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Thanks to ATR lineup regulars for helping put together the 2024 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 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 '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 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 19th 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 Del Mar, 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**

### **FUTURE STARS FRIDAY**

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### **BREEDERS CUP TURF RACES OVERVIEW**

By Dick Powell

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By Kali Francois

### **BREEDERS' CUP SATURDAY**

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### OVERVIEW: Breeders' Cup Turf Races

By Dick Powell



#### \$3 All Turf Pick 3

#### Del Mar Race 6 - BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF SPRINT (G1)

**First: (10) GOVERNOR SAM** has won four straight turf sprints and he showed more than enough gate speed to overcome post 10. He romped two starts back at Colonial Downs then came back and held on grimly while leading every step of the way in a 12-runner turf sprint at Keeneland. Paco Lopez fits him like a glove and George Weaver does well with his turf sprinters.

**Second: (8) ECORO SIEG** won both of his turf sprints in fast time by wide margins as the odds-on favorite in Japan. There's no telling how good he is and rider Christophe Lemaire has tons of international experience.

**Third: (2) AESTERIUS** very consistent Euro invader won a group three stakes race on Soft ground in France then came back to hold on by a neck in a group two stakes race at Doncaster. He seems to have decent speed and his race could be won or lost going into the first turn.

**Fourth: (7) WHISTLEJACKET** won the Prix Morny (G1) two starts back at France on Soft ground then was second last out behind a winner that came back to win the Dewhurst (G1) next time out.

**\$3 All Turf Pick 3:** 10,8 with 7,1,3,5 with 5,4,1

**\$3 All Turf Pick 3:** 10 with 12 with 5

#### Del Mar Race 8 - BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES TURF (G1)

**First: (7) THOUGHT PROCESS** I usually avoid California juvenile turf runners but this filly looks to be the exception. Three for three on the turf going this distance and two of them came on this course. She has some tactical speed and finishes her races well.

**Second: (1) LAKE VICTORIA** is undefeated in four starts including two group one stakes. She stretches out to a mile while going two turns but will have to break alertly from post one. Ryan Moore rides back for Aidan O'Brien.

**Third: (3) CORRETO** won going away in her career debut going seven furlongs at Kentucky Downs. She came back at Aqueduct but could not overcome post 11 when the pace was dawdling. Jorge Ruiz is very underrated as a turf rider and could get a ground-saving trip to the top of the stretch.

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### OVERVIEW: Breeders' Cup Turf Races (Continued)

By Dick Powell

**Fourth: (5) TOTALLY JUSTIFIED** broke her maiden in her turf debut against stakes goes at Saratoga when she sat off a tepid pace. She just missed last out at Keeneland in a grade two stakes race. Daughter of Justify could get first run when the racing gets serious.

#### Del Mar Race 10 - BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF (G1)

**First: (5) ZULU KINGDOM** broke his maiden first time out in France on soft turf. He came over here and won a grade three stakes race by a neck at Saratoga then came back a month later with a similar win on yielding going at Aqueduct. His best race was the one at Saratoga which was run over a very firm turf course like he will get today.

**Second: (4) AL QUDRA** improved as the year went on in England with a stakes win at Ascot in July. He came back at Woodbine and was a game second as the even-money favorite in the Summer S. G1 going this distance in very fast time.

**Third: (1) SATONO CARNAVAL** Japanese invader broke his maiden by seven lengths as the odds-on favorite then came back to win a group three stakes race going six furlongs. He stretches out to two turns from the rail with Rachel King in from Australia to ride.

**Fourth: (11) NEW CENTURY** showed some speed in his first four starts in England then won the Summer S. (G1) at Woodbine in blazing-fast time. He will have to overcome post 11 with Oisin Murphy back aboard.

-- End Overview / Dick Powell --



**Breeder's Cup Saturday Workout Analysis (Juvenile Dirt)**

By Kali Francois, Maryland Jockey Club Analyst/Host

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**East Avenue:** First of all, he's a big imposing individual, all of the fanfare that comes from his connections is well validated. Watching him over the track at Del Mar, this horse is all champion and in full attack mode with the way he covers and hits the ground. Without knowing who exactly the company was (find out who that horse is and BET), I think the workmate was more than sufficient to really tighten the notches condition-wise. Well in hand, loosened the grip to get this guy to naturally extend on the last few jumps to the wire (personal thing, I don't love but I get it). Rider asked a little with his hands on the gallop out which I think was unnecessary but definitely understand why - they wanted to get something out of this work and such was accomplished. Gallop out itself to said "I'm ready, what are we waiting for". 9.7/10

**Getaway Car:** Working with a sprint horse as a target is a good way to go about it to try and get this horse in a new mindset on a mental tool he can use (and needs to learn) for the afternoon... just a touch of rushing into the work which for me being picky, I don't love but again, it did this guy some good. It was a bit of an ask-settle-ask type of work, and you can go about it two ways: you can go to the negative and say, "he was constantly asking this horse, it just doesn't look good", vs "the rider kept this horse engaged and was schooling not typical or a morning work, but typical to the type of mental action he'll be engaging in for the big race". Normally I'd say the former, but I'm going with the latter on this one, because he still had plenty to offer in the gallop out. 8.6/10

**Ferocious:** Working a two year old by himself typically can be seen as a negative, but after the rough trip in the Futurity, I don't exactly blame the connections for doing just that and wanting an easy work out of him. Started off tepid, which is fine for some finish at the end, The rider ended up shaking the reins a little bit and giving stick on the shoulder, but in addition it was the switching back and forth of the leads on a loose rein within the work - for me that tells me there's a chance he's not coming into his best for Saturday (which makes sense - may need a race to recover from what went on in the Futurity). However the gallop out was pretty sufficient and productive. 7.5/10

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**Jonathan's Way:** This one almost worked by himself, for a completely different reason. He wasn't pleased at all about the discussion with his rider that he had to take it easy as he was breathing some fire coming into the backside but quickly was able to put his professional mask on to wait for his company. But, this guy will have plenty of tools in the toolbox coming into Friday, because as soon as that horse hit his flank, his eyes saw only one thing: a green light. Started passing agree of Cox workers and then just waited patiently with them from the wanted pole onwards, and naturally drifted away. Rider shook his hands 5 jumps out. I don't love that usually but I'm mentally letting it slide as he didn't really need to be asked! A very sparky gallop out - this one loves his job! 9.6/10

**Citizen Bull:** Having two bullet-type works prior to this last one, before looking at the work I had high expectations. Much to my not surprise, this horse is eating up the track not only well in had in the beginning of the work, but at the end until his rider finally was able put his hands down just before the wire. In between that time, it's so visually apparent that this horse has a huge heart and try. Not overtly aggressive, but competitive. A few flicks of his tail on the frontside tells me that this one can't wait for Friday and all of the competition that goes with it. Gallop out was efficient. 9.7/10

**Gaming:** Perfect choice with the G2 winner on his outside to push him into an extremely effective work. I had to look at several different works of this horse to figure him out. This horse worked in the dark for a reason - I had to watch very closely, but at first he was a little rank on the inside, nothing extreme though. It was actually the opposite, he needed to be urged into the work on the inside a bit. Settled once his stablemate got eye-to-eye to him. But then things changed once they got the top of the stretch, this one maybe isn't totally comfortable being on the inside so had to be slightly hand urged again. Looking at his other works, he's much more comfortable on the outside. He's just the type that needs to be coached by the rider to get into the work a bit. Things change in the afternoon. 8.9/10

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**Shin Believe:** As far as the quarter mile stretchout on 10/29, people will be concerned about the lack of lead change as he stayed on the inside lead with the rider attempting to ask. While I am in that category, I dance on the line between back and forth. He didn't do enough prior to the quarter for him to be really engaged, and he switched at the wire when the rider relaxed. Just a happy stretch was the goal (but I still would have also liked it on the outside lead).

