun Runner took the worst of it. He was 3-4 wide the entire way and still stayed on gamely to the finish. The distance should prove no issue once again.

**Value Plays:** The value in here is with Oviatt Class, Pappacap, and Barossa. All of them will be doing their best running late. Of the three, I will use Pappacap as an 'A' on my multi-race plays and the other two as backups.

### Selections:

- #4 PAPPACAP
- #1 Jack Christopher
- #3 Oviatt Class
- #10 Command Performance

### \$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$50 to win on #4 PAPPACAP
- \$20 Exacta 4-1: PAPPACAP with Jack Christopher
- \$15 Exacta 1-4: Jack Christopher with PAPPACAP
- \$10 Exacta 4-3: PAPPACAP with Oviatt Class
- \$5 Exacta 3-4: Oviatt Class with PAPPACAP



## FRIDAY 10TH: JUVENILE TURF

By Joe Bianca, Thoroughbred Daily News  
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**Analysis:** An evenly-matched field of 14 features much less potent European participation than last year, and with the two most imposing invaders drawing the inner and outer draws in this one-mile test, America has a good chance to make it three wins in a row after winning just three of the first 10 renewals. Most of the early speed appears to come from the outside, with PORTFOLIO COMPANY, GRAFTON STREET and COINAGE all likely to be aggressively handled early on in an attempt to save ground into the clubhouse turn. That could make things a bit easier for narrow (4/1) morning-line favorite DUBAWI LEGEND to drop into a better-than-expected stalking trip from the 14-hole.

**Main Contenders:** Dubawi Legend may drift up on the board considering his draw, and showed that he can hang with the big boys last time out, running a good second at 12-1 behind undefeated multiple Group 1 winner Native Trail in the Darley Dewhurst at Newmarket. That runner is trained by story of the year Charlie Appleby, who sends out second choice MODERN GAMES from the rail. After running fifth in his debut, the Godolphin color bearer has three wins and a second from four starts and looked a winner every step of the way in the Tattersalls Somerville last time out at Newmarket. While both of those horses command respect, neither has been so impressive that they should scare you off any American horses you like, and my lean is toward Danny Gargan's DAKOTA GOLD. An \$83,000 weanling buy, the New York-bred showed right away his considerable talent by dominating a 5 1/2-furlong Saratoga off-the-turfer despite being bred both sides for grass and distance. He got both in the Nownownow at Monmouth and relaxed nicely after battling for the lead in his debut, then blew away his rivals in the lane while still looking like he's figuring things out a bit. He's since returned with two bullet breezes over the Saratoga Oklahoma turf and is good value on the morning line at 8-1. Portfolio Company is a major player for Klaravich and Chad Brown, having run a good second while trying to close into a slow pace in the With Anticipation and showing a new dimension in the Pilgrim, going to the front and just getting out-kicked by talented stablemate Annapolis by a head. ALBAHR is logical coming off a victory in the Summer for Appleby, his fourth straight win, and drew inside under Frankie Dettori.

**Value Plays:** Christophe Clement's SLIPSTREAM needs to stretch out, having never traveled beyond seven furlongs, and his damside leans sprint, but ran well to take the Futurity at Belmont last out, overcoming early rankness and clicking off a sizzling internal split for the second quarter-mile before finishing up well late.

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## FRIDAY 10th: JUVENILE TURF

### FRIDAY 10TH: JUVENILE TURF - Continuation

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#### Value Plays Continued:

That victory earned him a fees-paid spot in the Juvenile Turf Sprint, but Clement was adamant about taking the colt around two turns instead and is usually a pretty good judge of these things. Grafton Street was second-best to Albahr in the Summer, but that was off just one race—a third with a 32 Beyer going five furlongs in the Belmont slop nearly four months earlier. The fact Mark Casse was so confident in him speaks volumes, and he came right back to break his maiden on the Woodbine Tapeta next out before blowing out five furlongs in :58 2/5 there in preparation for this.

