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Thanks to ATR lineup regulars for helping put together the 2022 ATR Breeders' Cup 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 challenging puzzles they've offer.

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 16th 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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OVERVIEW: Breeders' Cup Turf Races

By Dick Powell



Juvenile Turf Sprint:

We usually discount southern California young turf runners since their races on the lawn are not that strong. However, SPEED BOAT BEACH from Bob Baffert has brilliant early speed and will be tough if he breaks well. THE PLATINUM QUEEN was second against older horses in the Nunthorpe (G1) and then beat them in the Prix de l'Abbaye (G1) last out over very soft ground. Facing her own class should be a huge help and she has gate speed. Wesley Ward sent LOVE REIGNS to Royal Ascot in June and didn't run bad. She won a stakes race at Saratoga and will be on the engine today.

Juvenile Fillies Turf:

No Nay Never has had a sensational year at stud and MEDIATE from Aidan O'Brien fits the bill. She just missed on good ground last out in a group one going six furlongs but has a fast win going seven furlongs on similar ground in a group 2 stakes races. Dam is by Dalakhani and that should help stretching out. CAIRO CONSORT won two in a row on the turf at Woodbine then was a game second there going a mile in the Natalma (G1) where she showed she can pass horses. Has worked brilliantly since then. DELIGHT got it together two starts back then romped at Keeneland going two turns in the Jessamine (G2) in a paceless race. COMANCHE COUNTRY ships in for Phil D'Amato off three straight turf wins since coming from Ireland.

Juvenile Turf:

I'M VERY BUSY was great breaking his maiden first time out going two turns in good time at Saratoga then rallied relentlessly at Aqueduct to get up for second on a yielding turf course. SILVER KNOTT disliked soft going two starts back in England but came back to win a group three going a mile in fast time over a course that should be similar to today's. VICTORIA ROAD has won three in a row including a group three in France on soft turf going nine furlongs so the distance should be no problem.

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OVERVIEW: Breeders' Cup Turf Races (Continued)

By Dick Powell

Turf Sprint:

HIGHFIELD PRINCESS comes in on a three-race winning streak against group one foes each time and the last two by wide margins. She will handle any ground and drops a lot of weight today. GOLDEN PAL might be slowing up just a touch but has never lost here and his win over the track two years ago was sensational. CASA CREED turns back to a sprint where he has excelled and Mott is beaming with confidence for the weekend.

Filly & Mare Turf:

NASHWA ran great in the Oaks (G1) then came back to win two group one stakes races. She battled gamely to get second last out on very soft going in Paris and the daughter of Frankel can shine here. TUESDAY won the Oaks but her best race since then was a good second behind Alpinista who would be favored in here. IN ITALIAN can go to the front and might forget to stop.

Mile:

KINROSS stretches out to two turns but he has won four in a row including two group one wins on soft ground. He's by Kingman who was a monster going a mile and is off to a flying start at stud. Watch the British bookmaking sites to make sure he is taking money which would indicate that all is well coming off a three-week rest. MODERN GAMES romped in the Woodbine Mile (G1) in fast time then was a good second on soft ground. He has shown he can ship anywhere and bring his A game. ANNAPOLIS is a pace stalker that will need a good trip but his middle move is fantastic.

Turf:

NATIONS PRIDE has been sent to America to plunder big purses by Charlie Appleby. He was second behind a runaway winner then won his last two by running up near the pace. His last race showed that at the age of three, he still has some gas in the tank. REBEL'S ROMANCE is a gelding which keeps him out of some of the major races in the Fall in Europe. Appleby sent him to Germany where he won his last two group one stakes and that should have him fit for a big effort here. WAR LIKE GODDESS beat a weak group of male in the Turf Classic (G1) but showed that the distance is no problem and is another one that Mott is high on.



FRIDAY 6th: JUVENILE TURF SPRINT

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Analysis: Perhaps this race should be re-titled the "Wes Ward Juvenile Turf Sprint". His trainees have won the last three runnings and LOVE REIGNS looks formidable again this year. Ward's winner in 2021 was also a filly. Euros have been part of the tri in three of the four runnings. Concerned about post position? Note that in 2020 when this race was last run at Keeneland Golden Pal won from the 13 post.

Main Contenders: Something of a funny resume so far for the Baffert trainee SPEED BOAT BEACH: a 6F dirt MSW debut win with an eye-popping 104 Beyer, followed by a stakes win -- on turf! The Beyer did goes backward on grass but he still looks very salty in here. LOVE REIGNS: again, Wes Ward, 'nuff said.

Value Plays: As noted, Euros are worth taking a look at. Last year Go Bears Go was second at 12-1. In 2020 and 2018 the Euros ran third at 26-1 and 10-1 respectively. This year the filly LADY HOLLYWOOD is interesting. She's fast and won vs the boys last time. I'm not sure where PRIVATE CREED will wind up re: ML or final odds but if 6-1 or higher he's worth a look. I'm thinking he might offer some value with Beyers that are a touch light against others in here.

