

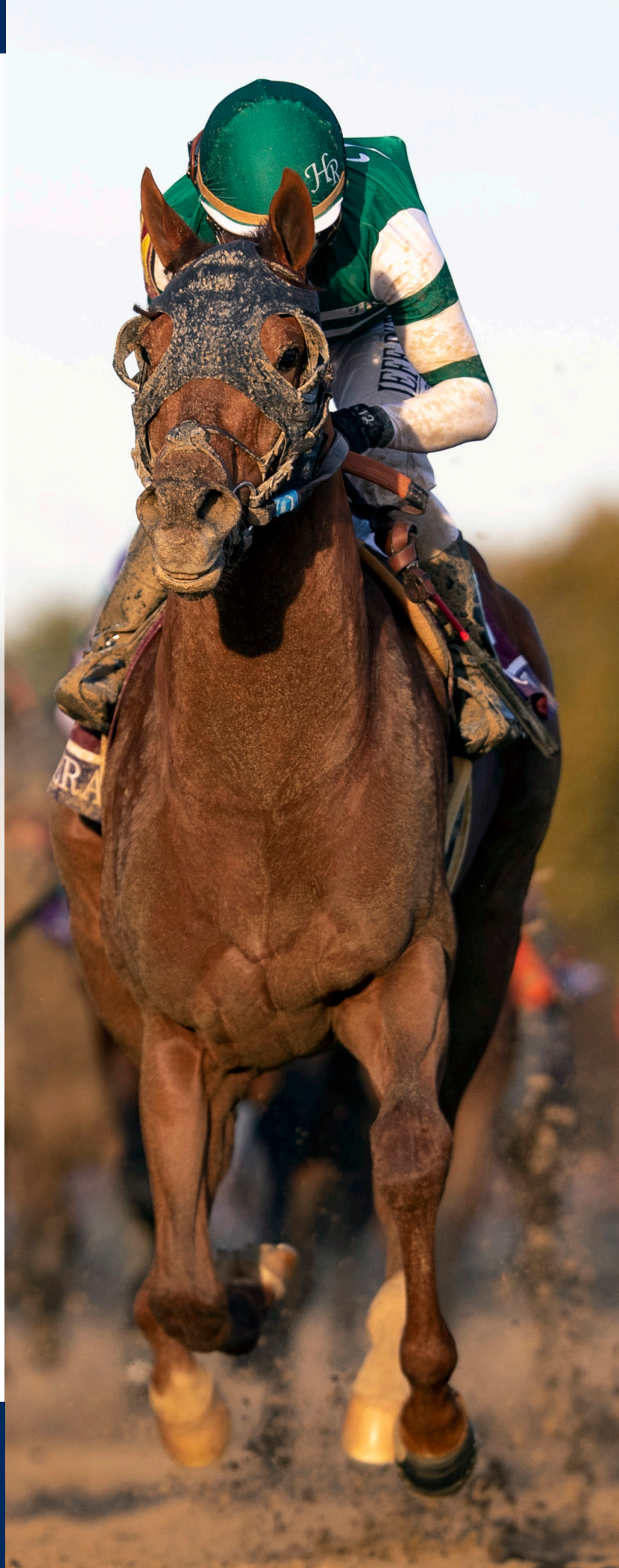


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Welcome to Xpressbet's FREE Breeders' Cup Wager Guide!

Fellow Racing Fan,

This is the 16th fantastic issue of the Xpressbet Breeders' Cup Wager Guide. Hopefully, this information will help you successfully navigate 14 challenging Breeders' Cup races at Santa Anita November 1 & 2.

Day one of the two-day Breeders' Cup extravaganza is Future Stars Friday with five races exclusively for 2-year-olds. It's a racing fan's best opportunity to glance into a crystal ball in anticipation of what might come to pass in 2020 and beyond. Day two will again be jam-packed with nine rich, contentious events for the best 3-year-olds and up runners money can attract.

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. Inside the guide, there also are oodles of additional divisional Stats and Trends and Know This nuggets you'll find compelling.

Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 29, 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 Brent Musburger of VSiN will add analysis and insights for select Saturday races in a revised guide available Thursday, October 31.

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Xpressbet hopes your 2019 Breeders' Cup experience is fruitful and we look forward to serving as your advance deposit wagering account provider for Breeders' Cup and into the future.

Sincerely,
Team Xpressbet

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	5 - Juv. Turf Sprint Matt Dinerman (Golden Gate Fields)	6 - Juvenile Turf Brian W. Spencer (Xpressbet)	7 - Juvenile Fillies Dustin Fabian (Xpressbet)	8 - Juv. Fillies Turf Stan Salter (Laurel Park)	9 - Juvenile Jerry Shottenkirk (Xpressbet)
First	Kimari	Graceful Kitten	British Idiom	Selflessly	Eight Rings
Second	A'Ali	Arizona	Bast	Sweet Melania	Storm The Court
Third	Chimney Rock	Andesite	Wicked Whisper	Crystalle	Dennis' Moment
Fourth	Four Wheel Drive	Decorated Invader	K P Dreamin	Abscond	Shoplifted

Saturday Breeders' Cup Races

Race # Expert Affiliation	4 - F & M Sprint Bob Neumeier (HorsePlayerNow)	5 - Turf Sprint Ron Nicoletti (Gulfstream Park)	6 - Dirt Mile Frank Carulli (Xpressbet)	7 - Filly & Mare Turf Millie Ball (XBTV)	8 - Sprint Dick Jerardi (Daily Racing Form)
First	Covfefe	Pure Sensation	Improbable	Sistercharlie	Imperial Hint
Second	Come Dancing	Eddie Haskell	Omaha Beach	Billesdon Brook	Mitole
Third	Spiced Perfection	Stormy Liberal	Mr. Money	Vasilika	Shancelot
Fourth	Selcourt	Imprimis	Coal Front	Thais	Firenze Fire

Race # Expert Affiliation	9 - Mile Jeff Siegel (XBTV)	10 - Distaff Brian Nadeau (Xpressbet)	11 - Turf Johnny D. (Xpressbet)	12 - Classic Steve Byk (SiriusXM Radio)
First	Circus Maximus	Paradise Woods	Old Persian	Vino Rosso
Second	Got Stormy	Midnight Bisou	Bricks and Mortar	Yoshida
Third	Uni	Street Band	Anthony Van Dyck	McKinzie
Fourth	Without Parole	Blue Prize	Channel Cat	Seeking The Soul

Bonus Stats & Trends



Here are some additional useful Breeders' Cup tidbits.