**Ecoro Azel:** So it says something right off the bat that his workmate is the Classic Contender Forever Young (JPN). While he was essentially the rabbit and Forever Young's gallop out was much better, he was able to keep a little bit of pace with him getting to the wire. 7.8/10

-- End Contender's Workout Analysis -Breeder's Cup Juvenile Dirt / Kali Francois --

**FRIDAY 6TH: JUVENILE TURF SPRINT**

By Seth Mellow ~ Capital OTB

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**Analysis:**

In the last five years Euros (or horses making their most recent start in Europe) have won three editions of this race (the most recent three). Wesley Ward won one of those and also had the two US winners (Those two were the only winning faves in those five runnings) . No WW entrant this year but plenty of talented Euros. Also worth noting that since 2019, horses at double-digit odds have run second and third every time.

**Main Contenders:**

Focusing on the aforementioned recent Euro dominance here, **Ides of March** seems solid off of his two most recent wins. Has plenty of speed to find early position and overcome the outside post. Ryan Moore lands on **Whistlejacket** despite piloting Ides of March previously -- another talented Euro. The Japanese BC contingent seems very interesting and **Ecoro Sieg** might get them off to a rollicking start. This Ky bred son of Twirling Candy has a sibling (She's Got a Way) that was a multiple turf sprint winner – including at Del Mar!

**Value Plays:**

**Aesterius** seems like another solid Euro chance. And given the propensity for prices to fill underneath spots in this race, **Arizona Blaze** is always in the mix and seems worth a closer look. **Governor Sam** might be the best of the US runners. Frankly, a case can be made for pretty much everyone in here.

**SELECTIONS:**

12 **Ides of March**  
7 **Whistlejacket**  
8 **Ecoro Sieg**  
2 **Aesterius**

**\$100 Wagering Strategy:**

**\$11 WP** - Ides of March (\$22)  
**\$5 Exacta Box** - Ides of March, Whistlejacket, Ecoro Sieg (\$30)  
**\$1 Exacta** - Ides of March, Whistlejacket, Ecoro Sieg / ALL (\$33)  
**\$5 Doubles** - Ides of March, Whistlejacket, Ecoro Sieg / Immersive (\$15)





## FRIDAY 7TH: JUVENILE FILLIES

By Seth Merrow ~ Capital OTB  
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**Analysis:**

Only one favorite has won in the last five runnings of this race – it was here at DMR in 2021 (Echo Zulu). That said, through those five runnings a double-digit priced horse has hit the trifecta only twice (2022, 2023 each running second). Also going back to 2019, none of the jockeys that won during that period, and only two of the trainers (Casse, Cox) have horses running this year. Winners of the Alcibiades and Frizette have won four of the last five – the other winner had run second in the Frizette.

**Main Contenders:**

Hard to ignore the potency of the Frizette and Alcibiades – therefore both Immersive and Scottish Lane (trainer Jorge Abreu just missed in this race last year with Jody's Pride at 17-1) go to the top of the 'contender' list. American Bikini is a Japanese-bred invader but with US bloodline. Sibling Paris Lights won four of her first five starts including the 2020 G1 CCA Oaks. Baffert brings in the undefeated Non Compliant. For historical perspective, the trainer has won this race twice – but the most recent of those victories was in 2007.

**Value Plays:**

As noted above, this race tends to play out logically – of the fifteen trifecta positions over the past five years only three have been filled at 7-1 or higher. That said, last year the winner was 7-1 and the exacta was completed with a 17-1 shot. And the exacta horse two years ago was 25-1. Shopping for some value – La Cara looks to have improved with experience and more distance. Quickkick was right behind Immersive last time. And Noonni is the longer half of the Baffert uncoupled runners.

**SELECTIONS:**

**3 Immersive**  
**9 American Bikini**  
**10 Scottish Lassie**  
**7 Non Compliant**

**\$100 Wagering Strategy:**

**\$8 Exacta Key Box** Immersive / American Bikini, Scottish Lassie (\$32)

**\$1 Trifecta** Immersive / ALL / American Bikini, Scottish Lassie (\$24)

**\$.50 Tri Box** Immersive, American Bikini, Scottish Lassie, Non Compliant (\$12)

**\$1 Exacta Box** American Bikini, Scottish Lassie, Non Compliant, Quickkick, Noonni, La Cara (\$30)

**\$2 Double** Immersive / Nitrogen

## FRIDAY 8th RACE: JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

### FRIDAY 8TH: JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

By Kev Humpreys, 'The Longshot Lad'  
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### Analysis

A full field of 14 juvenile fillies set for action with the usual healthy mix of European and US fillies from a multiple Group 1 winner to plenty with large upside potential. Pace looks like it should be brisk with Nitrogen, Heaven's Gate, Anshoda and potentially Thought Process on the front end

### Main Contenders

The Europeans have typically had more success in the colts version of this race but they bring a horse over with arguably the best CV of any previous horse in Lake Victoria.

Lake Victoria is as solid a favourite as you will find at the Breeders Cup. She's a 2 time Group 1 winner in Europe winning the prestigious Moyglare Stud Stakes over 7f at the Curragh with a back up 13 days later in the 6f Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket. She's undefeated in 4 starts and appears to be getting better with each run. It will take a good one to beat her. Opponents could look to her stall as a potential negative as well as lighting fast ground and the new trip as reason to look elsewhere. I, however, want to be on side.

Thought Process has looked very good in her 3 turf runs in California with slight improvement in each culminating in a dominant win in the Surfer Girl as the 1-5 favourite. I have to downgrade this form a little as I have fallen into a trap previously on Californian juveniles as their visuals tend not to be validated when up against more quality competition. This will cost me one day but willing to take a stand here.

Scythian won the top New York prep at BAQ in the Miss Grillo, but it was a messy race and she may not confirm form with the runner up.

### Value Plays

Heavens Gate is an able deputy to Lake Victoria and gives Aidan O'Brien a strong hand in the race. She appears on a similar trajectory to Content who ran 4th last year for same connections and is likely to give backers a good run for their money at a double digit price.

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### Value Plays (Continued)

Fiery Lucy has been behind Heavens Gate a couple of times but there is hope that she can improve past her given how well she has been learning on the job in her races. She races for under the radar connections who have been very astute in Europe for their smart targeting of horses. This is Cromwell's second Breeders Cup runner after Princess Yaiza ran 9th in the 2018 Breeders Cup Filly & Mare Turf - that's a long time between drinks but I want to keep her on side at a big price.