SELECTIONS:

#11 SPEED BOAT BEACH
#2 LOVE REIGNS
#3 PRIVATE CREED
#7 OXYMORE

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$2 Exacta Box: SPEED BOAT BEACH, LOVE REIGNS, PRIVATE CREED, HELLADIC - (\$24)

\$2 Exacta: SPEED BOAT BEACH, LOVE REIGNS/ SPEED BOAT BEACH, LOVE REIGNS, PRIVATE CREED, OXYMORE - (\$12)

\$.50 Tri: SPEED BOAT BEACH, LOVE REIGNS/ SPEED BOAT BEACH, LOVE REIGNS, PRIVATE CREED, OXYMORE/ ALL - (\$30)

\$.50 Tri: SPEED BOAT BEACH, LOVE REIGNS/ ALL/ SPEED BOAT BEACH, LOVE REIGNS, PRIVATE CREED, OXYMORE - (\$30)

\$4 Double: SPEED BOAT BEACH / CHOCOALATE GELATO

FRIDAY 7TH: JUVENILE FILLIES

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Analysis: As usual runners coming out of the G1 Frizette and G1 Alcibiades will likely take the action here. Perhaps worth noting of course, this year's edition of the Frizette was run at Aqueduct. Meanwhile, this year's BC venue means that the Alcibiades talent will be running right back on the same Keeneland surface. No trainer has repeated here in the last ten runnings - but, jockey Joel Rosario has won three of the last four.

Main Contenders: Winners of the G1 Frizette have won two of the last four runnings of this race (while another edition saw the top two from the Frizette flip-flop their positions in the BC race). That recent record perhaps makes CHOCOLATE GELATO even more attractive. Mark Casse was very high on WONDER WHEEL prior to the G1 Spinaway. She disappointed slightly there but validated Casse's confidence with a subsequent win in the G1 Alcibiades - but the narrow victory tabs both CHOP CHOP and RAGING SEA as playable here as well.

Value Plays: ATOMICALLY ran faster winning her latest than the boys did that same day in their version of the FL Stallion stake. GRAND LOVE is eligible to improve with the stakes try under her belt. And, since I like the 2-3 runners from the Alcibiades I shouldn't ignore the same from the Frizette: YOU'RE MY GIRL and LEAVE NO TRACE.

SELECTIONS:

#10 CHOCOLATE GELATO

#5 WONDER WHEEL

#7 CHOP CHOP

#14 RAGING SEA

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$2 Exacta Box: CHOCOLATE GELATO, WONDER WHEEL, CHOP CHOP, RAGING SEA - (\$24)

\$2 Exacta: CHOCOLATE GELATO, WONDER WHEEL/ CHOCOLATE GELATO, WONDER WHEEL, CHOP CHOP, RAGING SEA - (\$12)

\$1 Exacta: CHOCOLATE GELATO, WONDER WHEEL/ALL - (\$26)

\$1 Tri Box: CHOCOLATE GELATO, WONDER WHEEL, CHOP CHOP, RAGING SEA - (\$24)

\$7 Doubles: CHOCOLATE GELATO, WONDER WHEEL/ XIGERA - (\$14)

FRIDAY 8th: JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

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By Kev Humphreys
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Analysis

An eclectic mix of some smart G1 placed and Group winning European fillies facing off against the winners / place getters from the key trials across North America. There looks to be plenty of pace in the race and the winner will need some luck in the likely full field and really enjoy the 8f trip.

Main Contenders

Mediate looks to be the pick of the European runners - she has been keeping the best of G1 company at 6 and 7f despite looking like she should relish the step up to 8f. Aidan's record is generally better in the colts equivalent than this race but she comes with all the correct credentials.

Delight looked very strong over similar trip and course last time out - she still looked somewhat raw on her 4th start and may not get it so easy on the lead, but she has a big engine and powered through the line.

From the Miss Grillo in BAQ, I would take the runner up Free Look over the winner Pleasant Passage.

Value Plays

Midnight Mile looks to be an exciting sort for Richard Fahey - like Mediate, another daughter of No Nay Never, she had a troubled passage last time out on her first start in nearly 3 months but got out and showed a nice turn of foot - stepping up to 8f is an angle I like with her and with some more maturing, I believe she will be sitting on a huge run.

Basil Martini and Spirit Gal look to be rapidly improving types who like to be on our near the lead - I think this may be a class too high but could be key to making the race dynamics.

SELECTIONS:

I'll take a chance on Midnight Mile as my top play with Delight and Mediate next best with quality already in the book. I will have a saver with Basil Martini and Spirit Gal on my tickets in case either runs a lights out race from the front.

\$10 Exacta Box: Midnight Mile, Delight, Mediate

\$2 Exacta Box: Midnight Mile, Spirit Gal, Basil Martini, Delight, Mediate

FRIDAY 9TH: JUVENILE

By Steve Byk ~ At the Races, SiriusXM @Steve_Byk



Analysis: Like Flightline Saturday, CAVE ROCK arrives at Cup as a dominant force and a highly likely, short-priced winner. In his 3 career starts and victories, he has shown himself to be too fast to keep up with early and somewhat strangely, this edition of the Juvenile does not have a great deal of front-end interested parties. That said, CAVE ROCK faces a handful of seasoned, developing juveniles that could threaten the favorite should he falter.

Main Contenders: After CAVE ROCK, Pletcher's FORTE looms as the most logical potential winner having answered questions about his status with a strong effort over the surface in Breeders Futurity, his 2nd G1 victory with the Hopeful. BLAZING SEVENS annexed the Champagne with a figure that puts him squarely in the contender mix. He'll have to answer the 2 turn question here. NATIONAL TREASURE is the proverbial 'other Baffert' and took a big step forward in his 2nd career start running 2nd behind CAVE ROCK when stretching 6.5f to 8.5f.