#### Selections:

- #3 Dakota Gold
- #11 Grafton Street
- #10 Portfolio Company
- #5 Slipstream

#### \$100 Wagering Strategy:

**\$30 Win:** DAKOTA GOLD

**\$10 Win:** GRAFTON STREET

**\$1 Trifecta:** DAKOTA GOLD, GRAFTON STREET, PORTFOLIO COMPANY with DAKOTA GOLD, GRAFTON STREET, PORTFOLIO COMPANY, MODERN GAMES, SLIPSTREAM with DAKOTA GOLD, GRAFTON STREET, PORTFOLIO COMPANY, MODERN GAMES, SLIPSTREAM, MACKINNON, DUBAWI LEGEND (\$60)

## SATURDAY 4th: FILLY & MARE SPRINT



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By Steve Byk ~ At the Races, SiriusXM  
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**Analysis:** What was already a modest assembly of sprinting distaffers received another blow with the post-draw scratch of Estilo Talentoso which reduces the field to a quintet. The race's framework centers on defending champion Gamine's early splits under John Velazquez and how aggressive Luis Saez is pressing her from the right with sharp 3yo Bella Sophia. If the pair spar from the bell, either or both could be vulnerable late to closing Ce Ce or pace-lurking Edgeway.

**Main Contenders:** When there was the prospect of a typical sized BC field for this, the prospect of looking to beat Gamine was more attractive. With the field down to 5, it seems less likely that Velazquez and Saez engage in a suicidal battle. Victor Espinoza will make one run at the pacesetters with Ce Ce.

**Value Plays:** The 'price' horse if there is one in 5 horse field is Edgeway who will be longer than Ce Ce and gets Joel Rosario back aboard. They're 2 for 2 together and the Sadler/Hronis 4yo has tactical speed and room for more development coming in off a freshening and hot morning efforts.

#### Selections:

- #5 Gamine
- #3 Edgeway
- #4 Ce Ce
- #6 Bella Sophia

#### \$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$50 Exacta, Gamine over Edgeway (\$50)
- \$20 Exacta, Edgeway over Gamine (\$20)
- \$5 Exacta Box, Edgeway, Ce Ce, Bella Sophia (\$30)

## SATURDAY 5th: TURF SPRINT

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**Analysis:** European-based runners always merit respect in two-turn Breeders' Cup turf races, but domestic runners won the first 12 runnings of the Turf Sprint. International raiders finally broke through at Keeneland in 2020, as GLASS SLIPPERS rallied from far off the pace to score at 10-1, and the five-year-old mare will be back for a title defense in the five-furlong Turf Sprint at Del Mar. She's one of three international raiders in the main body of the 12-horse field. Inside posts dominated turf sprints at this year's Del Mar summer meet, and Stormy Liberal upset the 2017 Turf Sprint at Del Mar from post 4.

**Contenders:** Last year's Juvenile Turf Sprint (G2) winner, GOLDEN PAL has been installed as the 7-2 morning line. The Uncle Mo colt will show high speed from the gate with Irad Ortiz Jr., but GOLDEN PAL couldn't have things any easier in his two U.S. starts this year, defeating short fields as the lone speed in the Woodford (G2) at Keeneland and Quick Call (G3) at Saratoga. He weakened to seventh when facing pressure in the Nunthorpe S. (G1) two starts back, his second overseas trip for Wesley Ward, and the competition promises to take it to the overvalued favorite during the early stages of the Turf Sprint.

My top two choices are EMRAATY ANA and GEAR JOCKEY. A classy two-year-old, EMRAATY ANA went off form and endured an eight-race losing streak before turning it around this summer with an allowance win. After a fast-closing second in the Nunthorpe (G1), he broke through with his first Group 1 tally in the Sept. 4 Sprint Cup (G1), defeating European sprint divisional leader Starman by a head. Kevin Ryan, who also trains Glass Slippers, has been bullish on the peaking gelding, saying the five-furlong trip at Del Mar will be tailor-made for EMRAATY ANA, who has won around a left-handed turn previously, and the five-year-old has the tactical foot to establish midpack positioning from a favorable inside post. GEAR JOCKEY enters on the upswing for Rusty Arnold, finding his best form when cutting back to turf sprints three back. He exits a convincing stakes win at Kentucky Downs.