Virgin Colada is the only Chad Brown entry for a race he has won half the last 10 renewals and won with a relative outsider last year. It would be foolish enough to ignore her despite her limited resume to date and her runs behind Scythian and Totally Justified this year. If she settles more close to the speed than last time, I sense she runs a big race.

Vixen and Nitrogen both enter off a 2nd and 3rd respectfully in the Natalma at Woodbine where the 1-2-3 finishers had it between them from gate to wire. With the odds on favourite there not performing to expectations, I'll take my chances on dismissing this form.

### SELECTIONS

Lake Victoria  
Fiery Lucy  
Heavens Gate  
Virgin Colada

**\$16 Exacta** Lake Victoria over Fiery Lucy, Heavens Gate, Virgin Colada

**\$4 Exacta** Fiery Lucy, Heavens Gate, Virgin Colada over Lake Victoria

**\$2 Exacta box** Lake Victoria, Fiery Lucy, Heavens Gate, Virgin Colada

**\$16 Win** Fiery Lucy

-- End 8th Juvenile Fillies Turf / Kev Humpreys --

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### FRIDAY 9TH: JUVENILE

By Nick Tammaro  
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#### Analysis:

For the second straight year the Breeders' Cup Juvenile is loaded with precocious colts who are off to a great start in their fledgling careers. There are 4 Grade I winners in the field, including 2X GI winner Chancer McPatrick. The two Kentucky-based colts who've scored big wins this fall, East Avenue and Jonathan's Way, add to the intrigue as do west coast based Grade I winners Gaming and Citizen Bull.

The race goes through Chancer McPatrick because of the sheer amount of speed types signed up. He has developed a strong late closing style that you rarely see with a lightly raced 2YO. So much of the game at this stage is about speed, and it is usually the fastest horses early that excel even late in the season. 'Chancer is a different beast though, as he is able to lay back and bide his time before unleashing a furious late bid. How will that play around two turns? That's the big question, as his style often works better around one turn. East Avenue took advantage of the track profile last time out at Keeneland, riding a speed bias to a blowout win in the Breeders' Futurity. He now draws the rail, so there's only one way for him to go this afternoon.

The interesting horse at a square price is Jonathan's Way. He won impressively on debut, overcoming a poor break from the gate to gather his rivals in quickly before pulling clear. The wire-to-wire win in the Iroquois showed his sheer ability but is not an indication of his preferred running style. He feels like the horse most likely to sit off the pace and pounce when ready. If able to do so, he will be a major threat at a good price.

Forgive me for being hesitant to toss a Bob Baffert trainee at a price, even if he has had a slight Breeders' Cup drought in recent years. Gaming comes in off a win in the Del Mar Futurity but has been off since that early September tilt. While I don't love that approach, this is a terrific jockey assignment for a horse that wants to sit off the pace and make one run.

#### \$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$40 Win on #5  
\$30 Exactas 5 with 7,10

### FRIDAY 10TH: JUVENILE TURF

By Joe Bianca

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#### Analysis:

For my money, this is the most wide open race of the day on Friday, with a great mix of imposing-looking Euros and impressive local hopes with a Japanese wild card thrown in for good measure. The two favorites on the morning line, #11 NEW CENTURY and #4 AL QUDRA, can obviously win and come out of a one-two finish in a highly-rated renewal of the Summer at Woodbine, but with the way that race collapsed into their laps after the frontrunners flew early, I'm not interested in either of them at short prices.

In fact, I think the horse you want out of that race is third finisher Dream On. Tracking that quick tempo in a close third, he made the first move to take over at the top of the lane as the other frontrunners folded, and kept battling all the way to the wire through a very long stretch, just getting overhauled late while failing to keep a straight course, beaten just two lengths. Now he gets a huge positive rider switch to Jose Ortiz, drew well in a race that doesn't have a ton of confirmed speed on paper, has a much shorter stretch to navigate and is major value at anything close to his 20-1 morning line.

#### Main Contenders:

Other horses who'll take money and make sense on paper include #5 ZULU KINGDOM, who's undefeated in three starts and has shown a lot of bravery in his two U.S. wins, diving through a narrow opening at the rail to take the With Anticipation at Saratoga and overcoming traffic trouble to get up on a bog of a turf course in the Pilgrim. Those guts and ability to alter course and accelerate likely will come in handy in a race that might be a logjam after turning for home. #14 HENRI MATISSE is the shortest price of the Euros at 6-1 and certainly figures, but will have to rebound off a fifth-place run as a 13-10 favorite in the Prix Jean Luc Lagardere last out.

#### Value Plays:

In addition to Dream On, I'm interested in the Japanese horse, #1 SATONO CARNAVAL (20-1), #9 THE WACO KID (20-1) and #10 MENTEE (15-1). Satono Carnival is undefeated in two starts sprinting, but is bred to go longer and has the speed to get himself in a good spot from his rail draw. The Waco Kid steps up into Grade I/Group 1 company for the first time, but has steadily improved in every start and also has the pedigree to be better going two turns.

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## FRIDAY 10th RACE: JUVENILE TURF

### FRIDAY 10TH: JUVENILE TURF

By Joe Bianca

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#### Value Plays (Continued):

Mentee was reportedly the best 2-year-old in Todd Pletcher's barn early in the season, and was ambitiously spotted in the Hopeful off a 2 1/2-month layoff. He backed up that day, but promptly responded with a dominant victory on turf in the Futurity, draws well with the best big-money rider in the business in John Velazquez and as a full-brother to Fierceness, also should be able to stretch out.

#### SELECTIONS

#2 DREAM ON

#5 ZULU KINGDOM

#1 SATONO CARNAVAL

#10 MENTEE

#### WAGERS

\$40 WIN 2

\$20 WIN 1,9,10

\$2 EXACTA BOX 1,2,4,9,10,11 = \$60

\$160 total

-- End 10th Juvenile Turf / Joe Bianca --



# NOTES

### Saturday Overview Breeders' Turf Races

By Dick Powell



#### All Turf Pick 4

#### Del Mar Race 5 - BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT (G1)

**First: (6) STAR OF MYSTERY** amazing 3YO filly beat older males in Dubai then was second to Hong Kong superstar California Spangle in track record time. She ran great at Keeneland after a slow start from post one and draws in the middle today with William Buick.

**Second: (1) BELIEVING** was a game second to Bradsell two starts back going this distance then was an even third in Paris behind two top sprinters. She excels on firm ground and gets Ryan Moore who has won her before.

**Third: (2) MOTORIOUS** was part of the blanket finish in last year's renewal and is three for three on this course going this distance. She'll be covered up from post two but he can explode when Antonio Fresu asks him to go.

**Fourth: (9) COGBURN** won the Jaipur S. (G1) in track-record time and has brilliant gate speed. He will have to come flying out of post nine with Irad Ortiz, Jr. back aboard.

**All Turf Pick 4:** 6,1,2,9 with 3,1 with 3 with 1,6,7,9

**All Turf Pick 4:** 6,1 with 3,1 with 3 with 1,6,7,9

#### Del Mar Race 5 - BREEDERS' CUP TURF (G1)

**First: (3) SHAHRYAR** ran great in this race last year but Auguste Rodin beat him to the hole at the top of the stretch. He was a good second in the Sheema Classic (G1) then was off until August where he raced evenly at ten furlongs which is short of what he wants. Son of Deep Impact can save ground on the first two turns and then make his run.