Value Plays: LOST ARK is Nest's little brother and comes into the Juvenile dirtied up from a troubled trip in the Breeders Futurity. He'll be over 20-1, gets Luis Saez and can boost the exotics with his late run. CURLY JACK owns a win at 8.5f (along with only CAVE ROCK and FORTE), has proven tactical and is another 20-1 exotics candidate.

SELECTIONS:

#3 - CAVE ROCK

#8 - LOST ARK

#10 - NATIONAL TREASURE

#4 - VERIFYING

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$3 TRI KEY: CAVE ROCK with LOST ARK, NATIONAL TREASURE, VERIFYING, FORTE, CURLY JACK - (\$60)

\$20 EXACTA KEY: CAVE ROCK with LOST ARK, NATIONAL TREASURE - (\$40)

FRIDAY 9TH: JUVENILE

By Nick Tammaro @NTamm1215



Baffert bids for another BC Juvenile win with a heavy favorite.

Analysis: It has been years since we have seen a Breeders' Cup Juvenile favorite who was as dominant in his prior starts as Cave Rock has been in 2022. He followed up a Del Mar Futurity win with a facile score in the American Pharoah. Seldom do horses begin their careers with 100+ Beyer speed figures then follow up with two comparable performances. It just so happens that this is a year where the competition he's going to face is somewhat underwhelming.

Cave Rock bids to give trainer Bob Baffert his 6th Breeders' Cup Juvenile win and second straight after winning last year with Corniche. He is going to face a pace battle in the opening stages with Hurricane J drawn on the rail. In his three prior starts he completely controlled the pace and that is an adjustment that jockey Juan Hernandez is going to have to make leaving the starting gate. Nonetheless, he is a deserving heavy favorite.

Main Contenders: The main competition for Cave Rock consists of Forte and Blazing Sevens. Each have earned Grade I wins in New York with Forte snagging another in last month's Breeders' Futurity. They are both late running types who'll benefit if there's a pace battle between Cave Rock and one of the longshots like the aforementioned Hurricane J. Curly Jack won the Iroquois at Churchill Downs in September courtesy of a big pace setup. He is a threat to grab a piece of the pie here, especially with the pace expected to be strong. Every other runner in here looks to be an outsider and it would be hard to envision them making a real impact.

Value Plays: The value in here is getting Curly Jack into the exotics at what should be an inflated price. Cave Rock is still the likeliest winner, but that doesn't mean that sound wagering approaches with him on top are unavailable.

SELECTIONS:

#3 Cave Rock

#9 Curly Jack

#4 Forte

#7 Blazing Sevens

\$100 Wagering Strategy:**\$70 Exacta 3-9****\$10 Trifecta 3 with 9 with 4,6,10**

FRIDAY 10TH: JUVENILE TURF

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By Joe Bianca, TDN



If the last two years have taught us anything, it's that no conspiracy theory is too ridiculous for a significant portion of the population to believe, and bet against Charlie Appleby at your own risk. Godolphin's Silver Knott looks like the clear horse to beat here coming off two Group 3 wins in his last three races, and I'm going to lean on him, spread underneath and hope for the best in a race where none of the American contenders stand out.

\$1 TRIFECTA: SILVER KNOTT over ANDTHEWINNERIS, CAIRO, CONGRUENT, GASLIGHT DANCER, I'M VERY BUSY, MAJOR DUDE, MO STASH, NAGIRROC, OXYMORE, PACKS A WAHLOP and WEBSLINGER

\$110 TOTAL



NOTES

SATURDAY 3rd: FILLY & MARE SPRINT

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Analysis: After some leaner editions of this 7f standard in recent years, the 2022 Filly & Mare Sprint should be an exciting and potentially chaotic running. With 6 of the 13 participants identified by TimeformUS as a leader or tracker, there is an abundance of front end speed signed which opens this to the late arriving types from back half of the field.

Main Contenders: Of those at single digit odds, GOODNIGHT OLIVE (3-1), FRANK'S ROCKETTE (6-1) and OBLIGATORY (8-1) enter with the highest expectations and styles that make them the most glaring players. GOODNIGHT OLIVE is perfect at 7f and broke her MDN over the surface.

Value Plays: CHAIN OF LOVE (20-1) is a board-hitting, globe-trotting mare that may be overbet based on Japan's spate of success in the Cup last year, but runs late and can boost the exotics. WICKED HALO (10-1) is a little soft on number power, but she's won 4 straight while ascending and winning the Raven Run bodes well for potential success here at a square price.

SELECTIONS:

#7 Obligatory

#5 Frank's Rockette

#6 Chain of Love

#8 Goodnight Olive

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$4 Trifecta, Part Wheel: Obligatory, Frank's Rockette with Obligatory, Frank's Rockette, Chain of Love, Goodnight Olive, Lady Rocket with Obligatory, Frank's Rockette, Chain of Love, Goodnight Olive, Lady Rocket - (\$96)

SATURDAY 4TH: TURF SPRINT

By James Scully ~ TwinSpires.com
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Turf Sprint Preview

Golden Pal will bring high speed to his title defense in the \$1 million Breeders' Cup Turf (G1), and there's no point in questioning his authority among domestic turf sprinters. He's unbeaten from eight U.S. stakes attempts, and his main challengers in the 5 1/2-furlong affair are from overseas, a deep contingent of six international raiders.

