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Welcome to Xpressbet's FREE Breeders' Cup Wager Guide!

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Welcome to the 15th fantastic edition of Xpressbet's FREE Breeders' Cup Wager Guide! Hopefully, this information will help you successfully navigate 14 challenging Breeders' Cup races at Churchill Downs November 2 & 3.

This season's Breeders' Cup format is a bit different. There still are two great days of racing, but now the first is billed as Future Stars Friday with five races exclusively for 2-year-olds. Saturday's card is jam-packed with nine rich, contentious events for 3-year-olds and up.

Expect several hefty mutuel payoffs – a Churchill Downs-hosted Breeders' Cup trend that should continue. Inside the guide there are oodles of additional divisional Stats & Trends and Know This nuggets we're certain you'll find compelling.

For this edition we've recruited a host of knowledgeable handicappers, broadcasters and writers to deliver race-by-race Analysis, Main Contenders, Value Plays and \$100 Wagering Strategies. Guide veterans will recognize many of our experts, but we've also added a few fresh faces to the lineup.

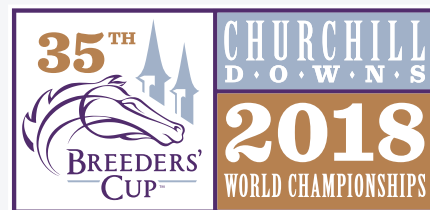
Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 30, return to Xpressbet.com for FREE daily online Breeders' Cup Wager Guide updates and revised selections based on scratches, post-position draws, weather, etc. Also, Eddie Olczyk of NBC Sports and VSiN's Brent Musburger will add analysis and insights for select Saturday races in a revised guide available Thursday, November 1.

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Sincerely,
The Xpressbet Team

Breeders' Cup Guide Selection Grid



With 14 races over two days Breeders' Cup watching and wagering can get pretty hectic. Below you will find a collection of expert selections organized in a grid for easy reference.

Friday Breeders' Cup Races

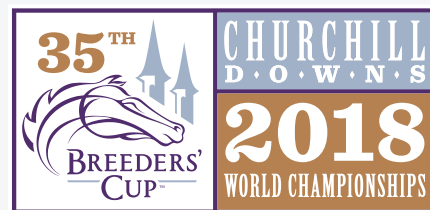
Race Expert Affiliation	Juvenile Turf Sprint Matt Dinerman (Golden Gate Fields)	Juvenile Fillies Turf Stan Salter (Laurel Park)	Juvenile Fillies Megan Devine (Santa Anita Park)	Juvenile Turf Brian W. Spencer (Xpressbet)	Juvenile Jerry Shottenkirk (Xpressbet)
First	Soldier's Call	Hermosa	Bellafina	Line of Duty	Game Winner
Second	Bulletin	Lily's Candle	Restless Rider	Henley's Joy	Gunmetal Gray
Third	So Perfect	La Pelosa	Jaywalk	Broome	Complexity
Fourth	Shang Shang Shang	My Gal Betty	Serengeti Empress	Current	Code of Honor

Saturday Breeders' Cup Races

Race Expert Affiliation	Filly & Mare Sprint Bob Neumeier (HorsePlayerNow)	Turf Sprint Jeremy Plonk (Xpressbet)	Dirt Mile Frank Carulli (Xpressbet)	Filly & Mare Turf Millie Ball (XBTv)	Sprint Dick Jerardi (Daily Racing Form)
First	Marely's Freedom	Conquest Tsunami	Firenze Fire	Wild Illusion	Imperial Hint
Second	Golden Mischief	Chanteline	Catalina Cruiser	Fourstar Crook	X Y Jet
Third	Chalon	Rainbow Heir	City of Light	Sistercharlie	Roy H
Fourth	Finley'sluckycharm	Disco Partner	Promises Fulfilled	Eziyra	Limousine Liberal

Race Expert Affiliation	Mile Jeff Siegel (XBTv)	Distaff Brian Nadeau (Xpressbet)	Turf Nick Luck (NBC Sports)	Classic Steve Byk (SiriusXM Radio)
First	Polydream	Blue Prize	Waldgeist	McKinzie
Second	Expert Eye	Monomoy Girl	Magical	Mind Your Biscuits
Third	Oscar Performance	La Force	Enable	Yoshida
Fourth	Catapult	Abel Tasman	Crystal Ocean	Axelrod

Exotic Wagering Chart



Breeders' Cup exotic wagers usually produce hefty payoffs. Use this handy Exotic Wagering Chart to help plan your attack.
(Denominations reflect Breeders' Cup bet minimums.)

Exacta Box: (\$1 Wager)

2 horse box	\$2
3 horse box	\$6
4 horse box	\$12
5 horse box	\$20
6 horse box	\$30
7 horse box	\$42
8 horse box	\$56

Exacta Wheel: (\$1 Wager)

One Horse with All

6 horse field	\$5
7 horse field	\$6
8 horse field	\$7
9 horse field	\$8
10 horse field	\$9

Trifecta Box: (\$.50 Wager)

3 Horse Box	\$3
4 Horse Box	\$12
5 Horse Box	\$30
6 Horse Box	\$60
7 Horse Box	\$105
8 Horse Box	\$168

Trifecta Wheel: (\$.50 Wager)

One Horse with All with All

(Example: 1/All/All or All/1/All or All/All/1)	
7 Horse Field	\$15
8 Horse Field	\$21
9 Horse Field	\$28
10 Horse Field	\$36

One Horse with Two Horses with All

(Example: 1/2,3/All or 2,3/1/All or 1/All/2,3 or 2,3/All/1 or All/1/2,3 or All/2,3/1)	
7 Horse Field	\$5
8 Horse Field	\$6
9 Horse Field	\$7
10 Horse Field	\$8

Trifecta Key: (\$.50 Wager)

1 Horse with 3 others.	\$3
(Example: 1/ 2, 3, 4/ 2, 3, 4)	
1 Horse with 4 others.	\$6
(Example: 1/ 2, 3, 4, 5/ 2, 3, 4, 5)	
1 Horse with 5 others.	\$10
(Example: 1/ 2, 3, 4, 5, 6/ 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)	
1 Horse with 6 others.	\$15
(Example: 1/ 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7/ 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	
1 Horse with 7 others.	\$21
(Example: 1/ 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8/ 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	

Superfecta Box: (\$.10 Wager)

4 Horse Box	\$2.40
5 Horse Box	\$12.00
6 Horse Box	\$36.00

Superfecta Wheel: (\$.10 Wager)

One Horse with All with All with All

(Example: 1/All/All/All or All/1/All/All or All/All/1/All or All/All/All/1)	
7 Horse Field	\$12.00
8 Horse Field	\$21.00
9 Horse Field	\$33.60
10 Horse Field	\$50.40

One Horse with Two Horses with All with All

(Example: 1/2,3/All/All or 2,3/1/All/All or 1/All/All/ 2,3 or 2,3/All/All/1 or All/All/1/ 2,3 or All/All/2,3/ 1)	
7 Horse Field	\$4.00
8 Horse Field	\$6.00
9 Horse Field	\$8.40
10 Horse Field	\$11.20

Superfecta Key: (\$.10 Wager)

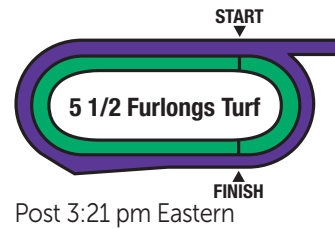
1 Horse with 3 others.	\$.60
(Example: 1/2, 3, 4/2, 3, 4/2, 3, 4)	
1 Horse with 4 others.	\$2.40
(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5/2, 3, 4, 5/2, 3, 4, 5)	
1 Horse with 5 others.	\$6.00
(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6/2, 3, 4, 5, 6/2, 3, 4, 5, 6)	
1 Horse with 6 others.	\$12.00
(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)	
1 Horse with 7 others.	\$21.00
(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)	

Breeders' Cup

JUVENILE TURF SPRINT

\$1 Million

Race 5 – Friday



Post 3:21 pm Eastern

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double, Pick 3,
\$1 Million Pick 5

International Split Decision

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Analysis: The inaugural Breeders Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint features a full field of competitive freshmen set to tussle at five and one-half furlongs on turf. A strong European contingent is expected from top trainers: Aidan O'Brien, Archie Watson and John Quinn. However, the home team seems strong, too. US-based conditioner Wesley Ward has Royal Ascot winner **SHANG SHANG SHANG** and he's joined by top North American trainers Todd Pletcher and Mark Casse with legit players in the race.