**Second: (11) REBEL'S ROMANCE** still running great at the age of six and showing more pace in his races. He has already won stakes in Qatar, Dubai and Hong Kong this year and shows up here with a win in Germany going this distance. Might lose essential ground from the wide draw.

**Third: (2) EMILY UPJOHN** best race this season was a good second behind Bluestocking who later won the Arc (G1). She is kind of a grinder so Frankie Dettori will have to get her involved early to use her stamina.

**Fourth: (10) WINGSPAN** improving 3YO filly by Dubawi ran well on terrible ground two weeks ago at Ascot but she has an upside with only six career starts.

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### Saturday Overview Breeders' Turf Races

By Dick Powell



#### Del Mar Race 9 - BREEDERS' CUP FILLIES & MARES TURF (G1)

**First: (3) CINDERELLA'S DREAM** won her first four career starts in England and Dubai then raced evenly against top company going a mile. She shipped to America and was brilliant winning both starts at similar distance and will have no trouble handling three turns with a slow pace.

**Second: (4) WAR LIKE GODDESS** still going strong at the age of seven and benefits from the absence of Chad Brown's runners. She just missed against male runners last out at Aqueduct and will be a major threat in the stretch.

**Third: (2) FULL COUNT FELICIA** speedy mare went gate to wire at nine furlongs two starts back then opened up a gigantic lead in the E P Taylor (G1) and held on by over three lengths in fast time. She draws well and even if she doesn't try to bottom out the field, she'll be forwardly placed by Irad Ortiz, Jr.

**Fourth: (1) BEAUTIFUL LOVE** sophomore filly shipped to America and won going this distance two starts back at Aqueduct. She draws the rail and can race covered up with Oisin Murphy aboard.

#### Del Mar Race 9 - BREEDERS' CUP MILE (G1)

**First: (1) RAMATUELLE** was a group two stakes winner last year in France then just missed in the Prix Morny (G1). She ran well early in the season but exploded with a three-length win in the Prix de la Foret (G1) in Paris. Daughter of Justify takes on older males but she can outkick these.

**Second: (6) NOTABLE SPEECH** Godolphin miler won the Sussex S. (G1) at Goodwood then chased last out on soft ground. He won the 2,000 Guineas (G1) on firmer ground and draws perfectly for this.

**Third: (7) PORTA FORTUNA** just missed here last year then came back and has won her last three starts going a mile on different courses. Very dangerous filly getting in light.

**Fourth: (9) JOHANNES** has won seven of eight starts on the turf including his last four this season. He shows a sharp win on this course going nine furlongs and should be right at home.

-- End Overview / Dick Powell --

### Breeder's Cup Saturday Workout Analysis (Breeders Cup Classic)

By Kali Francois, Maryland Jockey Club Analyst/Host

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**Forever Young (JPN):** Very smart on the trainer's choice to imitate any potential inside trip he would be getting with his post. The the juvenile rabbit well in front of him, and to me the whole work was just fun to watch. Yes, there was a late lead change, but the acceleration we saw once that happened, combined with the flourishing gallop out, he will be giving a wonderful show on Saturday. 8.9/10

**Highland Falls:** 10/26 work was extremely professional and workmanlike. Was well in hadn't thought the entire work, up until the wire, but the most impressive part was the gallop out. 9/10

**City of Troy:** Southwell Two main things to consider about this work...A) this is coming out of the gate, a pretty good preview of potentially what's to come. They did this specifically a month + out from the big day, so there's time to improve. I imagine more work was done over this surface and especially out of the gate. B) Due to the fact that American races are the quickest in the world for Thoroughbred coming out of the gates, the rider is naturally going to be hustling out there aggressively once they open to get the mindset in his head.

They let him settle behind horses which is fine, I will point out that the tapeta has no kickback. We have no idea how well this horse will response to dirt kickback in his face. I wouldn't be surprised if O'Brien has some something behind the scenes, just pointing it out for the information I'm able to access. Once he passed horses (at the right timing for the way American races are run, might I add), and broke off, with the way he's moving I honestly think he'll grab to the dirt better than he does the synthetic surface I'm watching him on. Ever so slight "spinning wheels" action going on this Southwell doesn't show the best of him. There's no question that this type of work took something out of him with Ryan scrubbing like he did, that was the whole point: This our base, let's get him fully extended and work up from there from a MILE work. Nice enough gallop out! I'm sure more was done since that September work. 7/10

**Senor Buscador:** Per Fanduel via Joaquin Jamie, Fincher was extremely pleased that he worked as well as he did solo. Keep in mind there was extreme fog that morning

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### Breeder's Cup Saturday Workout Analysis (Breeders Cup Classic)

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**Ushba Tesoro (JPN):** Moving great in that nice gallop had on 10/27

**Pyrenees:** Cherie also picked well in company with one that is showcasing a personal momentum upswing with Cagliostro, with two previous sharp work indicating this one could be having a nice fall/winter 2024 campaign.

To add to that, he was akin to a loaded gun prior to the 4 1/2 pole. Back to the work: they quickly settled into the work once they began. You have to really look for it, but some soft encouraging from the rider in the last few jumps the wire, and had to be encouraged just a touch to keep up with his fireball-minded workmate in the gallop out. That doesn't concern me too much considering how sharp his workmate is, to me it was more mental and keeping Pyrenees paying attention. Sometimes in these AM works where it's all firepower with just one horse, their mind can drift a little bit in the latter part of the work. Splitting hairs in that assessment though. 8.5/10

**Tapit Trice:** Upon reading/research, Pletcher taking the blinkers off for that work specifically speaks to the fact he wanted this horse to not push himself leading up into it.

**Arthur's Ride:** His last work was by himself over the Del Mar track, so let's all walk into this knowing that we're not going to be seeing the best work, the point of this track was to stretch his legs and get a feel for the track. Truly in the Halloween spirit with him already having a reputation for seeing ghosts, his rider was absolutely doing the best he can to keep this horse from not looking around too much. We can criticize all we want, but the good thing that did come out of this was that horses like him, you really do need to get him around there looking at all of his surroundings at that type of speed. His rider LET him look around for a good reason. We've seen better works out of him, and regardless on gamely, this guy knows his job - we saw a glimmer of it from the quarter pole onwards. In the gallop out, the rider just kind of flags his stick out, and he responded in kind. This is a speedy, front running horse and to push for a flashy quick work right before a potential big run like this rightfully wouldn't be in his best interest. The score I give doesn't truly reflect the horse and this was a bit of a one-off situation. 6/5/10

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**Newgate:** Picked the right company to keep confidence - a G2 trier who has been high on the worktab since October, so this one would be sharp enough to provide Newgate with what he needed. Liked how the rider executed in the first half sitting perfectly enough off, but still having to be there to provide pressure - the intent was to get enough out of it, keep him in hand and do it all with ease - and such was accomplished. Gallop out really was only about 6 or so jumps, if anything just to give the rider a breather. Was pulled up relatively quick to keep him under wraps. 10/10 **Newgate a Value Play:** Saw this horse paddock school before California Crown and was highly impressed and was my original top choice. Baffert commented he wouldn't be surprised if he ended up winning. Is second off the layoff and with all the buzz horses taking the attention, include Newgate in your trifecta at 20-1.