Low Tide

The \$11.66 average \$2 win mutuel at the 2018 Breeders' Cup was the lowest in the event since going to a 2-day format in 2007. Without the F&M Sprint upset, last year's average winner returned just \$8.41 - a total that would be lowest in BC history ('85, \$8.63 at Aqueduct).

Spread the Wealth

Last year's BC Saturday Pick 6 had a whopping 318 winning tickets. Each returned \$3,706.60 for \$2. Since the 2-day format in 2007, there have been no more than 36 winning tickets in any Saturday Pick 6.

Chalk Pays

Even-money Game Winner registered a popular victory in last year's Juvenile, but a cluster of longshots underneath helped make history. The \$32,559.60 Superfecta (\$2 payoff) easily was the largest in any BC race with an even-money or less winner. The Superfecta paid more than 15 times the average return with such a popular winner.

Pricey Young Fillies

The Juvenile Fillies has produced 6 of 26 Breeders' Cup upsets at 30-1 or more odds. The Distaff ranks second with 4 such longshot winners in its history.

Naughty Fillies

Both disqualifications from the win spot in Breeders' Cup history came in the Juvenile Fillies: Fran's Valentine (1984) and She's A Tiger (2013). Those decisions etched Outstandingly and Ria Antonia into history.

Aidan Ain't All That

For all his international and Breeders' Cup success, it's unfathomable that Aidan O'Brien trainees are 0-for-36 combined in the Mile (23) and Filly and Mare Turf (13).

Winners from Everywhere

Gulfstream Park became the 37th different track worldwide to serve as a final prep destination for a Breeders' Cup champion when Bulletin won last year's inaugural Juvenile Turf Sprint.

Expensive Nose Jobs

22 times a Breeders' Cup race has been decided by a nose, including 5 Classics won by Ferdinand (1987), Alphabet Soup (1996), Tiznow (2001), Mucho Macho Man (2013) and Bayern (2014).

Name That Tune

Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Unbridled's Song (1996) has sired 6 subsequent BC champions, notably 3 in the Distaff, and 1 each in the Classic, Dirt Mile and Juvenile.

Foreign Legions

Horses bred in Ireland have accounted for more BC wins (31) than any foreign nation. Great Britain ranks next (20), followed by France (7).

Who's Got Next?

Now that John Sadler has ended the longest active BC losing streak with Accelerate's 2018 Classic victory, Christophe Clement (36: 0-6-6) & Kenny McPeck (31: 0-6-10) look to get off the schneid.

Most BC Victories by Active Jockeys

<u>Wins</u>	<u>Jockey</u>
26	Mike Smith
16	John Velazquez
14	Frankie Dettori
10	Javier Castellano
10	Corey Nakatani
9	Ryan Moore
9	Joel Rosario
7	Julien Leparoux
6	Kent Desormeaux
5	Rafael Bejarano
5	Florent Geroux
5	Irad Ortiz, Jr.
5	Edgar Prado

Most BC Victories by Active Trainers

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

Most BC Victories by Sires

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

Exotic Wagering Chart



Breeders' Cup exotic wagers usually produce hefty payoffs. Use this handy Exotic Wagering Chart to 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 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)	

Eddie Olczyk's Breeders' Cup Horses to Watch



With more than 160 horses entered in 14 Championship races across two phenomenal days of racing, handicapping and betting, there really is something for everyone at the Breeders' Cup. I've scoured the Friday and Saturday cards and identified a handful of horses that have the potential to jump up and make your day. Check them out and be sure to bet them with my friends at Xpressbet.

Looking for even more picks and analysis? You know where to find me on Friday and Saturday. Watch the Breeders' Cup broadcast Friday on NBCSN (4:00PM ET – 8:00PM ET) and on Saturday on NBCSN (3:30PM ET – 8:00PM ET) and NBC (8:00PM ET – 9:00PM ET).

Here are the horses I like:

Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (Saturday, Race 5; 3:33PM ET)

#7 Leinstar (8/1)

This is a significant step up in class for him, but his stalking/midpack style suits perfectly for this race and he seems to have 'won' at the draw, nabbing post #7. There seems to be plenty of speed drawn to his inside (Shekky Shebaz, Pure Sensation) that a cozy stalking trip isn't out of the question. Plus, all of his best races came in these short turf dashes, so the five furlong distance should be right up his alley.

Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (Saturday, Race 6, 4:10PM ET)

#5 Omaha Beach (8/5) and #9 Diamond Oops (15/1)

Let's establish that Omaha Beach is the one to beat in the Dirt Mile, especially with his tactical speed and his ability to run from anywhere in the field. That will come in handy because, on paper, there is plenty of speed in this race. Diamond Oops is another horse to keep an eye on. He ran huge sprinting around one-turn in the G1 Vanderbilt at Saratoga on July 27 and then just as big around two-turns in the G1 Shadwell Turf Mile on grass at Keeneland on October 5. Now he's racing two-turns on dirt for the first time and I think this is his preferred surface. He should be able to follow Coal Front out of the gate, save ground around the first turn and make one big run. With all of the money going to Omaha Beach and Improbable, you have to think this horse can hit the board at every bit of his ML price, 15/1.

Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (Saturday, Race 7, 4:54PM ET)

#3 Fleeting (IRE) (6/1)

She's winless this year (0-for-8) and was beaten 6-lengths by Sistercharlie when they squared off in the G1 Beverly D at Arlington Park in August. Those two statements alone should ensure there is value galore on this filly on Saturday. But hey, there are worse places to go for value than the all-world trainer/jockey combo of Aidan O'Brien and Ryan Moore. Plus, I thought Fleeting endured some traffic in the Beverly D and her recent races in France and Great Britain have been solid. She was beaten by super filly Star Catcher four times this year, but good news...that one skipped the Breeders' Cup.

Breeders' Cup Classic (Saturday, Race 12, 8:44PM ET)

#10 Vino Rosso (4/1)

Like a fine wine, Vino Rosso continues to get better with age. He has run the best three races of his career in his last three starts and one of those was a victory in the G1 Santa Anita Gold Cup over this track and distance. His outside draw is perfect and it should allow Irad Ortiz a clean trip. His latest workout, going 4F at Belmont on October 25 (watch here, courtesy of XBTv), was stellar and tells all systems are 'go' here.