**Value Play:** Course specialist LIEUTENANT DAN and East Coast invader CARAVEL will be used prominently in vertical exotic wagers. GLASS SLIPPERS may leave herself too much to do from off the pace, but the classy mare remains eligible to close for a share.

#### Selections:

- #2 – EMRAATY ANA
- #10 – GEAR JOCKEY
- #8 – CARAVEL
- #4 – LIEUTENANT DAN

#### \$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$12 Exacta Box: 2-10 (\$24)
- \$2 Exactas: 2,10 over 1,4,8 (\$12)
- \$1 Trifecta: 2,10 with 1,2,4,8,10 with 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 (\$64)

## SATURDAY 6th: DIRT MILE

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The Dirt Mile is the 6th race on Saturday, November 6th. It starts a Pick-4 and is part of another as well as being the final race in the early Pick-5

This is the 15th 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. The first edition, run in the mud, was taken by CORINTHIAN. Owned by Centennial Farms, trained by James Jerkens and ridden by Kent Desormeaux. Other notable winners include CITY OF LIGHT, BATTLE OF MIDWAY, LIAM'S MAP, GOLDENCENTS and this year's probable CLASSIC favorite – KNICKS GO.

This year's edition will be run with 9 horses and will start in its usual place, just before the finish line. This is a two turn 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. This is important to keep in mind with the relatively short stretch at Del Mar. Three-year-olds have won two of the last four runnings. No horse over 9-1 has won this race in the last 10 years, but only three favorites have won in the same time period.

**The Race:** This year's favorite, LIFE IS GOOD, has the perfect running style for this...go to the front and improve your position. I don't think the game plan will change much...The relative short stretch works to his advantage. Any horse with any hope will have to be in gear when turning for home. There may be a few in here who fit that bill. Hard to think GINOBIKI will be far off the pace especially off his two scintillating performances at Del Mar this summer. If he can keep LIFE IS GOOD busy for a while, maybe a grinder like SILVER STATE will benefit.

### The Horses:

**SILVER STATE (7/2)** – This is a racehorse. His six race win streak was snapped in the Grade I Whitney and a subsequent loss at Parx can only help the price in here. He has been training in California since early October and if he can stay close, he will have a big say in the outcome. The rail should not bother him in here.

**PINGXIANG (12-1)** – This Japanese horse seems rather unheralded as he has yet to win a graded stake. It appears he likes to be near the lead but don't see him keeping up in here.

**GINOBILI (4-1)** – He's the one with the 'I Love Del Mar' sticker on his hip. His last two races were off the charts and they were both at Del Mar, including a win in the 7 Furlong Grade II Pat O'Brien Stakes. Always well thought of, this Baltas trainee is coming into his own at the right time and place. Has the right style and the price should be right.

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## SATURDAY 6th: DIRT MILE

### SATURDAY 6TH: DIRT MILE - Continuation

By Rick Hammerle, Oaklawn Park/Kentucky Downs  
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#### The Horses (Continued):

**JASPER PRINCE (30-1)** – Not much info on this Japanese Invader. Has earned over \$1 Million (don't they all) in 26 starts but is winless at the Mile distance. Tough spot for US debut.

**LIFE IS GOOD (4/5)** – Now in the barn of Todd Pletcher, this lightly raced three-year-old has been quite the sensation. He has beaten the Ky Derby winner (allegedly) twice and likes to be on his own out front. The only time he was challenged in a race, he got beat. He will be odds-on and you will get paid if you can beat him. Could be worth taking a chance against.

**RESTRAINEDVENGEANCE (20-1)** – The horse with the longest name has done pretty well for himself. Looking to become a millionaire in here, he may be overmatched. Coming off a win in his favorite race in New Mexico, he has not fared well against better on dirt. But he is a trier and might somehow work his way into the superfecta.

**SNAPPER SINCLAIR (12-1)** – A fan favorite. A stake winner in four of the last five years, he has been competitive at all levels and all surfaces but seems to prefer Kentucky grass and Arkansas dirt. Yet another Asmussen trainee that has been training in California for a while. Can maybe see him pick up some pieces late.