Winner of the 2020 Juvenile Turf Sprint at Keeneland, Golden Pal seeks to become the third back-to-back winner in the 14-year Turf Sprint history, rolling unopposed to a 1 1/4-length decision at Del Mar, and he can join Hall of Famers Beholder and Goldikova as the only horses to win three Breeders' Cup races. The distinguished four-year-old colt will make his final career start in the Turf Sprint, retiring to Ashford Stud.

Golden Pal exits a sharp performance, improving to 4-for-4 at Keeneland when leading wire-to-wire in the Oct. 8 Woodford S. (G2), and it was no surprise to see him bound clear from the starting gate in a customary manner. However, a fair amount of early speed appears signed on for the Turf Sprint.

A hot and contested pace is projected.

International Foes

Highfield Princess rose to the top of the European sprint ranks this summer, reeling off impressive Group 1 wins in France, England, and Ireland, and trainer John Quinn has been targeting the Turf Sprint. The five-year-old mare can be placed anywhere with her strong cruising speed, and Highfield Princess has won around a left-handed turn and relishes distances under six furlongs. The lone European to win the Turf Sprint, Glass Slippers in 2020, did so at Keeneland, and Highfield Princess owns better form. She's very dangerous.

Emeraaty Ana appears to be peaking off his last two performances, finishing third to Highfield Princess before recording an excellent second in the Sprint Cup (G1), and the gelding will look to improve upon a fourth in last year's Turf Sprint. After going off form earlier this season, Emeraaty Ana has made outstanding progress in recent months, and he loves firm ground.

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SATURDAY 4th: TURF SPRINT

SATURDAY 4TH: TURF SPRINT (Continued)

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International Foes (Continued)

Go Bears Go offered a good run for second in the Juvenile Turf Sprint, an experience that should benefit him this year, and the fast-closing sophomore colt appreciates firmer ground than he faced at Ascot last time. A two-time Group 3 winner this season, including a sharp score in early August, hard-trying Go Bears Go is an intriguing player for the top three from off the pace.

Charlie Appleby has the duo of Naval Crown and Creative Force, the 1-2 finishers in the Jubilee (G1) at Royal Ascot in June. Creative Force ran well on soft ground last time, but Naval Crown may have more upside on firmer ground. Naval Crown also owns good tactical foot, which should allow jockey James Doyle to work out a favorable trip from an outside post.

Group 3 winner Flotus, third to Highfield Princess two back, has some upside in the European sprinter ranks, but the three-year-old filly may find this task too daunting from an inside post.

Analysis

Golden Pal has dictated tempo unopposed in his last two Breeders' Cup appearances, and a repeat performance will be in the offering if he doesn't catch early pressure, but the competition may finally make him earn it this year. I expect a scrum from the break, one that ultimately take too much of a toll upon Golden Pal, enabling Europeans to prove best for the second time.

I give Highfield Princess the edge over Emaraty Ana, and both will be used in vertical exotics.

\$100 Wagers

\$32 win: 6 Highfield Princess

\$5 exacta: 6 over 1,5,8,9 (\$20)

\$3 exacta: 3 over 1,5,6,9 (\$12)

50-cent trifecta part-wheel: 6 over 1,5,8,9 over All (\$24)

50-cent trifecta part-wheel: 3 over 3,5 over All (\$12)

SATURDAY 5TH: DIRT MILE

By Rick Hammerle, Oaklawn Park/Kentucky Downs
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It is part of two Pick-4's and two Pick-5's.

This is the 16th 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 LIFE IS GOOD, KNICKS TO, CITY OF LIGHT, BATTLE OF MIDWAY, LIAM'S MAP & GOLDENCENTS.

This year's edition will be run with 11 horses. Because of the course configuration at Keeneland Racecourse, (1 1/16 oval) the race will start at the 'regular' finish line and end at the 1/16 pole. In 2020 the run-up was 190 feet.

This means a relatively short run into the clubhouse turn and is brutal on the win end with an outside post position, although the 10, 11 & 12 horses finished in the top 5 the last time the Cup was here. The post-position draw is big.

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. Three-year-olds have won three of the last five running's. Six of the last 10 winners were 3-1 or less and the other four winners paid \$21.00 or more.

The BC Dirt Mile is the most discussed of the BC 14 as to whether it should be run or not...thinking that it could take horses away from the Classic and/or the Sprint. This race was created for years like this. The Classic is filled with real 1¹/₄ horses and the Sprint has a full gate. Most of these would be overmatched in the Classic and none appear to be 6 furlong sprinters at this time in their career.

The Race: The last four winners of this race – LIFE IS GOOD, KNICKS GO, SPUN TO RUN & CITY OF LIGHT all got to the lead early and went on to win easily. The relative short stretch worked to their advantage. Any horse with any hope will have to be in gear when turning for home. In the last BC Dirt Mile run at Keeneland, KNICKS GO set a new course record. Also in 2020 they were running super-fast times on BC Saturday on the dirt as two horses broke 1:08 for 6 furlongs. Keep an eye on the earlier races for similar fast times.

With no obvious need to lead types in here, there is still plenty of gas to go around. CODY'S WISH, GUNITE, LAUREL RIVER & PIPELINE look like the speed of the speed...can one of these go all the way? If not, there will be others waiting to pounce. It could be a true grab bag.