-- End Contender's Workout Analysis - Breeder's Cup Classic / Kali Francois --

## SATURDAY 4th RACE: FILLY & MARE SPRINT

### SATURDAY 4TH: FILLY & MARE SPRINT

By Steve Byk

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**Analysis:** Contested at the specialty trip of 7f, the Filly & Mare Sprint has regularly seen a coronation for the winner's season-long prowess (Goodnight Olive, Gamine, Covfefe, Groupie Doll), punctuated by the occasional stunning upset (Shamrock Rose, Bar of Gold, Musical Romance). With Goodnight Olive retired, a handful of 'heiress apparents' are looking to finalize campaigns with seasonal honors.

**Main Contenders:** SOCIETY has been judiciously campaigned as a 5yo focused only on this assignment. She may not need the lead to succeed, but is the one to catch as controlling speed. WAYS AND MEANS takes over from Goodnight Olive in the Brown barn and has been superb since directed to one turn events after the Kentucky Oaks. \$1.7MM earner VAHVA disappointed in the Ballerina (\$1.05-1) behind Society and Scylla, but that will only enhance her price here.

**Value Plays:** SOUL OF AN ANGEL is a hard-hitting mare whose best recent work has come around one turn as evidenced by her Princess Rooney (7f) and Ruffian (1m) wins. Drayden Van Dyke returns to SoCal with a chance to impact this with her late kick at \$20+. SCYLLA, never worse than 3rd in 9 career starts, is also overlaid (10-1) and figures to get a good, up close stalking trip with Mike Smith.

#### SELECTIONS:

#6 Society

#9 Ways and Means

#8 Soul of an Angel

#4 Vahva

#### \$100 Wagering Strategy:

**\$20 EXACTA BOX:** Society, Ways and Means (\$40)

**\$2 TRIFECTA, REVERSE TRI KEY:** Society, Ways and Means, Vahva, Zeitlos, Scylia with Society, Ways and Means, Vahva, Zeitlos, Scylia with Soul of an Angel (\$40)

**\$10 WIN/PLACE:** Soul of an Angel (\$20)

### SATURDAY 5TH: TURF SPRINT

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### 2024 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint Preview

North American-based horses have dominated the Turf Sprint (G1), winning 15 of 16 editions, and #9 Cogburn (7-5) looms large in this year's edition. Perfect from three starts in 2024, the Steve Asmussen-trained front runner deserves to be an odds-on favorite when the 12-horse field breaks in the five-furlong turf test at Del Mar.

Since switching to turf in May 2023, Cogburn has won six of seven starts on turf, including all three attempts this season. He's developed into the world's leading turf sprinter as a five-year-old for Steve Asmussen, blitzing 5 1/2 furlongs in a world record :59.80 in June's Jaipur (G1) at Saratoga and tuning up for his first Breeders' Cup appearance with a smart 3 1/4-length decision in the Sept. 7 Turf Sprint (G2) at Kentucky Downs.

Horses competing at Kentucky Downs have not fared well in the Breeders' Cup over the last decade, compiling a 0-for-101 record since 2014, and I hope bettors put stock in the statistic. Cogburn appears more than capable of putting the winless streak to rest.

He's one of only two runners with serious speed, drawn to the outside of Ag Bullet, and Irad Ortiz Jr. should be in a prime spot from the break. It's easy to envision Cogburn taking a widening advantage into upper stretch, and I won't pick against the favorite.

I will key Cogburn in a pair of exactas.

Females have more than held their own in the Turf Sprint, recording four wins since 2012, and #6 Star of Mystery (10-1) will bring a stout late kick. I liked her convincing win over males in the Quick Call (G3) at Saratoga two back, and a troubled trip cost her in the Franklin (G2) last out, winding up a close second. The loss may help her price, and I will look for Star of Mystery to rebound with a strong performance that nets second.

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### 2024 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint Preview (Continued)

A multiple Group 1-winning turf sprinter in South Africa last year, #10 Isivunguvungu (20-1) appears to have acclimated to North America, recording a fine win from just off the pace in the Sept. 7 Da Hoss S. at Colonial Downs. That race produced 2023 Turf Sprint winner Nobals, and Isivunguvungu appears to be training forwardly in preparation for his second U.S. start.

### Turf Sprint Top 3:

**1st: #9 Cogburn**  
**2nd: #6 Star of Mystery**  
**3rd: #10 Isivunguyvungu**

**\$100 bankroll:**  
\$50 exactas: 9 over 6,10

-- End 5th Turf Sprint / James Scully --

## SATURDAY 6th RACE: DISTAFF

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Presumptive three-year-old filly champion Thorpedo Anna is listed as the 4-5 choice in the 2024 Distaff (G1), the biggest morning line favorite on the 14-race Breeders' Cup program, and she's in the running for Horse of the Year with a victory. Favorites have won 17 of 40 editions (42.5%) of the 1 1/8-mile Distaff.

Her main rivals include Raging Sea, a winner of three consecutive graded stakes in New York, and undefeated Japanese dirt star Awesome Result.

A gate-to-wire winner of the Kentucky Oaks (G1) by 4+ lengths, Thorpedo Anna looks like the controlling speed from post 2 (none of her nine rivals have registered Brisnet Early Pace ratings in the same vicinity), but the odds-on favorite will have a target on her back. Alice Verite, a 30-1 outsider, brings turf speed from Japan and probably will be asked from the starting gate to try and avoid kickback in her first dirt start. Miss New York, an improving type facing a major class hike after back-to-back wins, may try to push the pace with her tactical ability.

Regardless of pace scenario, the Distaff comes down to whether Thorpedo Anna will be on her "A" game. The classy sophomore has proven faster than rivals in previous starts, registering a 107 Brisnet Speed rating two back. But after recording flashy open length stakes wins in her first four outings this season, Thorpedo Anna must ship cross-country following a pair of hard-fought performances. She turned in a career-best in the Travers (G1) two back, coming up a neck short to top three-year-old male Fierceness after rallying determinedly in the final stages of the 1 1/4-mile race, and the tough effort appeared to take a toll in the Sept. 21 Cotillion (G1) over a deep Parx track, as Thorpedo Anna eked out neck decision.

Other notable Distaff favorites have come up short following a long campaign, and it's fair to question whether Thorpedo Anna will return to form after a six-week rest.

In the last Distaff at Del Mar (2021), Letruska entered the gate as the 8-5 favorite following five straight major stakes wins, and appeared to be training forwardly in preparation, but showed up flat in 10th. Two years earlier at Santa Anita, Midnight Bisou sustained her first defeat of the season after seven consecutive stakes wins. Nest, the eventual three-year-old filly champion and 2022 Distaff favorite following runaway tallies in the CCA Oaks (G1), Alabama (G1), and Beldame (G2), could not sustain her form finishing a disappointing fourth.

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It won't be a surprise to see her bounce back, but I will take a stand against Thorpedo Anna at short odds.