**EIGHT RINGS (10-1)** – If not for the trainer change of LIFE IS GOOD, this would be the 'other' Baffert. In any case, EIGHT RINGS will be overlooked in the betting which is a good thing. Each race this year has gotten better and his last, around two turns, could set him up nicely for this. He has won over the course. Watch him in the paddock.

#### Selections:

- #1 - Silver State
- #5 - Life is Good
- #3 - Ginobili
- #8 - Eight Rings

Bets...\$1 Pick 3 starting with 5th race: All with Silver State & Ginobili with Audarya(Fr), Love(Ire) & Rougir(Fr) - \$84.

\$14 Exacta...Silver State to Life is Good



### SATURDAY 7TH: FILLY AND MARE TURF

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The F/M Turf is the 7th Race on Saturday, November 6. It is part of three Pick-4's, is the final leg in the newly added middle Pick 5 and starts the Pick-6 sequence.

This is the 23rd running of the Filly and Mare Turf. The F/M Turf was the first 'new' Breeders' Cup race added to the initial seven races in 1999. The inaugural event, held at Gulfstream Park, was taken by Soaring Softly. Owned by Phillips Racing Partnership, trained by Jimmy Toner and ridden by Jerry Bailey.

While not one of the Breeders' Cup glamour races, the F/M Turf has not failed to deliver some good, close races (eight of the last 10 races were decided by one length or shorter) with nice payouts. Only one favorite has scored a win since 2006 (Ouija Board). The last 10 runnings have produced an average win payout of 10-1, with last year's winner, AUDARYA(Fr), an ATR Betting Guide play, paying a sweet \$37.60.

In an oddity for a race of this stature, the distance will change yet again – to 1 3/8 Miles (T). The last time the race has been run at the same distance for at least two consecutive years was 2012-14 at Santa Anita. Be reminded that the last time (2017) the Breeders' Cup was run at Del Mar the race was carded at 1 1/8 Miles (T).

Foreign and Chad Brown trained runners have dominated this race, winning the last 10 contests and taking up an amazing 75% (30 of 40) of the Superfecta positions. With 9 of the 12 entries falling into this category, it's a pretty safe bet it will happen again. A three-year-old filly has won this race three of the last five years. Additionally, not ONE horse that made their previous start in CALIFORNIA has ever won this race.

#### Race Analysis:

The field was pared down to 12 with TARNAWA(Ire) and TEONA(Ire) opting for the more glamorous and lucrative LONGINES TURF later on the card. The 'LOVES' decided to stay here which makes this race very competitive. Only five domestic horses will start. With 14 Grade I and 18 Grade II races for this category in the US...where are all the US horses???

The Foreigners: A nice group made the trip again this year, including last year's winner AUDARYA(Fr) and they really aren't facing a terribly tough group of home girls. (Except for the ultra consistent WAR LIKE GODDESS)

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## SATURDAY 7TH: FILLY AND MARE TURF - Continuation

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### The Lineup

**GOING TO VEGAS (12-1)** – That is exactly what this group will do if they hit the board in here. This former claimer appears to be one of the few fillies who show any interest in going to the front. That could work out to be a big advantage in this seemingly paceless event. She has experience and success over the Del Mar lawn but that might not be enough.

**POCKET SQUARE(GB) (15-1)** – A multiple Grade III winner from the Eclipse Award winning barn of Chad Brown, she comes off a victory in the five horse Athenia Stakes. She's been favored in all five of her stateside starts...that will end here as will her win streak.

**ACANELLA(GB) (12-1)** – A Juddmonte three-year-old, she appears to be a bit overmatched in this spot. However, her last two starts against older have been her best. Demand a price.

**ROUGIR(Fr) (6-1)** – This talented three-year-old filly has been super sharp in her last four and comes off a win in the co-feature on Arc day. She went favored that day but may be a decent price in here. Maybe this shorter stretch will give others a chance. Wondering if she prefers softer ground.

**QUEEN SUPREME(Ire) (20-1)** – This South African raced mare has won a lot of races but not a lot of money. This will be her second race since January and she appears outmatched with some of these.