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SATURDAY 5TH: DIRT MILE (Continued)

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The Horses:

SLOW DOWN ANDY (30-1) – He is the perfect Doug O’Neil type horse. He wins more races for the simple fact that he is in them than any other trainer I’ve seen. His first five starts were at different tracks and he won three of them. He is coming off a gallant effort against older in the Awesome Again (GI) and will be overlooked in here. He even won his only start on grass, the Del Mar Derby (GII). He could surprise in here at a big price. He drew well.

SIMPLIFICATION (15-1) – He has been mixing it up with top three-year-olds all year. It seems like forever ago when he was tearing up the Gulfstream strip. He went favored in the Florida Derby (GI) off a win in the Fountain of Youth (GII) but he hasn’t seen the winner’s circle since then. He could wake up here but even his best might not be good enough.

PIPELINE (8-1) – Makes his fourth start of the year off a solid effort in the Forego (GI). He has yet to win a stake race, but the connections are tough to overlook. The price may float up so you will get paid if he fires.

LAW PROFESSOR (20-1) – He almost pulled off the unthinkable in the Woodward (GI) when he pulled alongside the heavily favored LIFE IS GOOD turning for home. He looked good in defeat in that sloppy attempt. Not so sure he can be that effective on dry land.

GUNITE (6-1) – The ONLY horse in the race with a WIN at Keeneland, he comes into the race at the top of his game. The Winchell/Asmussen combo have been on fire of late and he would not surprise. This will be his first two turn attempt and he looks better in here with JACK CHRISTOPHER opting out.

LAUREL RIVER (9/2) – Getting good at the right time. Hard to believe that Bob Baffert has never won this race and his handful of entries have never really been close. He is 2 for 2 at one mile and his wins come around two turns: albeit over allowance company. He enters this off his best performance yet in the 7 furlong Pat O’Brien (GII). Should be a factor all the way around

CODY’S WISH (5/2) – This is a racehorse. In his 10 races, he has never been out of the money with six wins. He is undefeated in five starts at one mile, all around one turn. Can you just stop right here and go to the window? Maybe. Has done very well laying close and pouncing early. His last, a victory over JACKIE’S WARRIOR was super impressive. Major player..

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SATURDAY 5th: DIRT MILE

SATURDAY 5TH: DIRT MILE (Continued)

By Rick Hammerle, Oaklawn Park/Kentucky Downs
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INFORMATIVE (30-1) – By far the most experienced horse in the race, with 36 starts, he has pulled the upset before. Does his best running on the Jersey Shore

CYBERKNIFE (9/2) – A multiple Grade I winner, his rail skimming Haskell victory over TAIBA shows he belongs with the top three-year-olds in the game. Although he has never run at one mile, it seems like the distance will be perfect for him. He will hope for a contested pace up front. Classy sort may have to hope for a meltdown.

SEÑOR BUSCADOR (15-1) – This well-traveled fan favorite and live longshot comes into this race off a scintillating performance in the Ack Ack (GIII). If there is a pace duel up front he has a legitimate chance to pick up the pieces. Trainer Todd Fincher has made his presence felt in the major leagues throughout the summer and fall. The mile distance suits him just fine. Rough draw

THREE TECHNIQUE (20-1) – Has been revived at five. Comes into this off a solid if unspectacular 2022. His race against CODY'S WISH two back gives him a chance to be involved in the Super.

SELECTIONS: (Post position draw could alter order.)

#6 Laurel River
#7 Cody's Wish
#1 Slow Down Andy

VALUE: #10 Señor Buscador

BOMB: #1 Slow Down Andy

Wagering Thoughts: - \$160

LAUREL RIVER might have the best mid move to put himself in the best position heading into the short stretch. I don't think he will be overbet.

\$40 to WIN on LAUREL RIVER

50 cent superfecta

LAUREL RIVER/CODY'S WISH
over

LAUREL RIVER/CODY'S WISH/CYBERKNIFE/PIPELINE /SLOW DOWN ANDY/GUNITE/THREE
TECHNIQUE

SATURDAY 6th: FILLY and MARE TURF

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It is part of one Pick-4', one Pick 5 and starts the Pick-6 sequence, which ends with Race 11. Plus, it is part of the new TURF PICK-4 comprising of races 4,6,8 & 10.

This is the 24th 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. Last year's event, at Del Mar, was taken by the Japanese invader Loves Only You (JPN) – owned by DMM Dream Club Co., trained by Yoshito Yahagi and ridden by Yuga Kawada.

While not one of the Breeders' Cup glamour races, the F/M Turf has not failed to deliver some good, close races (nine 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) and that was in 2013, when Dank (GB) scored under Ryan Moore. Even though favorites have fared well by running in the money in 8 of the prior 10 races, the last 10 runnings have produced an average win payout of nearly 10-1. This includes the 2020 winner, AUDARYA (Fr) (an ATR Betting Guide play), paying a sweet \$37.60 and last year's healthy \$10.60 mutual.

In an oddity for a race of this stature, the distance will change yet again – back to 1 3/16 Miles (T), the same distance as 2020 when the Cup races were at this year's Keeneland venue. The last time the race has been run at the same distance for at least two consecutive years was 2012-14 at Santa Anita. For the record the race has been run at four different distances in the past five years.