#6 Raging Sea may be poised for a big showing from just off the pace. Trained by 18-time Breeders' Cup race winner Chad Brown (who is seeking his first Distaff win), the four-year-old daughter of Curlin began to discover her best form this summer, recording a convincing tally in the Shuvee (G2) in mid-July, and she showed top class recording a head decision over champion older dirt female Idiomatic in the Personal Ensign (G1) six weeks later at Saratoga. Raging Sea wasn't cranked for her best in the final tune up, displaying good tactical ability and recording a narrow win in the Beldame (G2) at Aqueduct, and Brown will look for her to move forward with a career-best at Del Mar.

#9 Awesome Result merits respect in her U.S. debut, and distance will be no obstacle for the daughter of Justify, but the late runner probably needs to avoid being too far back during the opening stages.

#### Distaff Top 3:

**1st: #6 Raging Sea**  
**2nd: #9 Awesome Result**  
**3rd: #2 Thorpedo Anna**

#### \$100 bankroll:

\$40 win, \$20 place: 6 Raging Sea  
\$20 exactas: 6 over 2,9

-- End 6th Distaff / James Scully --

### SATURDAY 7TH: TURF

By Joe Bianca

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#### Analysis:

One of the weaker-looking recent renewals of the Turf in terms of talent, it nevertheless has produced a terrific betting race, with plenty of ways to go in a 13-horse affair. #11 REBEL'S ROMANCE is an incredibly admirable world traveler who's banked over \$9 million in a career that includes six Group 1 wins in five different countries, but he's an eminently beatable 5-2 favorite who also drew wide in a three-turn race. Despite the race being 12 furlongs, there appears to be a good amount of speed signed on, so I'm leaning toward the closers on the win end.

#### Main Contenders:

Other top Euro chances include #2 EMILY UPJOHN, a 5-year-old mare who has hit the board in an array of big races, but hasn't notched a win in 17 months and may be a step slower than she was at four. #4 LUXEMBOURG is worth a look if he's his 12-1 morning-line price for Aidan O'Brien and Ryan Moore as a four-time Group 1 winner with plenty of races fast enough to win this. Two lightly-raced shippers #5 JAYAREBE and #10 WINGSPAN could be the 'now' horses of the field, with the latter providing much more value for O'Brien at 15-1 on the morning line compared to the 4-1 of the French invader. #3 SHAHRYAR is also super classy and produced a bang-up third in a significantly stronger running of the Turf last year for Japan, and could get a better pace setup this time around. #6 FAR BRIDGE is the clear best shot for America, coming in off back-to-back Grade I scores, but he likely has to step it up another notch to take down all the international foes.

#### Value Plays:

I think #7 GRAND SONATA can get in the number at a big price. He's turned into a nice turf stayer this year for Todd Pletcher and is coming off clearly the best race of his career, making an early move in the Turf Cup at Kentucky Downs and stubbornly holding off all challengers through the stretch. Three back, he ran well to be a nose second at 23-1 in the United Nations and I can excuse his fifth in the Sword Dancer as he was stuck behind a glacial pace. He's likely not good enough to win, but will be upwards of 30-1 and can fill out the trifecta or superfecta with a clean run under Tyler Gaffalione.

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### SELECTIONS

#3 SHAHRYAR

#11 REBEL'S ROMANCE

#7 GRAND SONATA

#10 WINGSPAN

### WAGERS

\$50 WIN 3

\$20 WIN 7

\$.50 TRI KEY BOX 3,7/2,3,4,5,6,7,10,11/2,3,4,5,6,7,10,11 = \$126

\$196 total

-- End 7th Turf / Joe Bianca --

## SATURDAY 8th RACE: CLASSIC

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**Analysis:** Like last year's Classic, the 41st running features a lineup of credentialed domestic players against International invaders featuring not just familiar Japanese runners, but a Coolmore star in CITY OF TROY that Aidan O'Brien has lauded as the best horse he's ever trained. While Del Mar is not kind to deep closers, with a distinct array of running styles present, it feels like this Classic will be conducted at an honest clip, providing all of the 14 the opportunity to run their race.

**Main Contenders:** Interestingly, the prime candidates could be summarized by the 4 sophomores in the cast and each have legitimate concerns for bettors at lower odds. FOREVER YOUNG (6-1) could easily have won the Derby with different racing luck but is against the track profile. Triple Crown season warriors FIERCENESS (3-1) and SIERRA LEONE (12-1) face elders for the first time and balance their merits with blemishes. CITY OF TROY (5-2) sports a nearly perfect record, but will have to answer the vexing main track question from a tricky inside post.

**Value Plays:** While the 3yo's are the more glamorous players, a quartet of attractively priced 4yo's arrive at Oceanside with bona fides, upside and appealing styles. Stalker HIGHLAND FALLS (20-1) won the Jockey Club Gold Cup for streaking Brad Cox and was given time off to recover from that career best. ARTHUR'S RIDE (15-1) aced the Whitney and can win this if allowed a comfortable trip. Big Cap hero NEWGATE (20-1) ran a sneaky good California Crown, wide every step off a 6 month layoff. Multiple G1-placed PYRENEES (30-1) won the 9.5f Pimlico Special, exchanged decisions with Kingsbarns and is one more forward move from reaching elite status. After the quartet of 4yo's, NEXT (8-1) is a fascinating story, a long-winded galloper that will need to draft and finish as he has all season against a much higher level of foe.

### SELECTIONS:

1. #2 HIGHLAND FALLS
2. #12 ARTHUR'S RIDE
3. #13 NEWGATE
4. #8 PYRENEES

### \$100 Wagering Strategy:

**\$5 EXACTA BOX:** Highland Falls, Arthur's Ride, Newgate, Pyrenees, City of Troy (\$20)

## SATURDAY 9th RACE: FILLY & MARE TURF

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The F/M Turf is the 9th Race on Saturday, November 2nd.

It begins the final Pick-4 of the Breeders' Cup

It is part of four Pick-4's, a Pick-5 and a Pick 6. It is also part of the ALL TURF Pick-4 comprising of races 5,7,9,11.

This is the 26th running of the Filly and Mare Turf and it will be run at the 1 3/8 Miles distance. This race has not been run at the same distance two years in a row since 2013-14. Last year's event, at Santa Anita, was taken by the European invader Inspiral (GB) – owned by Cheveley Park Stud, Ltd., trained by John Gosden and ridden by the one and only – Lanfranco Dettori.

While not one of the Breeders' Cup glamour races, the F/M Turf has not failed to deliver many good, close races (11 of the last 13 races were decided by one length or shorter) with nice payouts. **Only two favorites have scored a win since 2006 (Ouija Board) and that was in 2013, when Dank (GB) scored under Ryan Moore and last year.** The last 10 runnings have produced an healthy average win payout of 8-1. This includes the 2020 winner, AUDARYA (Fr) (an ATR Betting Guide play), paying a sweet \$37.60.