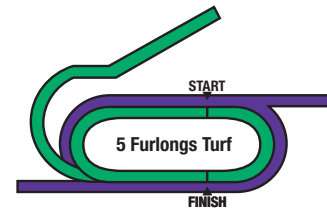
That covers it for the Breeders' Cup. Enjoy the races and best of luck with all of your bets!

Breeders' Cup

JUVENILE TURF SPRINT

\$1 Million

Race 5 – Friday



Post 1:12 pm Pacific

Wagering Menu

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

Kimari Kicks Off 'Cup

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Analysis: KIMARI has been nothing short of outstanding. The daughter of Munnings was dead last early (after an undesirable beginning) before producing a powerful late kick to win the Indian Summer at Keeneland. Her only loss in 4 career starts came as runner-up in the Group 2 Queen Mary at Royal Ascot in June. FOUR WHEEL DRIVE sports a 2-for-2 record, breaking his maiden in a stakes at Colonial Downs and scoring an easy win in the Grade 3 Futurity Stakes at Belmont. Wesley Ward campaigns the aforementioned duo, KIMARI is the better of the two. The most notable overseas shipper is A'ALI, who won the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot over soft ground and earned a 'Win and You're In' berth. He has won twice since then, proving the Ascot victory was no fluke.

Main Contenders: No doubt KIMARI and A'ALI are the pair with the most class. KIMARI showed versatility and grit in her last start, while A'ALI has won on soft and firm ground, proving he can be effective over any turf. FOUR WHEEL DRIVE is well-bred by American Pharoah out of stakes winner Funfair, and has plenty of raw talent. He got an easy lead in his last start, but stalked in his first race. He does not need the lead, which only helps his chances to adapt to the pace and earn a good trip.

Value Plays: CHIMNEY ROCK finished like a rocket to run second behind KIMARI in the Indian Summer and merits respect. CAMBRIA most recently won the Kentucky Downs Juvenile Turf Sprint in September. The third Wesley Ward entrant is undefeated and well bred. KING NEPTUNE is conditioned by Aidan O'Brien and has plenty of race experience for the aforementioned world-renowned trainer. ENCODER got the defections he needed to draw into the race and is enticing, cutting back from a mile to this 5-furlong distance. The only time he raced one turn, he was extremely impressive on debut, and he has always been well regarded.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$50 Win: KIMARI (\$50)
- \$25 Exacta Box: A'ALI and KIMARI (\$50)

Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 2018

Favorites: 0%

In-The-Money 0%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$10.60

Exacta: \$239.40

Trifecta: \$2,905.40

Superfecta: \$50,979.80

2018 Juvenile Turf Sprint

Bulletin led every step of the inaugural edition of the Breeders' Cup's newest division. In doing so, he gave trainer Todd Pletcher his 10th championship score and City Zip his 5th as a sire.

? Know This

6 of 12 entrants in last year's Juvenile Turf Sprint were prepped overseas. Third-place finisher So Perfect topped the international placings for Aidan O'Brien.

Last year, Bulletin became the first winner in Breeders' Cup history to exit a Gulfstream Park prep race. He also was the first winner out of Florida since Awesome Feather (2010) and Brave Raj (1986) won the Juvenile Fillies via Calder.

Breeders' Cup Handle (in millions)

Year	Handle	Year	Handle
2018	\$157*	2008	\$155*
2017	\$166*	2007	\$147*
2016	\$156*	2006	\$140
2015	\$156*	2005	\$124
2014	\$159*	2004	\$120
2013	\$163*	2003	\$120
2012	\$148*	2002	\$116
2011	\$161*	2001	\$104
2010	\$173*	2000	\$108
2009	\$153*		

*Two-day events

Matt's Picks

1. KIMARI
2. A'ALI
3. CHIMNEY ROCK
4. FOUR WHEEL DRIVE

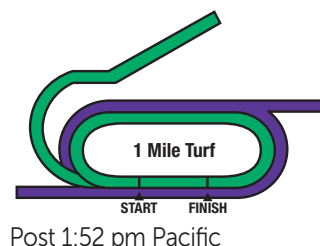
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JUVENILE TURF

\$1 Million - Grade 1

Race 6 – Friday



Wagering Menu
Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double, Pick 3,
\$1 Million Pick 4

Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 2007

Favorites: Win 17%

In-The-Money 67%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$15.70

Exacta: \$170.08

Trifecta: \$1,635.21

Superfecta: \$16,632.25

2018 Juvenile Turf

Second choice Line of Duty rallied for a half-length score after exchanging bumps with runner-up Uncle Benny. It marked trainer Charlie Appleby's third Breeders' Cup victory and second in this division (Outstrip, 2013).

? Know This

European preppers own 9 of 12 victories in the Juvenile Turf, including 7 of the last 8 editions. Only Oscar Performance (2016) scored off a domestic lead-in over the last 8 years.

Horses prepped last at Newmarket in England have won the Juvenile Turf a record 5 times, including 3 of the 6 editions held at Santa Anita.

Aidan O'Brien trainees have won 4 of the last 8 editions of the Juvenile Turf and added the runner-up twice during that span.

Mendelssohn (2017) and Pounced (2009) are the only successful favorites in the 12-year history of the Juvenile Turf. Pounced (\$6.80) remains the only single-digit win payoff in the race.

As with the Juvenile Fillies Turf, no California-based runner ever has finished in the Juvenile Turf exacta.

Jockey Ryan Moore boasts a 9: 4-1-0 record in the Juvenile Turf.

Aidan vs. America

By **Brian W. Spencer**, Xpressbet.com • @Brianwspencer

Analysis: With Line of Duty's tally last year, Europeans widened their edge on their North American counterparts in the Juvenile Turf, and this year's field will produce another Trans-Atlantic battle. Aidan O'Brien's two entrants in this race constitute the entire away team, while the North American contingent consists of the top finishers from the traditional final preps.

Main Contenders: ARIZONA looks like the one to beat. He turned in a really good second behind 6-for-6 Pinatubo, and there is simply nothing like that guy signed up here. Joining him from the O'Brien yard is FORT MYERS, a decent, driving winner over synthetic footing last out whose past turf efforts leave something to be desired. As for the Americans, the BRIS Late Pace ratings for the Pilgrim at Belmont and Bourbon Stakes at Keeneland are cause for pause despite some good visuals. ANDESITE'S second in the Pilgrim appears better than it looks on paper. He split horses, then lugged in before truly set down, and it probably cost him the race. He impressively reached out late, and might be sitting on a big effort. In the Bourbon, PEACE ACHIEVED could not have had an easier trip and grimly held off the massive visual run from VITALOGY that the numbers didn't back up. DECORATED INVADER, one of Saratoga's more impressive grass maiden winners, looked like the winner every step of the Grade 1 Summer at Woodbine.