Main Contenders: **SHANG SHANG SHANG** broke maiden at Keeneland and then took the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot. That was in June, though, and she hasn't appeared in the afternoon since. Ward surely has pointed her for this and can get one ready off works alone. **STRIKE SILVER**, for Mark Casse, is another logical player from the US. He was a last-to-first winner of the Indian Summer Stakes at Keeneland. That rally was a reversal from previous winning front-running form. A top European candidate is **SOLDIER'S CALL**. He most recently was third in the Group 1 Prix de l'Abbaye at Longchamp vs. older horses. He'll face contemporaries in here and that should be an easier task.

Value Plays: **BULLETIN**, a son of City Zip, debuted in the 5-furlong Hollywood Beach Stakes at Gulfstream, went to the lead and drew off by 7 lengths for trainer Todd Pletcher. O'Brien saddles two shippers: **SERGEI PROKOFIEV** and **SO PERFECT**. The latter, a filly facing males in here, appears classiest of the pair. The daughter of Scat Daddy most recently hit the board in the Group 1 Cheveley Park Stakes at six furlongs. Her biggest win came in a Group 3 in July at The Curragh. **SERGEI PROKOFIEV** comes into the Breeders' Cup fresh off a triumph in the Group 3 Cornwallis Stakes going 5-furlongs. He's been off the board, though, in two career Group 1 tries.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$40 Win: **SOLDIER'S CALL** (\$40)
- \$5 Exacta Box: **SHANG SHANG SHANG**, **SOLDIER'S CALL**, **BULLETIN**, **SO PERFECT** (\$60)



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 2018

Favorites: n/a

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: n/a

Exacta: n/a

Trifecta: n/a

Superfecta: n/a

2017 Juvenile Turf Sprint:

n/a



Know This

The Juvenile Turf Sprint is the first addition to the Breeders' Cup lineup since the Juvenile Sprint was unveiled in 2011 and discontinued after 2012.

North America's leading 2YO turf sprint trainers since 2013 (through 10/21/18): Wesley Ward (55 wins), Mark Casse (41), Todd Pletcher (23), Christophe Clement (16) and George Weaver (15).

Leading 2YO turf sires at Churchill Downs over the last 5 years include Scat Daddy (6 wins), Uncle Mo (4), More Than Ready (4), Kitten's Joy (3) and War Front (3).

Leading turf sprint sires at Churchill Downs over the last 5 years include More Than Ready (5 wins), City Zip (4), Songandaprayer (4) Broken Vow (3), Giant's Causeway (3), Half Ours (3), Mizzen Mast (3), Offlee Wild (3), Scat Daddy (3), Badge of Silver (3) and Blame (3).

Previous BC Sprint events on turf at Churchill Downs have been contested at 5 furlongs. This year both the Juvenile Turf and Turf Sprint will be decided at 5 1/2 furlongs on grass.

Stats & Trends and Know This material supplied by Jeremy Plonk (Xpressbet.com @HorsePlayerNow).

Matt's Picks

1. **SOLDIER'S CALL**
2. **BULLETIN**
3. **SO PERFECT**
4. **SHANG SHANG SHANG**

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Breeders' Cup

JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

\$1 Million - Grade 1

Race 6 – Friday



Post 4:00 pm Eastern

Wagering Menu
Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double, Pick 3,
\$1.5 Million Pick 4

Respect Foreign Invasion

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Analysis: This field is loaded! Expect an early November soft Kentucky turf course, so my picks all have done well over ground with 'give' in it. Also, they've each performed well in either Grade 1 or Group 1 company. European shippers will be very tough in this race and should dominate the top placings. There are eight foreign-bred fillies--five Irish, two French & one from Great Britain.

Main Contenders: Top international trainer Aidan O'Brien is expected to run three fillies. One of them is my top pick. **HERMOSA** has two turf wins in Ireland for O'Brien, both came over less-than-firm courses. Her most recent win was in Group 3 company in the Weld Park Stakes. She followed that with a runner-up performance in the Bet365 Mile – a Group 1 race at one mile at Newmarket. She also is by the world's leading sire, Galileo, so it's no surprise she's going to be respected. **LILY'S CANDLE** just won going a mile on a firm turf course in the Qatar Prix Marcel Boussac, a Group 1 Race at Longchamp. She's also won against stakes company going seven furlongs over a soft turf course in early August. Before **LA PELOSA** came across the pond in mid-September to win Woodbine's one-mile Grade 1 Natalma, she was group stakes-placed on the turf in Great Britain for trainer Charles Appleby. **NEWSPAPEROFRECORD** from the Chad Brown barn would love a wet course. She romped by nearly seven as favorite in her debut at Saratoga around two turns over a yielding course. She duplicated that effort next out dominating the Grade 2 Miss Grillo, also over a yielding course at Belmont.

Value Plays: **VARENKA** is a maiden on the improve and was second in the Miss Grillo for trainer Graham Motion. **MY GAL BETTY** is trained by Hall of Famer Roger Attfield and was unbeaten until runner-up in the Natalma last out.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$50 Win & Place: **HERMOSA** (\$100)

Xpressbet Breeders' Cup Wager Guide free daily online updates with revised Analysis, Picks and Wagering Strategies begin Tuesday, Oct. 30.
Updated guide available Thursday, Nov. 1.



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 2008

Favorites: Win 10%

In-The-Money 40%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$17.44

Exacta: \$149.30

Trifecta: \$2,005.16

Superfecta: \$22,279.34

2017 Juvenile Fillies Turf:

Trainer Chad Brown notched his fourth Juvenile Fillies Turf win of the decade when Rushing Fall overcame post 11 of 14 to score as the 3-1 second choice. Race favorite Happily checked in last after a troubled trip.

? Know This

Chad Brown is 17: 4-2-0 in the Juvenile Fillies Turf. He's only had entrants in 8 editions, so he's won one-half of the races he's entered.

North America owns this division with 8 winners from 10 renewals. Foreign-bred runners have landed in the trifecta in 6 straight years.

Euro-based favorites in the Juvenile Fillies Turf are 6: 0-1-1, including 2017 last-place finisher Happily.

No California-based filly has finished in the Juvenile Fillies Turf exacta – best was third in 2013.

9 out of 10 Juvenile Fillies Turf winners have finished either first or second in final BC preps.

Belmont Park's Miss Grillo Stakes has produced the Juvenile Fillies Turf winner 4 times. The Natalma (2) at Woodbine is the only other prep to springboard multiple winners. Natalma winners repeated in Kentucky-hosted Cups (Churchill and Keeneland).

No runner has won the Juvenile Fillies Turf in wire-to-wire fashion.

Stan's Picks

1. **HERMOSA**
2. **LILY'S CANDLE**
3. **LA PELOSA**
4. **MY GAL BETTY**

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Tito's Handmade Vodka

JUVENILE FILLIES

\$2 Million - Grade 1

Race 7 – Friday

East-West Clash on Tap

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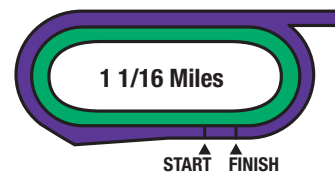
Analysis: A talented group of young ladies, including several with recent double-digit scores on resumes, meet here. Last year's edition featured an early speed duel between Moonshine Memories (Prat/Callaghan) and Alluring Star (Talamo/Baffert), that catapulted longshot Caledonia Road (Smith/Nicks) into the winner's circle. This year, those seeking value just might enjoy a similar sequel. More than half of this field has performed best on the lead, including the classy **BELLAFINA** (Prat/Callaghan). That may turn this into a rider's race or a case of survival of the fittest filly.