Internationally trained and Chad Brown trained runners have absolutely dominated this race, winning the last 13 contests and taking up an amazing 80% (42 of 52) of the Superfecta positions and 92% (24 of 26) of Exacta positions. With 8 of the 14 pre-entries falling into this category (no Chad Brown), it could happen again. But maybe not. A three-year-old filly has won this race four of the last eight years. There are FIVE in this edition. **Additionally, not ONE horse that made their previous start in CALIFORNIA has ever won this race.**

#### Race Analysis:

Sheeee's back. WAR LIKE GODDESS, who has opted to run against the boys in the BC TURF the last two years, returns to the site of her best BC finish. She was beaten 1/2 length in the 2021 BC FM Turf at this venue. She leads the US contingent. This field is nothing special so it could end well for her here.

The European brigade, while formful, does not appear to be as deep as in years past – but maybe that won't matter. A couple of Aidan O'Brien 3 YO filles – YLANG YLANG (GB) and CONTENT (IRE) lead the large group of European trained runners in here. Canada is well represented with MOIRA and FULL COUNT FELICIA. WAR LIKE GODDESS and DIDIA (ARG) lead the US division. With no real standout, it could be bombs away in this challenging affair.

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## SATURDAY 9th RACE: FILLY & MARE TURF

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#### The Lineup:

**BEAUTIFUL LOVE (IRE)** 20-1 – A 3 YO, she has run fairly well on the east coast, just not sure how strong those races were. The connections are dangerous, just don't think she is.

**FULL COUNT FELICIA** 12-1 – All systems go for this race mare. There is no question what she will do in here – go, go, go. In this seemingly paceless race, she will have an impact one way or another. If left alone, she could run away from this field as she has done in her recent races. Must consider.

**CINDERELLA'S DREAM (GB)** 4-1 – She has run well in New York. One of the fillies she beat two back has turned into a monster. This is her first time against older but she does like to win races. Price should be better. Has a small look at this.

**WAR LIKE GODDESS** 5/2 – Her fourth Breeders' Cup try might be the charm. The 1 3/8 distance works in her favor and this is the easiest November field she has faced. Her closing kick might be too much. Thought she would be a better price. Win contender.

**DIDIA (ARG)** 10-1 – Trainer Ignacio Correias has managed this mare to perfection, winning Graded races from coast to coast the past two years. Here last two races weren't her best. May prefer shorter distances.

**YLANG YLANG (GB)** 10-1 – This sophomore filly will slip under the radar. Her two tries at longer distances didn't work out too well. Some things to like but others look better.

**CONTENT (IRE)** 6-1 – The fact she is making the trip after two sub-par races, the last one just two weeks ago, speaks volumes. This 3YO is a GRADE I winner against older, beating EMILY UPJOHN in the process. But...the times she has run back quick the results were not great. Unsure what to expect.

**HANG THE MOON** 10-1 – She is getting good at the right time as her last two races have been her best. Kimura sticks with her and if it gets crazy up front, she could be along to pick up some pieces. Longshot possibility.

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#### The Lineup (Continued):

**ANISETTE (GB)** 15-1 – Part of a five horse local group who has yet to run a bad one. Her numbers aren't the best but she could surprise in this wide open affair.

**MOIRA** 8-1 – This is her third try for Breeders' Cup glory and it is her best shot to get it. Ultra consistent mare has had a short campaign this year and may be set to run her best. Contender.

**BEACH BOMB (SAf)** 20-1 – This will be her third start in the US and she has yet to impress. Would be a surprise in here.

**SOPRANO (IRE)** 20-1 – Another 3YO filly who has run well against some good ones in Europe. Her race two back against older puts her in the thick of things here. Distance may be a question, but she is worth a long look in here at a price.

**SUNSET GLORY (IRE)** 30-1 - This well backed filly can get the distance but this might be too much for her to do. She will win some races down the road, just not here.

**SELECTIONS:** (Post position draw could alter order.)

#### MOIRA

Full Count Felicia  
War Like Goddess

#### Value:

Ylang Ylang (GB)

#### Bomb:

Soprano (Ire)

#### Betting Thoughts - \$160

\$50 WP – Moira.

\$5 exacta – ALL with Full Count Felicia

-- End 9th Filly and Mare Turf / Hammerle --

## SATURDAY 10th RACE: SPRINT

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### Analysis:

The likes of Jackie's Warrior, Gunite, and Elite Power were not around for 2024 and the sprint division in the United States certainly suffered in their absence. However, a late season flurry of strong performances by the likes of Mullikin, Straight No Chaser and Federal Judge has ensured a competitive and interesting running of the Breeders' Cup Sprint.

Let's start by attacking the pace scenario. The pace in this year's affair should be robust, what with 4 one-way speedsters signed up headed by the fleet-footed Skelly. Federal Judge wired the Phoenix and took advantage of a track profile that strongly favored speed in doing so. Mullikin beat overmatched rivals at the seven furlong distance of the Forego and scored his second straight graded stake win. Straight No Chaser dominated the Santa Anita Sprint Championship and set a soft pace in doing so. Skelly has faltered in recent starts after establishing early command, something none of us could foresee as he dominated this past spring in Arkansas.

With all of these question marks, I present to you a Grade I winner who ran a massive race in this event last year for an internationally acclaimed trainer...Nakatomi. He's my pick to take top honors in a race where he should get a strong pace to run at, going a distance that is likely his very best. The price here will be attractive as well, and I'm very happy to give him an excuse for the Phoenix given the way the rail and front end played at Keeneland on opening weekend.

### \$100 Wagering Strategy:

\$50 Win on #4  
\$6 Exacta 4 with 2,5,9,11  
\$4 Exacta 2,5,9,11 with 4



## SATURDAY 11th RACE: BREEDERS CUP MILE

### SATURDAY 11th: Breeders Cup Mile

By Kev Humpreys, 'The Longshot Lad'  
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### Analysis

A field of 12 for the always intriguing Mile - 9 Group / Grade 1 winners with 4 Europeans, 2 Japanese and a solid home contingent. The pace looks potentially red hot with Carl Spackler, Goliad and Diego Velazquez all at their best on the lead with the top class foursome of Ramatuelle, Notable Speech, Johannes and Porta Fortuna wanting to be handy near the front. The short stretch at Del Mar will require the winner to have the required tactical speed to get into striking position and the ability to clock off fast fractions before the deep closers arrive.

### Main Contenders

**Notable Speech** brings the best form into the race as a Sussex Stakes and 2000 Guineas winner. He has not been a model of consistency with below par runs at Royal Ascot (no reason given) and in France last time (soft ground the reason). He gets the fast ground that he wants, should get the quick pace that he craves and has the sectionals in the book already to deliver a devastating turn of foot. The trainer / jockey combination have won the last 3 editions of this race including with Space Blues in Del Mar - this guy is in their league!

**Ramatuelle** reached a new high last time out in the 7f Prix de la Foret at Longchamp where she produced a visually impressive turn of foot against a solid open age collection. But what sparked the improvement - was it the few months break or the soft ground (her best run as a 2yo was also on deep ground). She will face a better field and different conditions too. She has yet to beat Porta Fortuna in two attempts over 8f this year.

**Porta Fortuna** has been a model of consistency this year with 3 G1 winners against fillies and mares after an agonising neck defeat in the 1000 Guineas. She also failed to reel in Hard To Justify in the Juvenile Fillies Turf at Santa Anita last year. This represents her toughest test to date but she's tactically versatile and should be capable of giving Donnacha O'Brien his first Breeders Cup win. She feels like she will run her race but may find 1 or 2 too good for her.