**LOVE(Ire) (4-1)** – With her decision to stay here rather than meet the boys in the LONGINES TURF, this race just got very interesting. This Aiden O'Brien filly was unbeatable against the best three-year-old fillies last year and even defeated AUDARYA(Fr) at Ascot in June. Her running style of late where she is closer to the pace will work to her advantage in this seemingly paceless event. The distance is perfect...love the connections.

**WAR LIKE GODDESS (7/2)** – Of the five US based horses, she is a standout as she will be shooting for her fifth consecutive victory in a Graded Stake. Her wins have been with authority, but she will get the class test in here. She will vie for favoritism and Mott has her in top form to break the Foreign/Brown hold on this race. She likes to lay back and make her powerful run in time to put her near the lead early in the stretch, which fits this track just right.

**LOVES ONLY YOU(Jpn) (4-1)** – A highly regarded mare from Japan makes her US debut in here. She has won a lot of races and a ton of money all over the world so the ship shouldn't bother her. Her April win in Hong Kong and her close third in the Sheema Classic says she should have a say in here.

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## SATURDAY 7th: FILLY & MARE TURF

### SATURDAY 7TH: FILLY AND MARE TURF - Continuation

By Rick Hammerle, Oaklawn Park/Kentucky Downs

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#### The Lineup (Continued)

**MY SISTER NAT(Fr) (15-1)** – Was 25-1 in this race last year and finished 9th. Since then, only a Grade III win to her credit. She seems to like the 1 3/8 Miles distance and the barn is obviously top notch. Superfecta possibility.

**OCEAN ROAD(Ire) (20-1)** – She is a European three-year-old filly with only one win on the scoresheet. She finished 3rd in a 15 horse field in her last, which was her best effort so far...crazier things have happened.

**DOGTAG (30-1)** – One of two local hopes, she has been competitive in many Graded Stakes. She has top connections but seems a cut below her competitors and is winless this year.

**AUDARYA(Fr) (5-1)** – Still hard to believe this filly came into last year's Breeders' Cup off a win and third in two Group I races and still went off at 17-1. She has not won since that day. Her last two starts have been competitive as she duplicated her preps from last year. This will be the farthest she has ever run. She will be a big player again this year. Don't fret the post position.

#### Selections:

- #6 - Love (Ire)
- #12 - Audarya(Fr)
- #4 - Rougir(Fr)
- #7 - War Like Goddess

#### Betting Thoughts Let's keep it simple

**\$100 to Win on Love(Ire)**

## SATURDAY 8th: SPRINT

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Jackie looks to cap a magical 2021

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**Analysis:** A year ago trainer Steve Asmussen saddled a heavy BC Sprint favorite and experienced nothing but disappointment as he watched Yaupon trudge home well beaten eighth. A day before, Jackie's Warrior had failed as the BC Juvenile favorite after rattling off three straight graded stakes win in his 2YO season. The Jackie's Warrior that will go postward in 2021 is a completely different animal being asked to do exactly what he prefers. He will be exceptionally tough to beat on a day that will long be remembered for offering the longest stretch of short priced favorites we've ever seen in the Breeders' Cup.

The most conceivable scenarios for Jackie's Warrior being beaten is for something to go wrong out of the gate that gets him out of position or a rival hooking him in a massive pace battle. No runner in this field is fast enough to truly put a charge into him early, even if the Japanese invader Matera Sky shows the speed he did two years ago in this race. Special Reserve and Dr. Schivel have shown speed on multiple occasions, as has Lexitonian, but none have consistently shown the type of early energy we've regularly seen from Jackie's Warrior.

**Main Contenders:** The main contenders are Jackie's Warrior, Following Sea and Aloha West. I am going to play Jackie's Warrior over those two and hope that Following Sea can show some ability from just off the pace. He is unlikely to get to the lead in here with Jackie's Warrior to his outside, but can be a factor. Aloha West is an improving colt who scored on debut and has elevated his game with each passing opportunity. He will also be ridden to get a minor placing if Jackie's Warrior leaves this field behind at the quarter pole.

**Value Plays:** The value in this field is playing price horses underneath Jackie's Warrior. In addition to Aloha West and Following Sea I could include C Z Rocket given his running style.