Main Contenders: **BELLAFINA** is the most expensive purchase in the field (\$800,000) and boasts impressive hardware, including three consecutive graded stakes victories. She appears the filly to beat. She's gotten better with added distance, relaxing with or without blinkers. It's unlikely she'll be alone on the lead in here, though. In her last two starts, **SERENGETI EMPRESS** has won by a combined 33 lengths and **JAYWALK**, though untested at this distance, led to an impressive win in the Grade 1 Frizette. Aptly named **RESTLESS RIDER** appears the most aggressive filly in the group, but has excelled under the patient (and strong) hands of jockey Brian Hernandez, Jr. She's overcome a bushful of trouble and relaxed enough to stretch out and win. She also has a perfect record at Churchill Downs.

Value Plays: Note, trainer Stanley Gold (**COOKIE DOUGH**) is the only conditioner in here to have won this race before (Awesome Feather in 2010). **SIPPICAN HARBOR** scored on the lead by 17 lengths to break her maiden, but matured sufficiently to sit off the pace to win the Grade 1 Spinaway.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$30 to Win: **BELLAFINA** (\$30)
- \$30 to Win: **RESTLESS RIDER** (\$30)
- \$20 Exacta Box: **BELLAFINA** and **RESTLESS RIDER** (\$40)



Post 4:40 pm Eastern

Wagering Menu
Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double, Pick 3,
Special Double,
Pick 4



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 53%

In-The-Money 76%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$22.41

Exacta: \$223.39

Trifecta: \$3,047.38

Superfecta: \$24,475.76

2017 Juvenile Fillies:

Mike Smith, the all-time leading Breeders' Cup jockey, opened a chaotic Saturday of BC results with a 17-1 upset aboard Caledonia Road. It was Smith's record-padding 26th BC victory and his third Juvenile Fillies title in the past decade.

? Know This

4 of the last 5 Juvenile Fillies winners were bombs at 17-1, 32-1, 33-1 and 61-1. The average \$2 win payoff during that span was \$60.20.

Last year, Caledonia Road became only the second Juvenile Fillies winner to succeed in her third career start. She joined Indian Blessing (2007) as the least experienced winners.

In 8 previous Juvenile Fillies at Churchill, California-prepped runners have just 1 win - Pleasant Stage (1991).

The Frizette added a record-padding 11th Juvenile Fillies winner last year with Caledonia Road. The Alcibiades and Chandelier both have produced 7 winners of this race.

Juvenile Fillies history boasts 6 winners at 30-1 odds or more. That's more than any other Breeders' Cup division. Overall, there have been 26 Breeders' Cup upsets at 30-1 odds or more.

Eight undefeated starters have won the Juvenile Fillies, most recently Songbird (2015).

Megan's Picks

1. **BELLAFINA**
2. **RESTLESS RIDER**
3. **JAYWALK**
4. **SERENGETI EMPRESS**

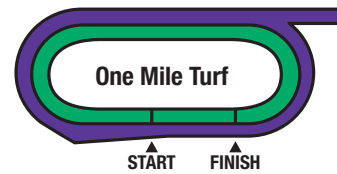
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Breeders' Cup

JUVENILE TURF

\$1 Million - Grade 1

Race 8 – Friday



Post 5:22 pm Eastern

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double, Pick 3,
Special Double

Appleby Reports for Duty

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Analysis: While Europeans hold a nearly two-to-one edge on their North American counterparts in the BC Juvenile Turf, there are a couple runners from our side of the pond that look capable of making some noise. It doesn't appear on paper that we'll be looking at too serious a pace, and that could advantage the forward players. The Euros who appear to fit the bill best are **BROOME** and **LINE OF DUTY**; they'll meet a capable home team this year led by recent stakes winners **FORTY UNDER** and **CURRENT**.

Main Contenders: **LINE OF DUTY** overcame a tough trip to break his maiden two starts back before stepping up to capture the Group 3 Prix de Conde at Chantilly last out. He'll get his class test, but trainer Charlie Appleby is no stranger to Breeders' Cup success, having saddled Outstrip (\$14) to win this race in 2013 and Wuheida (\$24) to win the Filly & Mare Turf last year – from just three career Breeders' Cup starters. **BROOME** has been knocking on the door against good groups in recent starts for trainer Aidan O'Brien, who has won this race four times, and he showed a little bit of comfortable pace in that Group 1 run last out at Longchamp before getting caught late. **CURRENT** was the only one to close any ground in the Grade 3 Bourbon at Keeneland, and he has now won over turf courses rated 'firm' and 'good,' so he should be able to adapt to whatever the weather throws his way. His only loss came at the hands of a next-out Grade 1 winner, so there's some quality. **FORTY UNDER** has been a revelation on the grass in his two most recent starts, but he has been the beneficiary of a couple of decent setups in those scores, and to these eyes he's still got some proving to do.

Value Plays: **HENLEY'S JOY** isn't flashy, but he's tactical and has proven that he knows how to dig in and doesn't mind a fight in the lane. He should get one of the better trips from just off the speed and might get a bit forgotten on the tote.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$30 Win and Place: **LINE OF DUTY** (\$60)
- \$8 Exacta Part-Wheel: **LINE OF DUTY** with **BROOME**, **CURRENT**, **FORTY UNDER**, **HENLEY'S JOY** and **WAR OF WILL** (\$40)



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 2007

Favorites: Win 22%

In-The-Money 72%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$16.31

Exacta: \$178.71

Trifecta: \$1,766.22

Superfecta: \$16,699.93

2017 Juvenile Turf:

Lukewarm 9-2 favorite Mendelssohn skimmed the rail to continue trainer Aidan O'Brien's recent division dominance. He also trained winners of this race in 2011, 2012 and 2015.

? Know This

8 of 11 Juvenile Turf winners were prepped in Europe. 5 of those last-raced at Newmarket. 3 of the last 6 winners ran in the Dewhurst Stakes.

Aidan O'Brien owns the Juvenile Turf with a 15: 4-4-0 record. He's won this race in 4 of the last 7 years and has had an exacta finisher in 6 of 7 years.

10 of 11 Juvenile Turf winners have been 9-2 odds or higher.

Last year Mendelssohn (\$11.60) snapped a 7-year favorite losing streak.

A horse 12th or farther back early has landed in the Juvenile Turf trifecta each of the last 3 years.

A field of 12-14 has started in every edition of the Juvenile Turf.

No California-based horse has ever finished first or second in the Juvenile Turf.

Brian's Picks

1. **LINE OF DUTY**
2. **HENLEY'S JOY**
3. **BROOME**
4. **CURRENT**

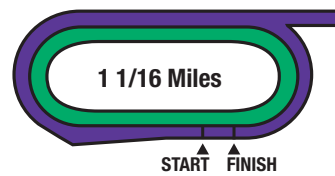
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JUVENILE

\$2 Million - Grade 1

Race 9 – Friday



Post 6:05 pm Eastern

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double,
Special Double

Game Winner on the Horizon

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Analysis: The Juvenile is usually a great challenge, particularly when you handicap two of the top trainers in the game. And it so happens they have the top contenders. What's a little different this time is that each is away from home. New York and California meet in Kentucky as Chad Brown and Bob Baffert runners clearly have guns loaded with the top from each coast. To many observers and players, it looks like one or the other – Brown's **COMPLEXITY** or Baffert's **GAME WINNER**. The mile and one-sixteenth race is around two turns at Churchill Downs, and **GAME WINNER** has accomplished that layout with his win in the Grade 1 American Pharoah. Brown will go for his second consecutive Juvenile (following Good Magic), while Baffert will go for his fourth (New Year's Day, Midshipman and Vindication).

Main Contenders: **COMPLEXITY** and **GAME WINNER** have plenty of upside.

Each is unbeaten – **COMPLEXITY** after two races and **GAME WINNER** after three.

COMPLEXITY ran at Saratoga and Belmont, **GAME WINNER** at Del Mar and Santa Anita.

The feeling here is that **GAME WINNER** has done more, has been more dominant, has defeated better horses and is better-suited for longer distances. No reason to believe Baffert doesn't have another stone-cold runner on a huge scale. **GUNMETAL GRAY** has a chance to get up for second.