Value Plays: GRACEFUL KITTEN will be overlooked for unheralded connections but has been awesome in his 2 stakes wins at Gulfstream. He's quick early, settles nicely while within himself, and finds plenty late, earning BRIS Late Pace ratings of 90 and 93 in his last pair. The more I watch those races, the more I think he hangs around for a big piece of this at a number.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$25 Win/Place: GRACEFUL KITTEN (\$50)
- \$10 Exacta Key Box: GRACEFUL KITTEN with ARIZONA and ANDESITE (\$40)
- \$5 Exacta Box: ARIZONA and ANDESITE (\$10)

Brian's Picks

1. GRACEFUL KITTEN
2. ARIZONA
3. ANDESITE
4. DECORATED INVADER

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Breeders' Cup

JUVENILE FILLIES

\$2 Million - Grade 1

Race 7 – Friday



Post 2:32 pm Pacific

Wagering Menu

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

To Chalk or Not to Chalk?

By **Dustin Fabian**, Xpressbet.com

Analysis: The stats in the right pane on this page point to an interesting conundrum in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. On one hand, favorites have won this race with more frequency (51%) than in any other Breeders' Cup event. On the other, the last three times this race was held at Santa Anita, the winner has paid no less than \$66! So what gives: Historical domination by favorites or a recent flair for the upset? For this year, my money is on the former.

Main Contenders: **BAST** is the logical starting point. She is based at Santa Anita for trainer Bob Baffert and she won the local prep for this, the Grade 1 Chandelier by a neck over **COMICAL**. I'll give **BAST** a pass for the short margin of victory. A lack of pace in the Chandelier forced her to race closer to the lead than maybe she prefers. With more 'need-the-lead' types signed on this time around, **BAST** should get a more preferential, mid-pack trip. **BRITISH IDIOM** was a runaway winner of Keeneland's Grade 1 Alcibiades, and I loved the 'sit, stalk, pounce and pull away' style she showed that afternoon. She's quick, versatile and has stamina, but doesn't need the lead. **BRITISH IDIOM** and **BAST** should be sitting mid-pack and ready to pounce. **WICKED WHISPER** is speedy and unbeaten in 2 tries. **DONNA VELOCE** looked incredible in breaking her maiden at Santa Anita on September 28, but a victory here would make her the most lightly raced Juvenile Fillies winner all-time and the only horse to win this race while making her stakes debut. That's a lot of history going against her, and as a horseplayer, you generally have to let those types beat you.

Value Plays: **K P DREAMIN** is a closer who ran a sneaky race behind pedestrian fractions in the Chandelier, and should find herself with more pace to run into this time. She doesn't strike me as a win candidate, but could round out a trifecta or superfecta.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$25 Exacta Box: **BRITISH IDIOM** and **BAST** (\$50)
- \$5 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **BRITISH IDIOM**, **BAST** with **BRITISH IDIOM**, **BAST** with **WICKED WHISPER**, **K P DREAMIN** and **PERFECT ALIBLI** (\$30)
- \$10 Exacta Part-Wheel: **WICKED WHISPER** with **BRITISH IDIOM** and **BAST** (\$20)

Dustin's Picks

1. **BRITISH IDIOM**
2. **BAST**
3. **WICKED WHISPER**
4. **K P DREAMIN**



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 51%

In-The-Money 74%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$22.14

Exacta: \$217.81

Trifecta: \$2,956.49

Superfecta: \$23,211.34

2018 Juvenile Fillies

Jaywalk dominated by 5 ½ lengths, her fourth consecutive victory after a debut second. Favored Bellafina had a rocky start from the far outside 10-post and wound up fourth at 9-5.

? Know This

The last 3 Juvenile Fillies editions at Santa Anita returned huge \$2 win payoffs: Ria Antonia (2013) \$66.60; Take Charge Brandi (2014) \$125.40; and Champagne Room (2016) \$69.20.

5 of the last 6 Juvenile Fillies winners paid double-digit win prices, averaging a \$52.33 mutuel. Only Songbird (2015) delivered at a short price.

The Frizette has produced the last 2 Juvenile Fillies winners, 4 of the last 8, and a division-record 12 victories all-time. No other prep has produced more winners in any Breeders' Cup division.

California-based runners have won 6 of the 9 editions of the Juvenile Fillies held at Santa Anita, most recently Champagne Room (2016).

Early speed seems essential in the Juvenile Fillies: 9 of the last 10 to finish first were fillies who raced in the top 3 after the opening half-mile; 5 of the last 7 essentially led wire-to-wire.

8 undefeated runners have won the Juvenile Fillies, but none since Songbird (2015).

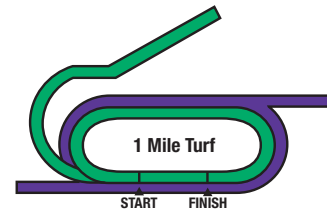
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Don't Bet Against Brown!

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Analysis: I learned my lesson the hard way last year when I went against Chad Brown, who had the favorite in this race. Brown won it then and I think he wins it again this year with the Maryland-bred filly **SELFLESSLY**. She has run two monster races, including a maiden score when she rallied wide to win the Grade 2 Ms. Grillo at Belmont Park. **SELFLESSLY** will vie for favoritism with **SWEET MELANIA**, the American Pharoah filly trained by Todd Pletcher. This two-time winner going long on the turf has more of a foundation than the Brown filly. **SWEET MELANIA'S** also coming into the race off a huge Beyer Speed Figure when she absolutely galloped by five-plus lengths to win the Grade 2 Jessamine at Keeneland. These two fillies top a strong, full field of accomplished and well-bred competitors that includes French Group 1 winner **ALBIGNA** (IRE).