Foreign trained horses and Chad Brown trained runners have dominated this race, winning the last 10 contests and taking up an amazing 77% (31 of 40) of the Superfecta positions and 85% (17 of 20) of Exacta positions. With 8 of the 12 entries falling into this category, it's a safe bet it will happen again. A three-year-old filly has won this race three of the last six years and there are SIX in this addition. Additionally, not ONE horse that made their previous start in CALIFORNIA has ever won this race

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SATURDAY 6th: FILLY and MARE TURF

SATURDAY 6TH: FILLY & MARE TURF (Continued)

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Race Analysis: The field will run with 12 after a couple of defections. There is one glaring omission – WAR LIKE GODDESS, who probably would have been favored in here, will take on the big boys later in the day in the BC TURF race. Five domestic trained horses will start. With 14 Grade I and 18 Grade II races for this category in the US...where are all the local horses???

A competitive group once again has made the trip 'Across the Pond' for this Breeders' Cup event. The ultra consistent NASHWA (GB) & ABOVE THE CURVE lead the pack but there are others: MISS EN SCENE (GB) & TUESDAY (IRE) who could offer value. Canada is well represented with its two entries – MOIRA and LADY SPEIGHTSPEARE. The local runners are lead by CHAD BROWN trainees IN ITALIAN (GB) and VIRGINIA JOY (GER).

THE LINEUP:

LADY SPEIGHTSPEARE (20-1) – This Roger Attfield trained filly skipped a race or two since her last start and decided to train up to this race. You don't win over 2,000 races without knowing your horses. She will try and be prominent early and hang around late. Might be in deep water here.

GOING TO VEGAS (20-1) – That is exactly what this group will do if they hit the board in here as the Abbondanza Racing group knows how to have fun. She came into this race last year in similar fashion...a win in the Rodeo Drive (GI). This California hopeful will be challenged on the lead in here, which may not work to her advantage

NASHWA (5/2) – This Frankel (GB) filly is a legitimate favorite in this race. Never out of the money, this two-time Group I winner is another taking the Longchamp route to get here. She has won with different running styles and although she may prefer longer distances this Gosden trainee will be a challenge to beat in here.

ABOVE THE CURVE (9/2) – One of three fillies in here that last raced at Longchamp (LCH). This race has been a popular follow up spot for 8 fillies in the last four years from the spectacular French landmark. One of those, AUDARYA (FR), pulled off the upset in 2020 on this surface. One of SIX three-year-old fillies in here, she has never been out of the money in six starts and is a two-time Group winner. She comes from top connections and appears to fit this race nicely. Local rain won't hurt.

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The Lineup - Continued

TUESDAY (IRE) (8-1) – No Belgium in her running lines...The same connections as the above filly, she has shown her hand. Winner of the prestigious Epsom Oaks (GI) over race favorite NASHWA, she looks to be coming up to this contest in good order. She may appreciate this slightly shorter distance. Ryan Moore aboard means business.

MISS EN SCENE (30-1) – This three-year-old has the look of a live longshot if she runs here. Always well thought of, she was competitive with Group I types last year and showed in her last start the distance won't be a problem. Her last start was her best but she appears to have trouble getting out of the gate in good order. Worth a little look.

TOY (IRE) (30-1) – She was second in the Irish Oaks (GI) at the Curragh in July, which shows her class. After a brief vacation, she came back running while getting up in a non-Graded affair to get her ready for this. The connections are tops all the way around. Keep your eye on this Galileo (IRE) filly at a big price. Remember ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (IRE) here in 2020...

FAMILY WAY (20-1) – Not a win machine but has been very competitive in her races of late. Comes off a typical effort in the Rodeo Drive (GI) at Santa Anita and anything from this barn is always worth a look. Bucking the CALIFORNIA jinx in here.

ROUGIR (FR) (15-1) – Was 14-1 in this race last year and finished a troubled 7th. She nailed the aforementioned MOIRA on the money in the EP Taylor (GI) after a pretty wild trip (watch the replay) in her last. Not so sure what was behind here in there but her trainer knows how to have them ready for their best in this race.

VIRGINIA JOY (12-1) – Her victory over WAR LIKE GODDESS in the Flower Bowl (GI) looks good on paper. Still not sure what to make of her. She is a versatile sort who likes to win races, trying to figure where she fits in here. Her connections keep her in the mix.

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The Lineup (Continued)

IN ITALIAN (GB) (6-1) – Chad Brown’s leading contender shows up fresh off of two GRADE 1 victories in rather short fields. She set a new course record in the Diana (G1) by running them off their feet (109.50 for 6 furlongs). She may do the same in here. Let her roll.

MOIRA (15-1) – Not sure we have seen the best of this super Canadian sophomore filly. She was unlucky in her first try against older when ROUGIR (FR)...(see below) caught her at the wire. Although she did not have the smoothest of trips, she did hang a bit in the stretch when clear. Not sure she is ready to take on this group just yet

SELECTIONS:

#11 In Italian (GB)

#5 Tuesday (Ire)

#4 Above The Curve

VALUE: #5 Tuesday (Ire)

BOMB: #7 Toy

Betting Thoughts - \$160

\$100 Win on In Italian (GB)

50 cent Superfecta part wheel

Tuesday (Ire)/In Italian (GB)

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Tuesday (Ire)/In Italian (GB)/Above The Curve/Nashwa (GB)/Rougir (Fr)/Toy (Ire)

SATURDAY 7th: SPRINT

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By Nick Tammaro @NTamm1215



Analysis: Jackie's Warrior has come to the Breeders' Cup a prohibitive favorite in each of the last two years, only to be beaten. He was brought back for a 4 year-old season in large part for this objective, and his entire campaign was designed with it as the focus. His lone blemish in 2022 was a shocking defeat in the Forego, and the Breeders' Cup Sprint was supposed to be a heavyweight showdown with Jack Christopher. That is not going to happen after the latter was withheld from the entry box. Now, Jackie has a mare to deal with in Kimari, who comes in with career best recent form.