Value Plays: **GUNMETAL GRAY** will probably be overlooked in the win pool. **CODE OF HONOR'S** closing second vs. **COMPLEXITY** in the Grade 1 Champagne did more for him than his gate-to-wire run in his debut. **KNICKS GO** was impressive going two turns in the Breeders' Futurity.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$40 Win: **GAME WINNER** (\$40)
- \$20 Exacta Part-Wheel: **GAME WINNER** over **GUNMETAL GRAY** and **COMPLEXITY** (\$40)
- \$10 Exacta Part-Wheel: **GAME WINNER** over **CODE OF HONOR** and **KNICKS GO** (\$20)



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 32%

In-The-Money 68%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$17.36

Exacta: \$169.17

Trifecta: \$1,175.19

Superfecta: \$11,450.78

2017 Juvenile:

Good Magic won last year's edition by 4 1/4 lengths at 11-1, to become the first maiden to win a Breeders' Cup event. Trainer Chad Brown added a BC Dirt winner to his 9 previous BC turf tallies.



Know This

In 8 previous Juveniles held at Churchill, California-prepped runners have been shut out. New York and Kentucky grads have won 3 editions each and Canada and France have accounted for one each.

Shanghai Bobby (2012) is the last favorite to have won the Juvenile. In the past 11 years, the Juvenile favorite has been second 8 times.

The Juvenile winner has had just 2 prior starts 7 times, including Good Magic last year.

Single-digit odds runners have comprised at least two-thirds of the Juvenile trifecta each year since 1997, including last year's 2-3 finishers.

Each of the last 6 Juvenile pacesetters has faded to finish off the board.

Only 2 Juvenile winners exited maiden-breaking victories in their most recent preps: Action This Day (2003) and New Year's Day (2013).

Overall, 10 Juvenile winners have been undefeated, most recently Nyquist (2015).

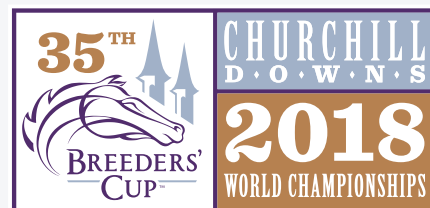
Jerry's Picks

1. **GAME WINNER**
2. **GUNMETAL GRAY**

3. **COMPLEXITY**
4. **CODE OF HONOR**

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Bonus Stats & Trends



Here are some additional useful Breeders' Cup tidbits.

FAILED SEQUELS

Last year, 9 previous BC-race winners struggled to a 9: 0-0-1 mark. Highland Reel finished third in the BC Turf.

'CUPS RUNNETH OVER

Churchill Downs has hosted 8 Breeders' Cup events and 73 Breeders' Cup races. A staggering 8 winners have paid \$75 or more each for a \$2 bet. The average BC winner at CD has returned \$26.14.

SEPTEMBER MOURN?

One Dreamer, in the 1994 Distaff, is the only Breeders' Cup winner last-prepped during Kentucky Downs, Churchill Downs or Los Alamitos September meets.

TOP PREPS

The most successful BC springboards have been Belmont's Frizette (Juvenile Fillies) and Keeneland's Spinster (Distaff, F&M Sprint) tied with 11 wins, followed by the Arc de Triomphe (Turf, F&M Turf) with 10 wins.

WORLDWIDE WINNERS

Worldwide, 36 different racetracks have hosted final prep races for Breeders' Cup winners. Remington Park joined that list in 2017 with Dirt Mile winner Battle of Midway.

THEY'RE DUE

The longest active Breeders' Cup losing streaks belong to trainers John Sadler (0-41), Christophe Clement (0-35) and Kenny McPeck (0-29). On the positive side, combined they have accounted for 14 runners-up and nearly \$9 million in earnings.

MAMA MIA

Only 3 Breeders' Cup winners have foaled a BC winner: Personal Ensign (My Flag, 1995 Juvenile Fillies), Hollywood Wildcat (War Chant, 2000 Mile) and My Flag (Storm Flag Flying, 2002 Juvenile Fillies).

BACK TO 14

The addition of the Juvenile Turf Sprint brings the BC race menu back to 14 for the first time since 2013 - prior to the elimination of the Marathon. The BC event record is 15 when the Juvenile Sprint and Marathon both were part of the mix in 2011-'12.

MORE FOR FOUR

Post 4 has more victories than any starting spot in Breeders' Cup history with 37, most recently Stormy Liberal (2017 Turf Sprint). Post 5, which had 4 wins last year at Del Mar, is next with 35, followed by posts 1 and 2 with 31 wins apiece.

A CENTURY OF FAVORITES

The next favorite to win will be the 100th in Breeders' Cup history. Public choices are 99-for-318, a 31% win rate.

DISAPPEARING ROMPS

Only 1 Breeders' Cup race in the last decade has been decided by 6 lengths or more - American Pharoah's 2015 Classic stroll at Keeneland by 6 1/2 lengths. By comparison, 4 BC races from 2005-2007 were won by such wide margins.

Most BC Victories by Active Jockeys

<u>Wins</u>	<u>Jockey</u>
26	Mike Smith
15	John Velazquez
12	Frankie Dettori
11	Gary Stevens
10	Corey Nakatani
9	Ryan Moore
8	Javier Castellano
7	Julien Leparoux
6	Joel Rosario
6	Kent Desormeaux
5	Cornelio Velasquez
5	Edgar Prado
5	Rafael Bejarano

Most BC Victories by Active Trainers

<u>Wins</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
20	D. Wayne Lukas
14	Bob Baffert
12	Aidan O'Brien
10	Bill Mott
10	Chad Brown
9	Shug McGaughey
9	Todd Pletcher
9	Richard Mandella
7	Sir Michael Stoute
6	Neil Drysdale
6	Steve Asmussen
5	Doug O'Neill
5	Andre Fabre

Most BC Victories by Sires

<u>Wins</u>	<u>Sire</u>
6	Unbridled's Song
6	Sadler's Wells
5	Danzig
5	Kris S.
5	More Than Ready
5	Smart Strike
5	Storm Cat
5	Tapit
4	Awesome Again
4	City Zip
4	Galileo
4	Gone West
4	Kitten's Joy
4	Nureyev
4	Street Cry

Breeders' Cup

FILLY & MARE SPRINT

\$1 Million - Grade 1

Race 3 – Saturday



Post 12:00 pm Eastern

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double, Pick 3

Seven Furlongs, Not Six

By Bob Neumeier, HorsePlayerNow.com

Analysis: Should an extra one-eighth of a mile offer any consequence? It could. Crackerjack sprinters like CHALON, KIRBY'S PENNY, SKYE DIAMONDS and STORMY EMBRACE have never won a race at seven furlongs. Is this the time these gals will break through and win at this demanding distance in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint? Methinks not. Post position is important with the inside lanes providing a distinct disadvantage. With MIA MISCHIEF, MISS SUNSET and others participating, the pace should be demanding. Thus, a mid-pack, off-the-pace type should provide the correct formula. The answer...MARLEY'S FREEDOM.

Main Contenders: MARLEY'S FREEDOM could be the 'B' runner in the powerful barn of trainer Bob Baffert. The 'A' entrant is unbeaten three-year-old DREAM TREE, she of the unblemished record and a style that can 'go long or short.' But her resume was built against other sophomores, and history suggests that older runners have an advantage. Given Baffert's success in high-profile races, you can bet that both runners will be taking a lot of the action. Another pet of the racing public is trainer Brad Cox, who saddles GOLDEN MISCHIEF, the winner of the always-productive TCA Stakes at Keeneland.

Value Plays: If you are a fan of the 'horses-for-courses' angle, welcome FINLEY'SLUCKYCHARM, who sports an amazing six wins in seven starts at cushy Churchill Downs. She should go postward somewhere in the 5-1 to 9-1 range. HIGHWAY STAR may be a tad slower in the speed-figure world, but 5-of-6 in the exacta with three wins is impressive. In the 2017 F&M Sprint, 'bombs-away' Bar of Gold returned a juicy \$135.40 to win. Yikes. HIGHWAY STAR has a longshot chance, but hardly a Bar of Gold. You get the gist.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$4 Trifecta Key MARLEY'S FREEDOM over GOLDEN MISCHIEF, DREAM TREE, FINLEY'SLUCKYCHARM, CHALON and HIGHWAY STAR (\$80)
- \$20 Win: HIGHWAY STAR (\$20)



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 2007

Favorites: Win 27%

In-The-Money 54%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$26.58

Exacta: \$313.11

Trifecta: \$3,957.78

Superfecta: \$41,852.31

2017 Filly & Mare Sprint:

66-1 stunner Bar of Gold rallied from 13th of 14 for a dramatic nose victory that keyed a \$176,390 \$1 superfecta payoff. Unique Bella, the 6-5 favorite, set the pace before wilting to seventh.