Main Contenders: **SELFLESSLY** is by top sire More Than Ready, who's offspring have had juvenile turf success, and she sold for \$190,000 as a weanling. She is lightly raced, but has unlimited potential and her barn wins at 30% when they have won their previous race. **SWEET MELANIA** has early speed and used that to her advantage in her last-out romp. She likely will be part of the early pace and her Triple Crown-winning sire is one of the hottest 2-year-old sires in the world right now. **CRYSTALLE** was a fast-closing second behind **SELFLESSLY** in the Ms. Grillo and won a turf stakes at Saratoga before that. **ABSCOND** won the Grade 1 Natalma last out at Woodbine, and this daughter of champion Blame also is likely to be part of the early pace.

Value Plays: **ABSCOND'S** speed rating in her most recent win wasn't the highest compared to other top contenders in this race, so she might sneak away at good value.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$50 Exacta Box: **SELFLESSLY** and **SWEET MELANIA** (\$100)

Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 2008

Favorites: Win 18%

In-The-Money 45%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$16.15

Exacta: \$138.67

Trifecta: \$1,924.27

Superfecta: \$21,393.62

2018 Juvenile Fillies Turf

Newspaperofrecord (\$3.20) became the first odds-on favorite to win a Breeders' Cup 2-year-old race on turf and blew away the competition by more than 6 lengths in wire-to-wire fashion. It was the lowest payoff for any BC race since Liam's Map (2015) paid \$3 in the Dirt Mile.

? Know This

Chad Brown trainees have won this division 5 times in its 11-year history, including 3 straight: Newspaperofrecord (2018), Rushing Fall (2017) and New Money Honey (2016). Only 2 of those 5 winners were favored.

North Americans have won the Juvenile Fillies Turf 9 times in 11 years, including 4 of 6 held at Santa Anita. Europeans are 0-for-6 overall as favorites.

Belmont Park's Miss Grillo has produced 5 of 11 winners of the Juvenile Fillies Turf, including 2 of the last 3. Woodbine's Natalma has delivered 2.

Newspaperofrecord (2018) is the only wire-to-wire winner of the Juvenile Fillies Turf.

California-based fillies have been shut out of the exacta in all 11 editions of this race. The best finish was a third at Santa Anita by Colonel Joan (2013).

10 of 11 Juvenile Fillies Turf winners finished either first or second in their final Breeders' Cup prep.

Stan's Picks

1. **SELFLESSLY**
2. **SWEET MELANIA**
3. **CRYSTALLE**
4. **ABSCOND**

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Breeders' Cup

JUVENILE

\$2 Million - Grade 1

Race 9 – Friday



Post 4:04 pm Pacific

Wagering Menu

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

Local Edge to Eight Rings

By Jerry Shottenkirk, Xpressbet.com • @jlshtottenkirk

Analysis: EIGHT RINGS wins races by 6 lengths or so if he can keep from tossing his jockey. In 3 starts, he's been all alone at the end of 2 of those, and in the other, he ducked in and lost his jockey. A convincing win in the Grade 1 American Pharoah puts him in good shape for this. Speed is the name of his game, but clearly the Empire Maker colt was made to run long. That combination makes him formidable, especially over his home track. John Velazquez picked up the mount for Bob Baffert in his latest and is staying put for the Juvenile. Horses who attempt to go early with EIGHT RINGS probably will compromise their chances more than his. If the pace gets ridiculous, it might make a hero out of a stalker or deep closer.

Main Contenders: EIGHT RINGS won the American Pharoah at 6-5 and wasn't odds-on because of his incident in the Del Mar Futurity. He could be 5-2 this time. DENNIS' MOMENT has had an eerily similar season to EIGHT RINGS in a different part of the country. He clipped heels and lost his jockey in his Churchill Downs debut. But he was odds-on in his next pair and won in fine fashion, first a 19-length triumph in an Ellis Park maiden race and next in the Grade 3 Iroquois at Churchill. The Dale Romans charge will get his share of play and will be fairly close throughout.

Value Plays: SHOPLIFTED and SCABBARD have finished behind EIGHT RINGS and DENNIS' MOMENT in stakes, and will need some weakening of others out front. But that's a possibility. Each will have good odds, and if not in straight action, they're worth the gamble in exotics. STORM THE COURT may be the best of the price horses.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$30 Exacta: EIGHT RINGS over STORM THE COURT (\$30)
- \$10 Exacta: STORM THE COURT over EIGHT RINGS (\$10)
- \$10 Exacta Key-Box: EIGHT RINGS with DENNIS' MOMENT, SHOPLIFTED and SCABBARD (\$60)



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 34%

In-The-Money 69%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$16.97

Exacta: \$167.42

Trifecta: \$1,205.43

Superfecta: \$12,561.76

2018 Juvenile

Heavily favored Game Winner became the 11th unbeaten Juvenile winner. The \$4 return was the second smallest in Juvenile history, trailing only the inaugural payoff when Chief's Crown (1984) returned \$3.40.

? Know This

The Juvenile favorite is 13: 4-7-1 since 2006, including 6: 1-5-0 in events held at Santa Anita during that run.

Santa Anita's American Pharoah Stakes (formerly known as Norfolk and FrontRunner) has produced 3 of the last 5 Juvenile winners. Its 8 overall victories trail only the 9 winners out of the Champagne at Belmont.

California-based runners have won 6 of 9 Juvenile editions held at Santa Anita. Vale of York (Europe 2009), Shanghai Bobby (New York 2012) and Classic Empire (Kentucky 2016) are exceptions.

Bob Baffert owns a 26: 4-4-0 record in the Juvenile, winning with Vindication (2002) at Arlington Park; Midshipman (2008) and New Year's Day (2013) at Santa Anita and Game Winner (2018) at Churchill Downs. D. Wayne Lukas (5) is the only other trainer with more than 2 wins in this race.

The Juvenile pacesetter has not finished in the money since Hansen (2011) wired the field.

Jerry's Picks

1. EIGHT RINGS
2. STORM THE COURT
3. DENNIS' MOMENT
4. SHOPLIFTED

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Breeders' Cup Best of the Best



Below are some of the most interesting BC races, according to our experts.

JUVENILE

Dick Jerardi

This is a loaded edition of the Juvenile, but I really can't wait to see **DENNIS' MOMENT**, whose two wins have been eye-opening.

Brian Nadeau

The Juvenile clash Friday between **DENNIS' MOMENT** and **EIGHT RINGS** should be a good one, as both look like exceptional talents and offer a bit of East Coast vs West Coast intrigue as well. They also look like the only two speed horses in the race, so this could be a battle that starts at the opening bell.