The aforementioned Kimari was an impressive winner of the Honorable Miss back in July, then came right back to win the Gallant Bloom at Aqueduct. She has been involved in two particularly slow-paced races in those two victories, and that certainly helped her earn 100+ Beyer speed figures. The Gallant Bloom was run more like a turf race where the field galloped early then sprinted home. Kimari also has tremendous affinity for Keeneland.

The emergence of Elite Power has had a lot to do with how devoid of depth the sprint division has been this year. He won an allowance race at Saratoga in September then came right back to win the Vosburgh and now looms a 6-1 shot (or less) in the Breeders' Cup. His running style is not ideal for this race, as Jackie's Warrior looks to control the pace here with great ease. It will be incumbent upon Irad Ortiz, Jr. to keep him engaged early.

Ultimately, the way to create value, for me, in this affair is to play Kimari in the top spot. She has the ability to win if she can duplicate her recent performances, and if Jackie's Warrior runs into enough trouble on the front end.

SELECTIONS:

#2 Kimari

#3 Jackie's Warrior

#6 Elite Power

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$80 Exacta 2-9

\$20 Exacta 2-6

SATURDAY 8TH: MILE

By Kev Humphreys

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Analysis

The rising 3yo US star Annapolis, the 3yo Euro turf miler looking for Breeders Cup redemption in Modern Games, the horse of the moment in Kinross and the comeback kid in Domestic Spending - what an intriguing line up with up to 11 Group / Grade 1 winners scheduled to be in the starting stalls.

Main Contenders

Modern Games - won the controversial Juvenile Turf at Del Mar last year and has added the French Guineas as well as the Woodbine Mile between a credible run against Baaeed in the Sussex Stakes. Im not sure he really needed to run in the QE2 3 weeks back but he ran credibly on ground softer than ideal. We know he loves racing in North America and will be a deserving favourite - he's the horse to beat and one I want to be strongly on side.

Annapolis was tried over longer when bumping into likely Turf front runner Nations Pride. He looked very sharp on the turn back to 8f over course and distance last time (with an ideal trip) and looks to be a 3yo finding his right pitch at the right time.

Kinross has mopped up 2 G1s in October over a heavy 7f and a soft 6f. He has looked transformed since the summer and is now realising the potential he had a 2yo. He has never won over a mile on the Turf (one All weather win) but hasnt tried it in nearly 2 years - when you see the way he has won his last 2, you wouldn't dismiss completely his chances and no one better than a confident Frankie on a confident horse. He comes in with a similar profile to last years winner Space Blues.

Domestic Spending has looked like one of the best US Turf horses back in 2021 and comes back to a mile as a big question mark for Chad Brown. He undoubtedly has the rating and figures to be competitive here but will the 8f trip suit and will he be at concert pitch after so long off the track - fair play to Brown and connections if he can achieve it.

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SATURDAY 8TH: MILE (Continued)

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**Value Plays**

Dreamloper signs off her career here over a trip and if ground is good or faster conditions to suit. She has been super impressive in a few G1s in France but there are plenty of holes in that form. I also don't like the angle of her coming in fresh as prefer her with a recent run under her belt.

Smooth Like Strait is a lively outside for Michael McCarthy - he always seems to run his race and back at a mile, he can replicate his stellar performance in this race last year.

Shirl's Speight was no match for Modern Games last time at Woodbine but his best form sticks out over course and distance earlier this year and at likely inflated odds - want to have on my ticket somewhere.

SELECTIONS:

Modern Games should run his honest gallant race with fellow 3yo Annapolis the likely US spoiler back at 8f - I will not use Kinross and will pay for it if he's in the money. I will take Smooth Like Strait and Shirl's Speight as 2 lively outsiders who could outrun their odds.

#4 Modern Games**#11 Annapolis****#5 Smooth Like Strait****#2 Shirl's Speight****\$15 Exacta:** Modern Games over Annapolis, Smooth Like Strait, Shirl's Speight**\$5 Exacta:** Annapolis, Smooth Like Strait, Shirl's Speight over Modern Games**\$2 Exacta:** box Annapolis, Smooth Like Strait, Shirl's Speight**\$20 Daily Double:** Modern Games / Nest**\$8 Daily Double:** Smooth Like Strait / Nest

SATURDAY 9TH: DISTAFF

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Eight fillies and mares are set for the \$2 million Distaff. Two-time Distaff winner Todd Pletcher has a pair of top contenders entered for the 1 1/8-mile race, champion Malathaat and star three-year-old filly Nest.