Know This

The \$135.40 payoff for Bar of Gold last year nearly doubled the average payout in this race's history from \$13.39 to \$26.58 and increased average exotic payoffs by a factor of 2 to 4 times.

Both F&M Sprints held at Churchill were won following preps in the Thoroughbred Club of America at Keeneland. The Lexington fall meet has produced 6 of 11 winners of this race, including last year with Bar of Gold exiting the Spinster.

Finest City and Bar of Gold each turned back in distance to win the last 2 F&M Sprint editions; that had not happened in the event's first 9 years.

3-year-olds are a paltry 31: 0-2-4 in this race, topped by runner-up finishes by Indian Blessing (2008) and Switch (2011).

F&M Sprint pacemakers own an 11: 0-1-1 record in this race, including favored Unique Bella last year. Pacesetter La Verdad (2015) finished second at Keeneland in Kentucky.

Jockey Joel Rosario boasts a 6: 1-3-1 record with his last 6 mounts in the F&M Sprint.

Bob's Picks

1. MARLEY'S FREEDOM
2. GOLDEN MISCHIEF
3. CHALON
4. FINLEY'SLUCKYCHARM

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Breeders' Cup

TURF SPRINT

\$1 Million - Grade 1

Race 4 – Saturday



Wagering Menu
Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double, Pick 3,
Pick 4

Post 12:38 pm Eastern

Prices Plummet in Rematch

By **Jeremy Plonk**, Xpressbet.com • @HorsePlayerNow

Analysis: Contestants get an extra half-furlong to work with in this year's Turf Sprint at Churchill compared to the 2010 and 2011 renewals hosted in Louisville, and at Del Mar last year. That could be a factor for two reasons: Horses drawn in tough post positions will enjoy a longer run into the only turn. And there's more real estate for late-runners to utilize. Europeans have had legitimate impact on other turf divisions, but there's speed and then there's American speed. History, and quality domestic entrants this year, indicate a continued lean to the red, white and blue side of things in this race.

Main Contenders: Last year's top four finishers return for this edition, led by 30-1 stunner **STORMY LIBERAL** and Peter Miller-barnmate **RICHARD'S BOY**; New York's finest turf dasher **DISCO PARTNER** and 'Capt. Keeneland' **BUCCHERO**. It's true **STORMY LIBERAL** has won three straight since **DISCO PARTNER** took him out in the Jaipur for the second straight year, but his last six wins have been by a neck or less. Is there enough good fortune remaining to accept something closer to 3-1 this time than 30-1 last time? Similarly, **BUCCHERO** won last year's Woodford at Keeneland at 26-1 and then returned as the 3-1 repeat winner this year. You may like the horse, but you won't like the price – nor will it represent fair value.

Value Plays: Scoot past last year's top four underlaid returnees, and value abounds. The 'other' Miller is **CONQUEST TSUNAMI**, who will take them a long way up front. The two Turf Sprints at Churchill saw Regally Ready win on the front and Central City nearly steal the previous year's dash before holding second. **CHANTELINE** is in career form and those who handle the sand-based course at Keeneland often do well at Churchill. Mares have run well in this division. Mid-Atlantic turf sprinters often are underrated, and Jason Servis' **RAINBOW HEIR** and **VISION PERFECT** will be overlooked while distracted by the shiny object from the same barn, **WORLD OF TROUBLE**.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$30 Win and Place: **CONQUEST TSUNAMI** (\$60)
- \$5 Exacta Key-Box: **CONQUEST TSUNAMI** with **CHANTELINE**, **RAINBOW HEIR**, **VISION PERFECT** and **DISCO PARTNER** (\$40)

Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 2008

Favorites: Win 40%

In-The-Money 60%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$25.16

Exacta: \$229.58

Trifecta: \$2,362.82

Superfecta: \$23,142.46

2017 Turf Sprint:

Trainer Peter Miller not only notched his first Breeders' Cup victory, but did so with a 1-2 finish as **Stormy Liberal** (30-1) returned from a June layoff to edge stablemate **Richard's Boy** (13-1). Later in the day, the barn would also win the Sprint with **Roy H**.

? Know This

Jockeys Joel Rosario and Flavien Prat have been superb in recent Turf Sprints. Rosario is 4: 2-0-1 with his last four mounts; in the last two years Prat has a win and a second.

The Turf Sprint has been won by horses prepped or based in the Midwest all 3 times it has been held in Kentucky-- **Chamberlain Bridge** (CD), **Regally Ready** (CD) and **Mongolian Saturday** (Kee).

Turf Sprint pacemakers have a win (**Regally Ready**) and a second (**Central City**) in 2 editions at Churchill Downs.

6 of 10 Turf Sprint winners have been age 5 or older. **Bobby's Kitten** (2014) is the only 3-year-old to have won.

Only 1 foreign-bred has won the Turf Sprint - Obviously-IRE (2016).

No horse campaigned exclusively overseas has finished in the money in 10 Turf Sprint editions.

Jeremy's Picks

1. **CONQUEST TSUNAMI**
2. **CHANTELINE**
3. **RAINBOW HEIR**
4. **DISCO PARTNER**

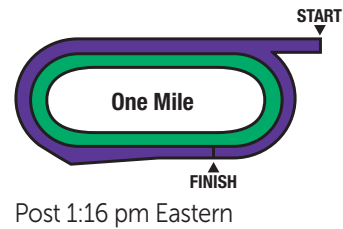
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Breeders' Cup

DIRT MILE

\$1 Million - Grade 1

Race 5 – Saturday



Wagering Menu
Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double, Pick 3

'Cruiser Needs Another Gear?

By Frank Carulli, Xpressbet.com

Analysis: Favorites are 11: 2-0-1 in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile. The average win mutuel, not counting Goldencents' repeat victory in 2014 and Liam's Map's win at 1-to-2 odds the following year, is \$29. Dakota Phone (\$77.40) and Caleb's Posse (\$15.60) conquered the one-turn mile the two years the Cup was held at Churchill Downs, while both favorites finished out of the money. It makes for an interesting backdrop, considering an undefeated four-year-old could command odds-on attention when the horses reach the gate Saturday.

Main Contenders: Expected favorite CATALINA CRUISER is unbeaten in four starts, spanning six furlongs to a mile and one-sixteenth, but his trainer, John Sadler, is winless with 41 Breeders' Cup starts. 'CRUISER romped as the lone speed in the Grade 2 San Diego, but probably won't have that luxury in his second route attempt. He pulled away impressively from last year's Dirt Mile champion, Battle of Midway, in the "Win and You're In" Pat O'Brien Stakes at Del Mar in his final tune-up. CITY OF LIGHT was a multiple Grade 1 winner as a three-year-old, the only horse to defeat Breeders' Cup Classic favorite Accelerate this year, and posted five consecutive, triple-digit Beyer Speed Figures. He reportedly had foot problems preceding the Grade 1 Forego and flattened out late off a three-month layoff.

Value Plays: The track played fair at the most recent Churchill Downs meet, with five front-end, seven mid-pack and three deep-closing winners from the last 15 races run at the distance. However, if the track turns speed-favoring and PROMISES FULFILLED opts for the Dirt Mile over the Sprint, upgrade his chances. FIRENZE FIRE is a proven miler, winning the Grade 1 Champagne last year and Grade 3 Dwyer by 9 lengths. His trainer, Jason Servis, is enjoying a blockbuster year, clicking with 30-percent winners on shippers, overall starters and horses that won their last starts.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$20 Win and Place: FIRENZE FIRE (\$40)
- \$17 Exacta Box: FIRENZE FIRE and CATALINA CRUISER (\$34)
- \$2 Exacta Wheel: FIRENZE FIRE over ALL (\$26)



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 2007

Favorites: Win 18%

In-The-Money 27%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$24.22

Exacta: \$224.76

Trifecta: \$2,389.35

Superfecta: \$16,026.31

2017 Dirt Mile:

Kentucky Derby third-place finisher Battle of Midway out-gamed speedster Sharp Azteca to win by one half-length. At 14-1, it marked trainer Jerry Hollendorfer's second Dirt Mile upset. He also won with Dakota Phone (2010) at 37-1.