**Johannes** brings arguably the best North American form into the race with 4 wins in California this year in a stalk and pounce style. His best run was over this course and distance in the Eddie Read during the summer and will provide a stern test for the international competitors. Drawn 9 may be somewhat tricky for ride Umberto Rispoli to get his perfect spot though. This will undoubtedly be a step up to regular Californian competition and would be a play against at current Morning Line odds - however, he becomes a play if it starts to tick up over 9-1 or so.

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#### Main Contenders (Continued)

**Carl Spackler** has rattled off 3 straight wins with the last 2 Grade 1 wins in gate to wire style. Stall 12 makes life a little tricky and I sense that he is coming here less fresh and primed than other candidates. He has been on the go racing since May with only a brief break between his last 2 starts. A play against for me.

**Diego Velazquez** has played away from the big lights recently after failing to hit the Group 1 heights in France during Classic season. Was that to give him time to mature and fulfil his potential or is that just his level - he's a tricky one to fully analyse but given the connections, the price is short relative to his competitors on pure achievement.

#### Value Plays

**More Than Looks** has looked a tricky ride this year but is potentially rounding into form. He has fared better in the draw shakeout than last year when he was a fast finishing 6th and there is reason to believe he can hit the board at a price given the way the race dynamics are likely to play out.

**Geoglyph** has the notable distinction of one of 2 horses to beat the mighty Equinox back in 2022 - he has patches of very good form over 9f (on dirt in the Saudi Cup 2023) and 10f in his recent trial at Sapporo in the past 2 years. However, it will only be his 3rd time over this trip. He has generally been forwardly placed in his races but suspect he may be a little further back here given race dynamics. This however, may bring his stamina in but he may just be doing too much too late similar to More Than Looks.

**Ten Happy Rose** won the Victoria Mile in Tokyo earlier this year at 209-1 (Longshot Lad would be proud!) and it's her standout piece of form - she'll be a big price again here but she will be competitive if she can repeat that effort and her prep against some of Japan's best sprinters was sneakily decent.

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## SATURDAY 11th RACE: BREEDERS CUP MILE

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#### Selections

**Notable Speech** for me has the best ability to run the fastest sectionals, has the best body of form, and despite the slight concerns about his consistency and the tight track, he will be a fair price given the quality of solid opposition.

#6 Notable Speech

#7 Porta Fortuna

#3 Geoglyph

#8 More Than Looks

\$10 exacta box Notable Speech / Porta Fortuna / Geoglyph (\$60)

\$2 exacta box Notable Speech, Porta Fortuna, More Than Looks, Geoglyph, Ten Happy Rose (\$40)

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## SATURDAY 12th RACE: DIRT MILE

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The Dirt Mile is the 12th and final race on Saturday, November 2nd. It will be the final leg of the last Pick 3,4,5,& 6. This race is also the final leg of the ALL DIRT Pick 4. (Races 6,8,10,12)

This is the 17th 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. Notable winners include LIFE IS GOOD, KNICKS GO, CITY OF LIGHT, BATTLE OF MIDWAY, LIAM'S MAP, GOLDENCENTS (2X) & CODY'S WISH (2X).

This year's edition will be run with 14 horses, which is the largest field for this race and probably the biggest field to ever run at the mile distance at Del Mar. During the regular race meet at Del Mar, the one mile distance is limited to 10 starters because of the relatively short run into the first turn. The typical run-up distance has been 200 feet. This is one race where post positions will be a key factor. Numbers game: A horse with an 'odd' numbered saddle towel has won this race seven years in a row...

Historically, this race had not been close at the wire, until CODY'S WISH came along and made things interesting with his two wins measuring about 12 inches combined. **The winner in has been in the 1, 2, or 3 position at the ¾ and stretch calls in 11 of the last 12 races, including the last 9.** 3 YO's have won three of the last seven running's. If the favorite doesn't get there, expect a \$20 plus mutual.

**The Race:** What a way to finish the day! With no less than seven need-to-lead types among the contenders, some inside and some outside. This should get interesting. Speed has always ruled this race – will this running be any different? It sure makes you give mid-range closers like DOMESTIC PRODUCT and POST TIME a longer look.

#### The Horses:

**SAUDI CROWN** 5-1 – Nice draw. Part of the Cox Army, he comes off a victory in his only prep for this race. He will be part of a contentious early pace and he knows what to do if he makes the lead. He will be a square price. Fits here.

**T O SAINT DENIS (JPN)** 30-1 – Yet another speed horse! His race in the Alysheba (G2) wasn't bad but he will be up against it here. Pass

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#### The Horses (Continued):

**FULL SERRANO (ARG)** 15-1 – This Hronis/Sadler import has quietly made himself known. His sneaky good second in the Pacific Classic (G1) makes you give him a second look in here. Chance at a price.

**KATONAH** 30-1 – Draws in off the AE list and will be up against it here. His race in the San Diego G2) three back gives him small hope. Looking at others.

**THREE TECHNIQUE** 30-1 – This will be his 40th start and 3rd in a BC. Not convinced this is where he belongs.

**SIEZE THE GREY** 10-1 – If there is a story horse in this year's BC, this is it. This D.W. Lukas 3 YO could earn division honors with a victory here. It will not come easy. As one of many need-to-lead types, he may be run into submission – but maybe not. If he gets loose on the lead...

**TUMBARUMBA** 30-1 – Solid performer will be a nice price. The best of the second tier, he is a live longshot.

**POST TIME** 8-1 – This horse is peaking at the right time. He comes off a confidence builder at Laurel and should be able to sit off a hot pace and pounce. He is sitting on a big one. Win Contender.

**DOMESTIC PRODUCT** 7/2 – The BC Mile (G1) was made for a talented horse like this. Two turns may not be his specialty but the potential pace set-up works in his favor. Contender.

**MUTH** 9/2 – Facing older for the first time, he went favored in the California Crown (G1) and faltered. The mile distance might be just right for him and the chance to get a Baffert horse at a price is intriguing.

**CAGLIOSTRO** 30-1 – Toughest race to date for him. He hails from a top barn but this may be too much.

**MUFASA (CHI)** 12-1 – Beat up on a weak bunch in the Vosberg (G2) over a wet track for his tune up for this. He likes to win races so he may be over-bet in here. Mixed signals on this one.

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#### The Horses (Continued):

**PIPELINE** 30-1 – Another to draw in off the AE list from the same hot barn. He will try to be part of the early pace but we prefer others.

**SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING** 4-1 – Ouch. Being the first ever #14 going a mile at Del Mar is nothing to like. Another well managed horse, he will be running at his 15th different racetrack. His style fits and he can beat this kind if he can find a trip. His price will drift up if you care to swing. Contender.

#### Selections:

Post Time  
Saudi Crown  
Domestic Product

Value: Full Serrano (Arg)

Bomb: Katonah

Wagering Thoughts: - \$160

\$40 WP – Post Time

\$10 Exacta Box – Post Time with Saudi Crown, Domestic Product, Full Serrano, Katonah

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