#### Selections:

- #2 - Jackie's Warrior
- #5 - Aloha West
- #1 - Following Sea
- #3 - CZ Rocket

#### \$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$40 Exactas 2 over 1,5
- \$5 Trifecta 2 over 1,3,5,8 with 1,5



### SATURDAY 9TH: MILE

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#### Top Line Analysis (Race Profile /Storyline)

The Mile brings an intriguing clash between 9 US based horses, 4 Europeans and 1 Japanese horse for extra enjoyment. 4 fillies / mares take on the 9 males.

Since Goldikova completed her hat trick in 2010, Americans have had the upper hand, 7-3 with Court Vision and Order Of Australia bookending the last decade with scarcely believable wins at astronomical prices!!! It will be wild and fun.

Whether it will be fast though is another story. There doesn't appear to be a huge amount of pace in the race with #10 Blowout the obvious choice to lead them along but there are better quality closers than Regal Glory and Empress Josephine and I think the likes of #2 Smooth Like Strait and #12 Pearls Galore will keep her honest. The race dynamics may not play into the hands of some fancied runners like #3 Space Blues and I am keen to play against the morning line favourite but very much respect his wicked turn of foot.

#### Main Contenders:

**#3 Space Blues** is the quintessential 7f star and showed what he can do in the Prix La Foret last time out with an eye popping turn of foot to mow down the gallant #12 Pearls Galore. It is a very different pace set up and I believe the race last time played into his hands - race pace wise and his position on the track. At the likely short price, for all his quality, I will pass for win purposes.

**#6 Mo Forza** brings the best California form to the table but there has not been much between him, #2 Smooth Like Strait and #8 Hit The Road at Santa Anita and Del Mar. That suggests to me that either A) the form isn't that good or B) you take the longest price of the 3 and hope for a little luck. I am not sure there is a standout on the East Coast either.

This will be #9 Mother Earth's 12th Group / Grade 1 in a row and she has performed admirably since her 2nd in the Juvenile Fillies Turf at Keeneland last year. Last time out, she put in a sneakily good run behind mile heavyweights Baaeed and Palace Pier on her first run in open company. She was ridden a little cold last time and the race panned out into a dash but she showed excellent finishing sectionals. This hasn't been missed in the market so my potential value play is more a regular play.

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### SATURDAY 9TH: MILE - Continuation

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#### Value/Upset Candidates

Behind #9 Mother Earth in the QE II last time was #1 Master of the Seas who looked all at sea over the softer conditions and should relish the return firm ground that saw him finish runner up to Poetic Flare in the 2000 Guineas earlier this year. If he was to sport a hood, I would be even more confident as Appleby's record when using the hood is excellent and this fella appears to run a little better with the equipment. He's drawn in 1 which, if he doesn't break well, presents challenges but that, along with being the stables 2nd string will offer up a nice price here.

Also, don't sleep on Japanese hope #5 Vin De Garde. His Dubai Turf over 9f run was good and drop in trip should suit as he finished off well despite being a little keen. He didn't exactly show off his best on his prep run but that was actually a good race by G2 standards and wasn't given a tough run - plus we get a much bigger price as a result. You take out his obvious prep runs and he has finished close to Lord North and Gran Alegria and won a G2 impressively in his last 3 'targeted' races - it is better form than it looks on paper. He's the longest shot on the board morning line but I like him to win!

**I see #1 Master Of The Seas and #5 Vin De Garde as the 2 best plays for the Mile at the predicted prices.**

**Then Top 4, \$100 worth of wagers.**

#### Selections:

**#1 Master Of The Seas  
#5 Vin De Garde  
#9 Mother Earth  
#3 Space Blues**

**\$25 win Master Of The Seas  
\$15 win Vin De Garde**

**\$4 exacta box Master Of The Seas, Vin De Garde, Mother Earth, Space Blues (\$48)  
\$1 exacta box Master Of The Seas, Vin De Garde, Mo Forza, Hit The Road (\$12)**

## SATURDAY 10th: DISTAFF

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**Analysis:** Favorites have won 15-of-37 (40.5% win) runnings of the 1 1/8-mile Distaff, making it one of the most formful Breeders' Cup races, and this year's edition will feature a prohibitive chalk in LETRUSKA, who will probably be shorter odds at post time than her 8-5 morning line. Eight Distaff winners have been odds-on, including four couplings. The shortest-priced individual (not coupled) in Distaff history, Riboletta in 2000, did not show up with her best after reeling off six consecutive stakes victories that season, finishing seventh at .40-1.