Know This

The Dirt Mile has produced a \$25-plus \$2 win mutuel in 5 of 11 editions.

In the last 8 years sophs have had 7 Dirt Mile exacta finishes, including victories by Caleb's Posse (2010), Goldencents (2013) and Battle of Midway (2017).

California-based horses have won the Dirt Mile 5 times in 11 years, including Dakota Phone (2010) at Churchill Downs.

Don't over-emphasize a most recent prep race as 9 of 11 Dirt Mile victors have lost final tune-ups.

Bob Baffert has saddled the Dirt Mile beaten favorite in the past 2 years: Dortmund (3-5, 4th) and Mor Spirit (2-1, 8th).

West coast-based jockeys - Flavien Prat, Mike Smith, Rafael Bejarano (twice) and Corey Nakatani - have won the Dirt Mile in 5 of the last 6 years.

Two-time winner Goldencents has been the only wire-to-wire Dirt Mile champ.

Frank's Picks

1. FIRENZE FIRE
2. CATALINA CRUISER
3. CITY OF LIGHT
4. PROMISES FULFILLED

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Maker's Mark

FILLY & MARE TURF

\$2 Million - Grade 1

Race 6 – Saturday

Ain't Broke, Don't Fix It!

By Millie Ball, XBTV.com • @camillayakteen

Analysis: While the distance of the Maker's Mark Filly & Mare Turf has gone from a mile and one-eighth last year to a mile and three-eighths this year, the lead characters appear unchanged: English shippers versus Chad Brown. At least that's how this story has played out over the past six years. Though the plot may be trending predictable, good news is that it hasn't affected wagering value. Brown has yet to claim the Filly & Mare Turf with his shortest-priced entry (this year he might start four runners) and the average odds on recent English success stories is a juicy 6.90-to-1.

Main Contenders: This summer, Brown's robust stable won all three American turf preps with free passage into this race. **SISTERCHARLIE** led the way in the Beverly D at Arlington, and **FOURSTAR CROOK**, the only filly or mare to have beaten the aforementioned stablemate this year, won the Flower Bowl at Belmont. While **SISTERCHARLIE** has a stronger resume - three Grade 1s to her credit - **FOURSTAR CROOK** offers more value. Unlike her stablemate, 'CROOK has shown she can handle give in the ground and has proven she can handle any type of pace. She possesses a good turn of foot, evident in her latest, and she is genuine. Meanwhile, Charlie Appleby, the English trainer who conquered this event last year with Wuheida, is back with Prix de l'Opera winner **WILD ILLUSION**. Like Wuheida, **WILD ILLUSION** was a Group 1 winner at two, but boasts far superior form to her predecessor as a three-year-old.

Value Plays: **EZIYRA** finished third in the Group 1 Yorkshire Oaks behind recent Group 1 Arc de Triomphe runner-up Sea of Class and Group 1 Qipco British Champions Fillies and Mares Stakes runner-up Coronet. Sophomore **MAGIC WAND** ran second to **WILD ILLUSION** in the Prix de l'Opera and continues to improve. Astonishingly, her trainer Aidan O'Brien has never won the F&M Turf.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$25 Exacta Part-Wheel: **WILD ILLUSION** with **FOURSTAR CROOK**, **SISTERCHARLIE**, **EZIYRA** (\$75)
- \$9 Exacta: **FOUR STAR CROOK** with **WILD ILLUSION** (\$9)
- \$8 Exacta Part-Wheel: **SISTERCHARLIE**, **EZIYRA** with **WILD ILLUSION** (\$16)

Millie's Picks

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| 1. WILD ILLUSION | 3. SISTERCHARLIE |
| 2. FOURSTAR COOK | 4. EZIYRA |



Post 2:04 pm Eastern

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double, Pick 3,
\$1 Million Pick 6



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1999

Favorites: Win 21%

In-The-Money 74%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$21.37

Exacta: \$156.52

Trifecta: \$1,532.03

Superfecta: \$10,806.11

2017 Filly & Mare Turf:

The heartwarming comeback tale of Lady Eli came to a disappointing conclusion as the 3-2 favorite finished a troubled seventh. Instead, Godolphin's Wuheida flipped the script in her Prix de l'Opera re-match with Coolmore's Rhododendron, providing a 1-2 finish for the global powerhouses.

? Know This

North Americans own an 11-8 edge over Europeans. Euros seek their first three-peat following Wuheida (2016) and Queen's Trust (2017).

Trainer Aidan O'Brien is a paltry 11: 0-2-2 in here.

Great Britain-bred runners have won this race 9 times, including back-to-back the last two years.

Two preps have produced more than half of the 19 F&M Turf winners: Belmont's Flower Bowl (6) and Keeneland's First Lady (4).

Pacemakers have accounted for 2 wins and 3 in-the-money finishes from 19 editions.

California-prepped runners are 0-for-43 all-time in the F&M Turf with 5 in-the-money finishes

Five 3-year-olds have won the F&M Turf--all Europeans, including Wuheida and Queen's Trust in the past 2 years.

In the past 7 years Foreign-bred runners have accounted for 13 of 21 trifecta placings.

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SPRINT

\$2 Million - Grade 1

Race 7 – Saturday



Post 2:46 pm Eastern

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double, Pick 3,
\$2 Million Pick 5

No Doubt About This Pick

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Analysis: IMPERIAL HINT is one length from winning his last eight six-furlong races. That length came in the 2017 Sprint when ROY H ran him down in the final 100 yards. ROY H was unlucky not to win all six of his 2017 races. A loose horse in the Bing Crosby cost him a perfect season. That said, I thought IMPERIAL HINT was the better horse at Del Mar last year and I am absolutely certain IMPERIAL HINT is the best horse now. The farther outside horses ran on the Del Mar main track at the 2017 BC, the faster they ran. And ROY H caught the dream trip in the Sprint. As he did last year, IMPERIAL HINT has been training at Parx for months. Parx never had a horse win a 'Win and You're In' race. Suddenly, horses stabled there won three in eight days. My theory is that the surface, which has been super-deep and tiring all year, has gotten horses incredibly fit. And that would include IMPERIAL HINT, already the fastest horse in the country.

Main Contenders: IMPERIAL HINT was 4-1 last year on the tote. Anything above 2-1 would be a gift this time. The 5-year-old is your classic two-way horse. He obviously has enough speed to control the race from the top, but, more importantly, has the motor to sit back and accelerate past even the fastest horses around. ROY H has not come back to his top races from last year when he twice earned 111 Beyer figures; and he got dream trips in his two wins against overmatched horses. PROMISES FULFILLED has had a great year against three-year-olds. Different world and more top-end speed here. LIMOUSINE LIBERAL has hit the board in 17 sprint stakes, but was no factor in two previous BC Sprint attempts. WHITMORE is 9-for-13 at the distance with \$2 million in earnings.

Value Plays: X Y JET has run some overpowering races for the very dangerous Jorge Navarro barn. He'll be the other half of the exacta.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$100 Exacta: IMPERIAL HINT over X Y JET (\$100)

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Updated guide available Thursday, Nov. 1.



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 24%

In-The-Money 44%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$20.81

Exacta: \$274.85

Trifecta: \$2,638.62

Superfecta: \$31,334.90

2017 Sprint:

Trainer Peter Miller capped a day of dash successes when Roy H outdueled pacemaker Imperial Hint by one length, adding to the barn's earlier Turf Sprint score with Stormy Liberal. Defending Sprint champ and 7-5 chalk Drefong disappointed in sixth.