SPRINT

Jerry Shottenkirk

MITOLE is amazingly fast and is the one to beat in what should be a memorable Sprint. He travels well and usually doesn't work fast, but that :58-4/5 drill last week sent up the signal that he's ready for a top effort and can improve on his already stellar 9-of-13 record.

Matt Dinerman

I am very much looking forward to the Sprint. **MITOLE**, **SHANCELOT**, **IMPERIAL HINT** and **CATALINA CRUISER** are all part of a superstar lineup signed on to compete in the Sprint this year and this is what the Breeders' Cup is all about: letting the best talent display their talents for a championship.

Millie Ball

The Sprint is going to be a key race in Saturday's pick six. Post positions will be critical and any small error will bring defeat as these top sprinters in the country appear so evenly matched. **CATALINA CRUISER** is undefeated this year; **SHANCELOT** is perhaps the fastest out there and has the advantage of racing over the track; **IMPERIAL HINT** appears back to his best; and **MITOLE** has only lost once this year, a race won by the aforementioned **IMPERIAL HINT**, who set a new track record in the process. I can't wait!

Steve Byk

Given its place in American racing and Breeders' Cup lore, I'm excited to see a Sprint edition that should be instantly memorable. **Mitole**, **Shancelot**, **Imperial Hint** and **Catalina Cruiser**...the gang's all here. What a race!

Johnny D.

The Sprint really is an extraordinary race. There's an abundance of early speed and accomplished closers, older horses and talented sophomores. Picking a winner won't be easy and the race has 'spread' all over it as far as any Pick N wagers are concerned. One thing's for certain. When the dust clears on the 2019 Breeders' Cup Sprint, you're liable to turn to the person next to you and say, 'Wow!' And that's what Breeders' Cup is all about.

MILE

Brian W. Spencer

My best play comes in Saturday's Mile with **UNI**. She has been a monster at this trip all year, and her First Lady win at Keeneland was breathtaking.

DISTAFF

Dustin Fabian

With **ELATE** running in the Classic and **Monomoy Girl** back on the shelf, there isn't much left standing in the Distaff between **MIDNIGHT BISOU** and a perfect 8-for-8 season, especially racing over a track that she used to call home. She is a logical single in the late-day multi-race exotics.

TURF

Frank Carulli

BRICKS AND MORTAR could run 5 furlongs or 2 miles and somehow find the wire in time to win. He could meet five Group 1 winners from Europe in the mile and one-half Turf. Don't hesitate to risk most of your bankroll on him.

CLASSIC

Ron Nicoletti

The Classic has a true rag-to-riches story with **MATH WIZARD**. The former \$25,000 claimer comes off the upset victory in the Grade 1 Pennsylvania Derby for up-and-coming trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, and will be trying to light up the toteboard.

Stan Salter

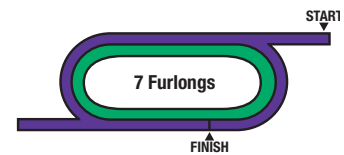
This year's Preakness champion **WAR OF WILL** will find his best stride once again in the Classic. He's danced every dance this year and, if he can pull off the upset, he'll be in the Horse of the Year conversation.

Breeders' Cup

FILLY & MARE SPRINT

\$1 Million - Grade 1

Race 4 – Saturday



Post 11:55 am Pacific

Wagering Menu

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

Two for the Money

By **Bob Neumeier**, HorsePlayerNow.com

Analysis: Two fillies have separated themselves from the pack: COVFEFE and COME DANCING. Speed merchant COVFEFE is named for a misspelled Donald Trump tweet. COME DANCING gets her handle from a song by The Kinks (Ray Davies wrote it in memory of his older sister, who had a heart attack and died while dancing).

Main Contenders: The post-position draw is critical. Nobody wants the dreaded rail or even the 2-hole for obvious reasons. Unfortunately, COVFEFE drew the rail, but it's not the end of the world for her. On paper, she should be in the early speed mix with SELCOURT, while five-year-old COME DANCING should find herself midpack. In her last five runs, COVFEFE'S only loss came when she tackled older horses. However, horseplayers would be wise to eliminate "anecdotal evidence" especially with a small sample size. High-profile trainer Brad Cox will send out the likely favorite COVFEFE. The relatively unknown Carlos Martin trains COME DANCING. Martin comes from a family of training excellence; father Jose (Groovy) and grand-dad Frank (Sham). The history of this event suggests that heroes come from all sectors. Winners can emerge from household names like Bobby Frankel, Mike Smith and Chad Brown or from obscure types like Juan Levya, Elvis Trujillo and Jamie Theriot. Racing Gods don't read the papers.

Value Plays: Several items must be in play for an upsetter to crash the party. Major 'bounces,' poor draws, and traffic problems happen all the time. Shoppers should look to BELLAFINA, SELCOURT and/or SPICED PERFECTION to possibly upset the top pair.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$60 Exacta: COVFEFE over COME DANCING (\$60)
- \$40 Exacta: COME DANCING over COVFEFE (\$40)



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 2007

Favorites: Win 25%

In-The-Money 50%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$28.85

Exacta: \$347.02

Trifecta: \$4,648.13

Superfecta: \$43,041.05

2018 Filly & Mare Sprint

25-1 outsider Shamrock Rose became the first 3-year-old to win the Filly & Mare Sprint, rallying from last of 14 to score by a nose. It was this division's second straight winner to rock the board, following 66-1 Bar of Gold in 2017.

? Know This

7 of the last 10 winners in this division exited Keeneland stakes: Thoroughbred Club of America (5), Spinster (1) and Raven Run (1). However, the past 2 editions at Santa Anita have been won by fillies prepped at Del Mar.

4 Straight Filly & Mare Sprint favorites have finished out of the money, including 6-5 Unique Bella (2017) and 4-5 Marley's Freedom (2018).

3 of the last 4 Filly & Mare Sprint winners rallied from 11th or deeper in the pack. The exception was Finest City (2016), though longshot runner-up Wavell Avenue closed from 11th.

No horse has wired the Filly & Mare Sprint in its 12 editions. The best finish for a pacemaker was runner-up La Verdad (2015) and only 2-of-12 leaders have finished in the money.

3-year-old fillies are now 34: 1-2-4 in this race after Shamrock Rose became the first success story a year ago.