**Contenders:** An imposing presence following five straight premier stakes triumphs, LETRUSKA has been a model of consistency while taking her form on the road this season, recording wins at Belmont Park, Churchill Downs, Keeneland, Oaklawn, and Saratoga. Her seven-race 2021 campaign began in late January, and LETRUSKA hasn't had a freshening in a long time, racing last fall and in December. After dictating terms unopposed in the last four starts, LETRUSKA may have to switch tactics with speed to her inside in PRIVATE MISSION, an up-and-coming sophomore filly who registered triple-digit Early Pace ratings winning the Zenyatta S. (G1) last out. SHEDARESTHEDEVIL, the only horse to beat Letruska this season, also promises to show speed from the outside – she didn't run well when conceding the early advantage to Letruska in the Ogden Phipps (G1) this summer – and longshot HOROLOGIST may try to add to the pace following three consecutive frontrunning efforts. Stalkers/confirmed closers looking to make an impact include CLAIRIERE, DUNBAR ROAD, MALATHAAT, and ROYAL FLAG.

**Value:** LETRUSKA has proven tractable, but that was years ago. She came up short when tracking the action in March's Azeri S. (G2) at Oaklawn, and the potential exists for her to get caught up chasing the pace on Saturday. I will try to beat the heavy favorite, leaning upon ROYAL FLAG and PRIVATE MISSION as my top two selections. ROYAL FLAG has really come on for Chad Brown since returning from a freshening this summer, recording a pair of convincing stakes wins and a fast-closing third in the Personal Ensign (G1), and she's eligible to fire a career-best with the right setup. PRIVATE MISSION is intriguing as the potential speed of the speed in the Distaff.

#### Selections:

- #2 – ROYAL FLAG
- #1 – PRIVATE MISSION
- #3 – MALATHAAT
- #6 – LETRUSKA

#### \$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$10 Win: 2 (\$10)
- \$8 Win: 1 (\$8)
- \$5 Exactas: 1,2 over 1,2,3,6 (\$30)
- \$2 Exactas: 1,2 over 5,8,11 (\$12)
- \$1 Trifecta: 1,2 with 1,2,3,11 over 1,2,3,5,6,8,11 (\$30)
- 50-cent Trifecta: 3,11 with 1,2 with 1,2,3,5,6,8,11 (\$10)



## SATURDAY 11TH: TURF

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**Analysis:** It's been a very weak year for American-based turf horses, aside from DOMESTIC SPENDING, giving the Europeans a prime opportunity to dominate this race once again, but defending champion TARNAWA drawing wide opened things up a bit, mainly for the other six Euro-based horses. Pace-wise, the presence of one-way speeds TRIBHUVAN and ACCLIMATE, drawn side by side no less, figures to make this a race that sets up a bit better for one-run closers, who also happen to be the shorter prices.

**Main Contenders:** Tarnawa is a straight-up superstar and trips being equal, is a very deserving favorite here. Mainly a Group 2/3 performer through her first two seasons, she took off as a 4-year-old, producing a brilliant four-for-four campaign. Her coming-out party was in the Prix Vermeille last September and she backed that up with a Prix de l'Opera before unleashing a devastating closing kick to take the Breeders' Cup Turf. She's come back as a 5-year-old just as a good, if not better, dominating a Group 3 at Leopardstown to start her season in August and running a close second to the brilliant St Mark's Basilica in the Irish Champion and again completing the exacta in the Arc. She's terrific. But there is a short run to the first of three turns in this race, and ending up in the 13-hole is a legitimate hurdle. Domestic Spending is the only U.S.-based horse I can see winning. A bit of a late developer, he nevertheless went five-for-six to start his career and has a phenomenal closing kick, running his final three furlongs in :33.87 to capture the Hollywood Derby and :34.34 to dead heat in Churchill's Turf Classic. His Manhattan is something to behold too, as he blew past next-out Grade I winner Tribuvhan like he was standing still to win going away. He was upset at 2-5 in the Mr. D at Arlington, but was forced into a stalking position behind an absurdly slow pace and couldn't quite get up late. Freshened up since for Chad Brown, he should not be taken lightly. Otherwise, it's all Euros, headed by WALTON STREET, who wasn't an elite level runner overseas, but blew away his rivals in the Canadian International with a 110 Beyer and TEONA, who upset Snowfall and her elders in the Prix Vermeille last out, but also drew wide. GUFO has a big late kick too and moved too early in the Joe Hirsch, but I still rate him below most of the Euros and Domestic Spending.