? Know This

Of the last 5 defending Sprint Champions to compete, only 2014 runner-up Secret Circle has even hit the board. 2016 winner Drefong was 6th last year at 7-5 odds.

9 consecutive Sprint winners were making their first starts in the race.

The last 4 Sprint exactas have been swept by horses that were in the top 4 after the opening half-mile - 1-2 duelers the last 2 years finished first and second.

California-based runners have won 8 of the last 12 Sprints, including 2 straight (Drefong, Roy H).

3yos have won 3 of the last 6 Sprints: Trinniberg (2012), Runhappy (2015) & Drefong (2016).

The leading Sprint prep is the Santa Anita Sprint Championship (formerly Ancient Title) with 6 winners - including Roy H a year ago. 3 of the last 4 Sprint editions at Churchill have been won by graduates of this prep: Kona Gold (2000), Thor's Echo (2006) & Amazombie (2011).

Dick's Picks

1. IMPERIAL HINT
2. X Y JET
3. ROY H
4. LIMOUSINE LIBERAL

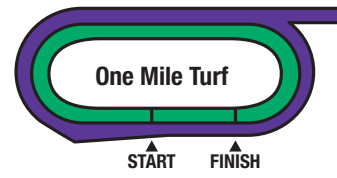
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Breeders' Cup

MILE

\$2 Million - Grade 1

Race 8 – Saturday



Post 3:36 pm Eastern

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double, Pick 3,
\$3 Million Pick 4

Poly Will Run a 'Cracker' Mile

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Analysis: North American-based runners have enjoyed reasonable success in the 34-year history of the Breeders' Cup Mile, considerably better by comparison to what the home team has been able to achieve in the Breeders' Cup Turf. Trouble is, this has not been a banner year in the States for this division, which has been characterized by extreme inconsistency. **OSCAR PERFORMANCE** can be considered the current leader following his victory in the Woodbine Mile and is undefeated in three starts at this exact mile trip, including the BC Juvenile Turf two years ago. However, his only prior race over the Churchill Downs turf course was poor.

Main Contenders: There aren't any monsters among the invaders, but there are plenty of high-quality types that are capable on their best day of winning. The 3-year-old filly **POLYDREAM** had no chance due to severe traffic on Arc day in the Group 1 Prix de la Foret, but her form before that was outstanding and included a win against older males in the 20-runner Group 1 Maurice de Gheest at Deauville in August. She's not Goldikova or Miesque, but she won't have to be. **EXPERT EYE**, a Group 3 winner at Royal Ascot in June, hasn't yet won a Group 1, but he was most recently a strong closing third in the Group 1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp and before that finished an admirable second in the Group 1 Sussex at Goodwood.

Value Plays: Regarding the Americans, in addition to **OSCAR PERFORMANCE**, the California invader **CATAPULT** brings to Kentucky back-to-back Grade 2 wins and clearly has improved since joining the John Sadler barn three races back. **ONE MASTER**, the 47-1 upset winner of the Group 1 Prix de la Foret, had better form than her price gave her credit for, and can be included somewhere in the exotics.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$28 Win: **POLYDREAM** (\$28)
- \$4 Exacta Box: **POLYDREAM**, **EXPERT EYE**, **OSCAR PERFORMANCE** (\$24)
- \$4 Exacta Box: **POLYDREAM**; **EXPERT EYE**, **CATAPULT** (\$24)
- \$4 Exacta Box: **POLYDREAM**, **EXPERT EYE**, **ONE MASTER** (\$24)



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 35%

In-The-Money 50%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$22.21

Exacta: \$300.62

Trifecta: \$7,840.06

Superfecta: \$34,283.37

2017 Mile:

5-2 favorite World Approval gave trainer Mark Casse his fourth BC win in the last 3 years and jockey John Velazquez his third career victory in the Mile - Da Hoss (1998) & Wise Dan (2012).



Know This

American domination in the Mile continued last year, marking the home team's 6th score in the last 7 years. In that time US-based runners also have accounted for 15 of 21 trifecta placings.

The Woodbine Mile has produced a top 3 BC Mile finisher in 10 of the last 11 years, including 4 winners. Court Vision exited that tune-up before winning the 2011 Mile, most recent at Churchill.

Boxcar payoffs have been a Mile staple at Churchill with 5 of 8 winners posting 10-1 odds or more upsets - including Court Vision \$131.60, Opening Verse \$55.40, Miesque's Approval \$50.60.

Nine females have won the Mile, more than any open Breeders' Cup division. Tepin (2015) is the most recent.

6 of the last 8 Mile winners were age 5 or older.

4 of the last 6 Mile winners competed during the Keeneland Fall Meet.

Singletary (2004) was the last California-based winner of the Mile.

Jeff's Picks

1. **POLYDREAM**
2. **EXPERT EYE**
3. **OSCAR PERFORMANCE**
4. **CATAPULT**

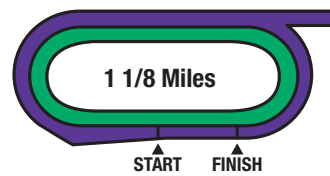
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Longines

DISTAFF

\$2 Million - Grade 1

Race 9 – Saturday



Post 4:16 pm Eastern

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double, Pick 4,

At Home in Louisville

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Analysis: Often one of the shorter fields and more predictable Breeders' Cup events, this year's Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff feels more contentious than the toteboard might suggest. While standout three-year-old **MONOMOY GIRL** may start as a solid favorite and last year's runner-up **ABEL TASMAN** will attract plenty of support, too, their margin for error is slim. **BLUE PRIZE**, **LA FORCE**, **MIDNIGHT BISOU**, **VALE DORI**, and **WOW CAT** are about as fast on paper and will offer healthier odds than the top pair.

Main Contenders: There's little doubt **MONOMOY GIRL** is the one to beat, as she's finished first in a quintet of Grade 1s this year; is 2-for-3 at Churchill Downs, including a win in the Kentucky Oaks; and is 2-for-2 at the distance. However, she's also danced many dances, doesn't have a decisive edge on speed figures and has yet to face older gals. **ABEL TASMAN** wins this on her best. She's 3-for-4 at the distance and won the 2017 Kentucky Oaks at Churchill. However, a distant fifth at 1-9 in her final prep leaves unanswered questions—like was she ill or not?

Value Plays: **BLUE PRIZE** may be overlooked in the wagering, but the consistent 5-year-old mare is playable at 9-2 or more. She's 8: 4-3-1 at the distance and 5: 3-2-0 at Churchill Downs. She's also won 4 out of her last 5 starts, including the Grade 1 Spinster at Keeneland while inexplicably veering out in the lane. **LA FORCE** is an intriguing price player, especially in exotics. She's just 2-for-22 lifetime, but has been second 7 times, including 3-in-a-row in Grade 1 Southern California races. Her off-the-pace style may fit better at Churchill than it did at Santa Anita or Del Mar.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$50 Win: **BLUE PRIZE** (\$50)
- \$20 Exacta: **BLUE PRIZE** over **MONOMOY GIRL** (\$20)
- \$5 Exacta Box: **BLUE PRIZE**, **MONOMOY GIRL**, **LA FORCE** (\$30)



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 41%

In-The-Money 56%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$18.04

Exacta: \$120.16

Trifecta: \$1,430.38

Superfecta: \$5,039.06

2017 Distaff:

Sophomores finished second through sixth, but it was late-running 5-year-old Forever Unbridled that scored the half-length decision. Jockey John Velazquez earned his second Distaff victory (Ashado 2004).



Know This

California-prepped runners have been shut out in 8 Distaffs at Churchill Downs. Winners have exited races in New York (5), Kentucky (2) and Canada (1).

At least one 3-year-old has been in the Distaff exacta in each of the last 8 years, including Abel Tasman as runner-up a year ago.

While 3-year-olds have had 10 Distaff wins overall, only 3 came with fillies making initial starts against elder rivals (Untapable, Ashado, Dance Smartly).

6 of the last 7 Distaff winners returned less than \$10 for a \$2 win wager—averaging \$8.40. Favorites are just 3 for the last 13 in this race.

3 preps have dominated the Distaff, accounting for nearly 80% of the winners: Spinster (10 wins), Beldame (9) and Zenyatta (8).