Bob's Picks

1. COVFEFE
2. COME DANCING
3. SPICED PERFECTION
4. SELCOURT

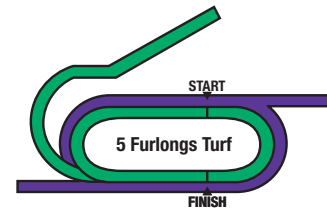
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Breeders' Cup

TURF SPRINT

\$1 Million - Grade 1

Race 5 – Saturday



Post 12:33 pm Pacific

Wagering Menu

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

Pure Speed

By Ron Nicoletti, GulfstreamPark.com • @ronic17

Analysis: This is the 10th time the Breeders' Cup has been hosted at Santa Anita Park, and there have been 6 previous Turf Sprints contested at 6 1/2 furlongs on the downhill course. The 2019 edition will be contested at 5 furlongs. This year's Turf Sprint has all the ingredients needed to make this a great handicapping puzzle. You have the speed of PURE SENSATION, LEGENDS OF WAR and SHEKKY SHEBAZ. World-class stalkers include EDDIE HASKELL, 2-time Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner STORMY LIBERAL (part of a 3-pronged trainer Peter Miller attack), FINAL FRONTIER and LEINSTER. Last, but not least, the closers waiting to pounce include STUBBINS, TOTALLY BOSS and IMPRIMIS.

Main Contenders: PURE SENSATION, the senior citizen in the field at age 8, still may be the speed of the speed. He will throw down the gauntlet as soon as they spring the latch. EDDIE HASKELL, who should sit an ideal, stalking trip, is a 2-time winner going 5 furlongs on the Santa Anita turf, including a track-and-pounce victory in the Grade 3 Daytona. STORMY LIBERAL will try to make history by becoming a 3-time winner. He should be primed and ready to offer his best in the friendly confines of his home course.

Value Plays: IMPRIMIS, who does his best running in the latter stages of the race, can round out the exotics at an inflated price after being the beaten favorite in Kentucky.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$20 Win/Place: PURE SENSATION (\$40)
- \$20 Exacta Part-Wheel: EDDIE HASKELL, STORMY LIBERAL, IMPRIMIS with PURE SENSATION (\$60)



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 2008

Favorites: Win 36%

In-The-Money 64%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$24.33

Exacta: \$214.69

Trifecta: \$2,168.98

Superfecta: \$21,385.93

2018 Turf Sprint

Defending champion Stormy Liberal repeated his 30-1 longshot upset as the 7-1 third choice in the field of 14. He edged favored World of Trouble by a neck with a gap of more than 7 lengths to the rest.

? Know This

California-based runners have won the Turf Sprint in 5 of the 6 years it's been held at Santa Anita. However, each of those editions was at 6 1/2 furlongs on the downhill turf course, and this year the race will be decided at 5 furlongs on the turf.

8 different prep races have produced the last 8 winners of the Turf Sprint. Santa Anita's Eddie D (3) and Keeneland's Woodford (2) are the only preps to boast multiple winners in this division.

Veterans aged 5 or older have accounted for 7 of 11 Turf Sprint wins, including Stormy Liberal at age 6 a year ago. Bobby's Kitten (2014) is the only 3-year-old to have won.

No horse campaigned exclusively overseas has finished in the money in the 11 Turf Sprint editions.

Trainer Peter Miller boasts an 8: 2-2-1 record in the Turf Sprint, winning the past 2 years with Stormy Liberal, as well as runner-up finishes with Reneesgotzip (2013) and Richard's Boy (2017).

Ron's Picks

1. PURE SENSATION
2. EDDIE HASKELL
3. STORMY LIBERAL
4. IMPRIMIS

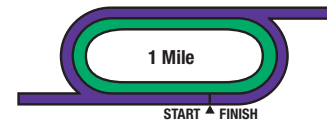
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Big Ass Fans

DIRT MILE

\$1 Million - Grade 1

Race 6 – Saturday



Post 1:10 pm Pacific

Wagering Menu

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

California Homecoming

By Frank Carulli, Xpressbet.com

Analysis: Santa Anita racing fans caught a fleeting glimpse of soon-to-be millionaire IMPROBABLE when he debuted with a 6-furlong victory in 1:10-2/5 more than a year ago. They got a close-up view of OMAHA BEACH'S triumphant return home in the Grade 1 Santa Anita Sprint Championship Oct. 5. They might even remember when GIANT EXPECTATIONS beat last year's Classic winner Accelerate as a 4-year-old in 2017. The homecoming celebration will come full circle in a BC Dirt Mile field that includes several millionaires and recent graded stakes winners. The list of party crashers includes graded stakes-winning milers COAL FRONT and MR. MONEY, who are a combined 13-for-23 with more than \$3 million earned.

Main Contenders: OMAHA BEACH was the morning-line favorite in the Kentucky Derby, but missed the entire Triple Crown with a series of setbacks that included surgery for an entrapped epiglottis. He returned in grand style, surging inside of odds-on favorite Shancelot in his first try at 6 furlongs to win the Santa Anita Sprint Championship in 1:08-3/5. "He can do it all," Hall of Fame jockey Mike Smith said. IMPROBABLE, the beaten favorite in his last three Grade 1 route attempts, is well-suited to the shorter, 1-mile distance. He lacked stretch kick off a clean trip and prime-striking spot in the Kentucky Derby, and was compromised by a poor start and slow pace in the Pennsylvania Derby. MR. MONEY controlled an easy pace in that race at Parx, but couldn't hold on. But he won Grade 3 route stakes at 3 tracks prior and, like IMPROBABLE, might be better-equipped to handle the 2-turn mile.

Value Plays: GIANT EXPECTATIONS has been a steady check-getter throughout his career. He finished a game second to last year's Dirt Mile favorite and this year's Sprint candidate Catalina Cruiser in the 7-furlong Pat O'Brien Handicap.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$40 Win: IMPROBABLE (\$40)
- \$30 Exacta: IMPROBABLE over OMAHA BEACH (\$30)
- \$20 Exacta: OMAHA BEACH over IMPROBABLE (\$20)
- \$10 Exacta: IMPROBABLE over MR. MONEY (\$10)

Frank's Picks

1. IMPROBABLE
2. OMAHA BEACH
3. MR. MONEY
4. COAL FRONT

Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 2007

Favorites: Win 17%

In-The-Money 25%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$24.80

Exacta: \$209.73

Trifecta: \$2,230.95

Superfecta: \$14,843.55

2018 Dirt Mile

Second wagering choice City of Light dominated from the start, wiring the field by 2 3/4 lengths. Meanwhile, 4-5 favorite Catalina Cruiser was a listless 6th. City of Light won the \$9 million Pegasus World Cup at Gulfstream Park in his next and final race.