Pace

Late runners may be at a disadvantage in the 2022 Distaff given the lack of early speed entered, and Society looks poised to dictate a moderate pace. Entering on the upswing following a convincing wire-to-wire win the 1 1/16-mile Cotillion (G1), the three-year-old filly sprinted clear from the starting gate and flew early in a speed-laden field last time. The race came back fast (109 Brisnet Speed rating) and while the pace scenario should be more favorable in the Distaff, the competition gets much tougher.

A winner in 5-of-6 starts, including a debut maiden win at Keeneland, Society dropped her lone attempt at the Distaff distance, weakening to fourth after missing the break in the CCA Oaks (G1). The up-and-coming filly remains an intriguing wire-to-wire upset candidate for Distaff-winning connections (Steve Asmussen and Florent Geroux), but a minor award is probably the best-case scenario for the projected pacesetter.

Analysis

Stablemates Nest and Malathaat will compete for favoritism. Since finishing second in the Belmont S. (G1), Nest has reeled off three straight stakes wins by a combined 26 lengths. Malathaat exits a pair of impressive triumphs in the Personal Ensign (G1) and Spinster (G1), improving to 3-for-3 at Keeneland with a 5 1/4-length score in the latter.

Before offering her move on the far turn of the Spinster, Malathaat stalked in fourth behind a moderate early tempo. She rated outside the top three during the early stages of the Personal Ensign, and the Curlin filly has become a more push-button, off-the-pace type at age four.

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SATURDAY 9TH:DISTAFF (Continued)

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Nest, who is also by Curlin, possesses more tactical foot. A late-blooming juvenile, Nest outclassed foes in her first two starts this year, including an 8 1/4-length romp in the Ashland (G1) at Keeneland, before recording a grinding runner-up in the Kentucky Oaks (G1). She overcame a stumbling start in the Belmont, seemingly gaining confidence by outfinishing all but stablemate Mo Donegal, and Nest's turn of foot has improved significantly in the second half of her sophomore season.

She's humbled foes in the last three outings, offering a devastating turn of foot at the top of the stretch, and Nest has been on or within a length of the lead at the second call in each start. The early/presser won't be far back in the early stages of the Distaff, tracking Society in second or third, and her Brisnet numbers have been increasing, registering a 107 Speed and 112 Late Pace rating last out.

After getting first run on Malathaat, Nest will become the 12th three-year-old to win the Distaff.

\$100 Bankroll

Nest will be a single in multi-race wagers on the latter part of the Breeders' Cup Saturday card, and here is how I will play her in the Distaff:

\$50 Win: Nest

\$30 Exacta: Nest-Malathaat

\$20 Exacta: Nest-Society

SATURDAY 10th: TURF

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This is one of the weaker Turf renewals in recent years, and other than WAR LIKE GODDESS, none of the American horses interest me. MISHRIFF's credentials are undeniable, and though he threw in a stinker last out in the Arc, the rest of his races this year in Europe have been very good. He never seems to get bet the way he should though, so I expect him to be a very fair 4-1 or 5-1.

REBEL'S ROMANCE is on a roll for Charlie Appleby, including a pair of German Group 1 wins in his last two, and German form has held up well in major international races recently. Those are my main three, and I'll play them to run first and second or first and third, throwing in a little bit of BROOME, NATIONS PRIDE and STONE AGE in the middle of trifecta plays.

SELECTIONS:

#11 MISHRIFF
#2 WAR LIKE GODDESS
#5 REBEL'S ROMANCE
#3 STONE AGE

\$10 EXACTA BOX: MISHRIFF, REBEL'S ROMANCE, WAR LIKE GODDESS -(\$60)

\$2 TRIFECTA: MISHRIFF, REBEL'S ROMANCE, WAR LIKE GODDESS with BROOME, NATIONS PRIDE, STONE AGE with MISHRIFF, REBEL'S ROMANCE, WAR LIKE GODDESS - (\$36)

\$96 TOTAL

SATURDAY 11th: CLASSIC

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Analysis: For a second year in a row, the Classic storyline features a free-running horse whose season brought him to the Cup streaking toward a Horse of the Year distinction. Knicks Go arrived at Del Mar a year ago with distance questions and answered them with authority. FLIGHTLINE seemingly addressed any uncertainty about 10 furlongs with a smashing Pacific Classic win (126 Beyer) and now faces a complete lineup of accomplished foes including battle tested handicap types and still developing sophomores.

Main Contenders: After FLIGHTLINE (likely at .60), three year old EPICENTER and TAIBA look like the players with the most upside given that they both have shown ability to stalk and and could yet run new career bests. HOT ROD CHARLIE, LIFE IS GOOD and OLYMPIAD all boast quality resumes and running styles that will have them on or near the lead, but will any of them have an answer when confronted by FLIGHTLINE when he makes his run?

Value Plays: HOT ROD CHARLIE will be over 10-1 while making his 19th start Saturday, the most in the field. He's consistent and tenacious and looks likely to hit the board. TAIBA may yet prove to be the best of his crop and will be at least twice the price of EPICENTER. While not included in the superfecta selections below, RICH STRIKE ran a career best in the Lukas Classic, an effort that makes him a big price exotics consideration.

SELECTIONS:

#4 FLIGHTLINE

#1 TAIBA

#5 HOT ROD CHARLIE

#7 OLYMPIAD

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$50 TRIFECTA, PART WHEEL:

FLIGHTLINE with TAIBA, HOT ROD CHARLIE with TAIBA, HOT ROD CHARLIE (\$100)



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