In the last 5 Distaffs, the only pacemaker to hang on for a share of the exacta was runner-up Songbird (2016). The last wire-to-wire winner was Royal Delta (2012).

Brian's Picks

1. **BLUE PRIZE**

2. **MONOMOY GIRL**

3. **LA FORCE**

4. **ABEL TASMAN**

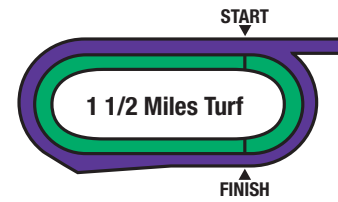
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Longines

TURF

\$4 Million - Grade 1

Race 10 – Saturday



Post 4:56 pm Eastern

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double

Price Seekers Enabled

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Analysis: The \$4 million Longines Breeders' Cup Turf draws a superbly representative field from Europe and the USA. Clearly, race build up revolves around dual Arc de Triomphe heroine **ENABLE**, who will deservedly be an odds-on favorite. Much discussion will center on a trends-based analysis that boasts that no horse ever has won the Arc and BC Turf in the same season. Given that no fewer than 12 horses to compete in the Arc have subsequently been successful, this can be seen as reductive analysis and one that should have limited basis when assessing **ENABLE'S** chance in this race on this day. It is more sensible to focus on whether she can show her true superiority over this group, and whether ground, pace and track variables will affect her chances. Interestingly, given her light and interrupted 2018 campaign, her trainer John Gosden believes she can move forward off the Arc.

Main Contenders: **CRYSTAL OCEAN** is a straightforward, versatile galloper who should be ridden prominently; he has few complications and ought to acquit himself well. **ENABLE** brushed him aside at Kempton in her Arc prep, but was in receipt of 8 lbs. Trainer Andre Fabre saddles last year's winner **TALISMANIC** and Arc fourth **WALDGEIST**. **TALISMANIC** has not sparkled since a poor run in the Dubai World Cup. **WALDGEIST**, who raced against the bias in the Arc and didn't get the clearest of runs, is much preferred, especially over soggy ground. Aidan O'Brien's 3-year-old filly **MAGICAL** - like his previous sophomore filly and BC Turf winner Found - is peaking at the right time. **CHANNEL MAKER** reacted well to positive tactics at Belmont and offers hope for a podium finish for the home team.

Value Plays: **ENABLE** is a star, but she might not be as invincible as last year. She enjoyed a perfect Arc trip under a brilliant ride. There may be some mileage in trying to dig out a few to better her on the day. Exactas shunning her will pay huge.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$5 Exacta Box: **WALDGEIST**, **MAGICAL**, **CRYSTAL OCEAN** and **CHANNEL MAKER** (\$60)
- \$40 Win: **WALDGEIST** (\$40)



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 26%

In-The-Money 62%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$21.54

Exacta: \$159.46

Trifecta: \$1,133.41

Superfecta: \$15,371.42

2017 Turf:

14-1 shot **Talismanic** upset a field of 13 that included defending champion **Highland Reel**, who settled for third as the 7-5 favorite. It marked Frenchman Andre Fabre's fifth BC training victory and first since 2005.

? Know This

15 of the last 19 Turf winners were prepped in Europe, including 3 straight (**Found**, **Highland Reel** and **Talismanic**). The last 4 Turf editions at Churchill also were won by horses with European preps.

Favorites have lost 8 consecutive Turfs and the average \$2 win payoff during that drought is \$20.90 (no winners at less than \$9.60).

Favorites have blanked in all 8 Turf renewals at Churchill - average \$2 mutuel \$28.35.

Since 1995, the only Turf winner prepped in California was dead-heater **Johar** (2003).

In the last 10 years, **Little Mike** (2012) is the only Turf winner raced exclusively in the US.

Fillies **Found** (2015) at age 3, **Pebbles** (1985) and **Miss Alleged** (1991) at age 4 have won the Turf. No horse over age 5 has won taken this race.

While no Arc de Triomphe winner has won the Turf in the same year (6: 0-2-1); the Arc de Triomphe (9 wins) and Turf Classic at Belmont (6) are the most productive Turf preps.

Nick's Picks

1. **WALDGEIST**
2. **MAGICAL**
3. **ENABLE**
4. **CRYSTAL OCEAN**

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Breeders' Cup

CLASSIC

\$6 Million - Grade 1

Race 11 – Saturday



Post 5:44 pm Eastern

Wagering Menu
Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double

Classic Free-For-All

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Analysis: Three highly decorated International contenders - THUNDER SNOW, MENDELSSOHN and ROARING LION - will collide with fleet, credentialed domestic powerhouses ACCELERATE, WEST COAST and MCKINZIE; turf converts CATHOLIC BOY and YOSHIDA; plus plucky overachievers MIND YOUR BISCUITS and DISCREET LOVER. Classics at Churchill have the handicapping assistance of a regularly contested 10-furlong event. And, as with the Derby, the opening six furlongs will establish a distinct scenario: 1:10 or slower favors closers; 1:10 to 1:11 aids mid-pack stalkers; 1:11 or more provides near-the-lead types best opportunities. On paper, this renewal suggests a swift, well-contested pace.

Main Contenders: With ACCELERATE, WEST COAST, MCKINZIE and CATHOLIC BOY each inclined to be a part of the vanguard, the perplexing Classic question is: Which, if any, of these most likely betting favorites can comfortably adjust to a stalk-and-kick trip? Add pressers THUNDER SNOW and MENDELSSOHN to the equation and a meltdown reminiscent of what happened at the 'Downs in 2011 is possible. The biggest beneficiary of the fast pace would be MIND YOUR BISCUITS, who doesn't stop running hard at any distance. ROARING LION is the race's wildcard from behind. His resume glistens and trainer John Gosden is deadly, but sire Kitten's Joy still doesn't have a Grade 1 winner on dirt.

Value Plays: Like with the Kentucky Derby, BC Classics at Churchill usually feature exotic finishers poised in the top four positions at the eighth-pole. Major value, though, has come from at least one superfecta closer, including Drosselmeyer (won at 14-1 in 2011), Ruler On Ice (third at 17-1 in 2011), Fly Down (third at 26-1 in 2010), Giacomo (fourth at 21-1 in 2006) and Captain Steve (third at 13-1 in 2000). A 2018 potential mutuel explosion could come from Woodward winner YOSHIDA, Stephen Foster hero PAVEL or PA Derby runner-up AXELROD, who has improved with maturity and added distance.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$5 Exacta Box: MCKINZIE, MIND YOUR BISCUITS, YOSHIDA, AXELROD and WEST COAST (\$100)

Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 26%

In-The-Money 59%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$25.77

Exacta: \$200.22

Trifecta: \$3,097.93

Superfecta: \$76,996.43

2017 Classic:

Defending champion and 2-1 favorite Arrogate finished fifth behind a 1-2-3 carousel led by second betting choice Gun Runner. He became the third wire-to-wire Classic champ in the last 4 years.

? Know This

Three straight Classic winners were idle since racing during the Saratoga meet: American Pharoah (2015 Travers), Arrogate (2016 Travers) and Gun Runner (2017 Woodward).

The last 3 Classics at Churchill Downs were won by NYRA-prepped horses: Drosselmeyer, Blame (Belmont) and Invador (Saratoga).

Of 8 Classic winners at Churchill, only Tiznow (2000) prepped in California. Dimmed 'Hollywood' stars include Zenyatta, Lava Man, Game on Dude, Silver Charm and Best Pal.

The Jockey Club Gold Cup (7 wins) and Awesome Again (6 wins) are most productive Classic preps.

The last 6 Classic winners have been within 2 lengths of the lead after the opening half-mile.

Bob Baffert won 3 straight Classics from 2014-'16. West Coast and Collected were 2nd & 3rd last year.

11 European raiders have finished in the money in the Classic, including winners Arcangues (1993) and Raven's Pass (2008). Most recently, Toast of New York (2014) was runner-up.

Steve's Picks

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| 1. MCKINZIE | 3. YOSHIDA |
| 2. MIND YOUR BISCUITS | 4. AXELROD |

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