**Value Plays:** I'm not interested in any U.S. horses beyond Domestic Spending, but there are several Euros who could pop at double-digit odds. BROOME will probably get lost on the board for Aidan O'Brien and Frankie Dettori, but he's a consistent sort who's held his own in some top-level spots this year.

**(See Next Page Value Plays - Continued)**



## SATURDAY 11TH: TURF - Continuation

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### Value Plays - Continued

Starting his season three-for-three, he just missed by a nose in the Group 1 Tattersalls Gold Cup and made every yard over 12 furlongs in the Group 1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud two starts later. He's second in the Group 2 Prix Foy puts him in the mix too. One stall to his outside is SISFAHAN, an ascending, lightly-raced German-based 3-year-old who's yet to be out of the trifecta in six starts. Winning the German Derby over 19 rivals this summer, he was only beaten a length by next-out Arc upsetter Torquator Tasso in the Group 1 Preis von Baden. He's got to get a little faster, but has a very sneaky look to him.

### Selections:

**#3 Domestic Spending**  
**#13 Tarnawa**  
**#9 Sisfahan**  
**#8 Broome**

### \$100 Wagering Strategy

**\$10 Exacta Box:** DOMESTIC SPENDING, TARNAWA

**\$5 Exacta:** DOMESTIC SPENDING, TARNAWA with DOMESTIC SPENDING, TARNAWA, SISFAHAN, GUFO, BROOME

**\$20 Win:** Sisfahan

**\$4 Trifecta:** DOMESTIC SPENDING with TARNAWA with ROCKEMPEROR, SISFAHAN, BROOME, WALTON STREET, GUFO

## SATURDAY 12th: CLASSIC



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**Analysis:** Amazingly, the Classic is the 4th main track Cup race of the day that offers a short priced favorite demanding foes catch them after Gamine (3/5), Jackie's Warrior (6/5) and Letruska (8/5). Here, Knicks Go (5/2) will stretch out to the furthest trip of his career while attempting to withstand pace pressure from blinkers-on Hot Rod Charlie to his inside and bulldog-ish Medina Spirit to his outside. Art Collector and Max Player are forward types as well and can add to the heat up front. Can any of them stay on while rebuffing the anticipated arrival of Essential Quality and possibly Tripoli?

**Main Contenders:** Brad Cox is the main contender, isn't he? If Knicks Go runs them off their feet, he wins. If Essential Quality finds the pace players getting weary, he wins.

**Value Plays:** The 8/1 pair of Art Collector and Max Player are getting their share of price play attention, but I maintain that Tripoli, a winner on this strip at this trip in August in the PacClassic, is the value (15/1). Likely a cut beneath the top win candidates, but lures Irad Ortiz for a ground-saving, inside/out voyage that enhances the exotics.

#### Selections:

**#4 Essential Quality**

**#1 Tripoli**

**#5 Knicks Go**

**#3 Hot Rod Charlie**

#### \$100 Wagering Strategy:

**\$5 Trifecta, Essential Quality with Tripoli, Knicks Go, Hot Rod Charlie with Tripoli, Knicks Go, Hot Rod Charlie, Art Collector, Medina Spirit, Max Player (\$75)**

**\$3 Trifecta, Essential Quality with Knicks Go, Hot Rod Charlie, Art Collector, Medina Spirit, Max Player with Tripoli (\$15)**

**\$10 Win, Tripoli (\$10)**



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