? Know This

The last 3 Dirt Mile favorites have finished out of the money: Catalina Cruiser, 6th at 4-5 (2018); Mor Spirit, 8th at 2-1 (2017); and Dortmund, 4th at 3-5 (2016). Overall, 9 of 12 Dirt Mile favorites have missed the trifecta.

5 of the last 7 Dirt Mile winners exited 1-turn preps - both sprints and routes. Each of the last 4 Dirt Miles held at Santa Anita as 2-turn races also were won by horses prepped in 1-turn events.

The last 3 Dirt Mile renewals have had a pair of 3-year-olds in the superfecta. 2015 is the only year out of 12 that at least one sophomore did not finish in the race's top 4.

10 of 12 Dirt Mile winners rebounded off a final prep loss, including City of Light a year ago. He had lost the Gold Cup at Santa Anita and Forego at Saratoga prior.

Three Dirt Mile winners have gone wire-to-wire: Goldcents (2013, 2014) and City of Light (2018).

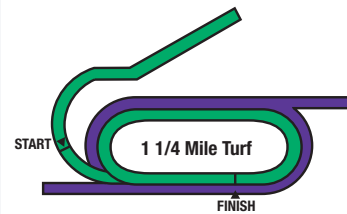
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FILLY & MARE TURF

\$2 Million - Grade 1

Race 7 – Saturday



Post 1:54 pm Pacific

Wagering Menu

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

Sister Act II

By Millie Ball, XBTV.com • @camillayakteen

Analysis: For 7 straight years, the conclusion to the Filly and Mare Turf has been as predictable as night follows day. And unless something shocking happens, the best female grass horse over a mile and one-quarter at Santa Anita will either hail from the barn of Chad Brown or from a stable in England.

Main Contenders: Brown has won this race a record 4 times, and his strength this year comes in the form of returning divisional champ **SISTERCHARLIE**. Unbeaten in three Grade 1s this year, 2 of which were designated "Win and You're In" races, her form appears equally as stellar as in 2018. The crux of Santa Anita's turf course, favoring tactical speed, conflicts with her deep-closing style, but the more talented members from Europe share her method. Plus, there isn't a horse in the field who can match her consistency at the highest level. English-based **BILLESDON BROOK** ran a 16-1 blinder to upset the Group 1 Sun Chariot Stakes at Newmarket. She had shown the same brilliance when winning the Group 1 One Thousand Guineas last May, but was unable to duplicate such a race until more recently. **VASILIKA** is a remarkable 11-for-12 at Santa Anita.

Value Plays: From Britain, **FANNY LOGAN** has a chance on connections alone. The formidable duo of John Gosden and Frankie Dettori have been garnering Groups 1s at a ridiculous rate this year. The daughter of Sea the Stars hasn't faced anything close to this level, but has won her last 4 by a combined 13 lengths and is improving all the time. **VILLA MARINA** ran well to win the Group 1 Prix de l'Opera, a race that has produced several winners of this BC division over the last decade. She's a physically strong filly with a sound constitution, which could allow her to overcome a long season. Her jockey Olivier Peslier owns 4 prior BC trophies.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$25 Exacta Part-Wheel: **SISTERCHARLIE** over **BILLESDON BROOK**, **FANNY LOGAN**, **VILLA MARINA**, **VASILIKA** (\$100)



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1999

Favorites: Win 20%

In-The-Money 75%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$20.73

Exacta: \$150.56

Trifecta: \$1,470.51

Superfecta: \$10,338.41

2018 Filly & Mare Turf

Trainer Chad Brown ran 5 and got the top prize when Sistercharlie collared the English filly and 5-2 favorite Wild Illusion in the final strides. The 3-1 second wagering choice provided Brown with his 4th win in the F&M Turf.

? Know This

Foreign-bred runners swept last year's top 6 placings in the Filly & Mare Turf. That's 16 of 24 trifecta placings over the past 8 years.

North American-based runners hold a 12-8 advantage over Europeans through the first 2 decades of the F&M Turf, including 6 of the last 9.

The average winner in Santa Anita's 6 editions has paid just \$11.80, less than half the \$24.50 average return at other Filly & Mare Turf venues.

Belmont's Flower Bowl (6) and Keeneland's First Lady (4) have accounted for half of the F&M Turf's 20 winners all-time.

Aidan O'Brien's struggles in this division continue: He's now 13: 0-2-2 in the F&M Turf.

California-prepped runners are 0-for-44 all-time in the F&M Turf with only 5 in-the-money finishes.

Three-year-olds have won the F&M Turf 5 times.

Millie's Picks

1. **SISTERCHARLIE**
2. **BILLESDON BROOK**
3. **VASILIKA**
4. **THAIS**

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Breeders' Cup

SPRINT

\$2 Million - Grade 1

Race 8 – Saturday



Post 2:36 pm Pacific

Wagering Menu

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

Questions Abound

By Dick Jerardi, DRF.com • @DickJerardi

Analysis: This could be the race of the weekend. It has the raw speed of SHANCELOT, the incredible consistency of MITOLE and the sustained brilliance of IMPERIAL HINT. To make a wagering plan, several questions must be answered: Will Jose Ortiz better help SHANCELOT negotiate those final 100 yards? How close will MITOLE be to the expected scorching pace and how will his turn move be impacted if he is too close? Was IMPERIAL HINT compromised by that Vosburgh stretch battle with FIRENZE FIRE or was that tough race exactly what he needed? Plenty of questions with multiple potential answers.

Main Contenders: MITOLE has been dominant in 7 of his last 8 sprint races. The only loss had a gigantic excuse. He was on a dead rail at Saratoga the day IMPERIAL HINT ran by him and set the 6-furlong track record in the Vanderbilt. MITOLE is the most likely winner, but is also likely to be the worst value. IMPERIAL HINT has done everything but win the Sprint – and, in turn, the Eclipse Award as sprint champion. Roy H got the better part of the track when he beat him at Del Mar in 2017. Nothing against Roy H, who may well have beaten him again last year, but IMPERIAL HINT had some physical issues that impacted his third-place finish last year. If IMPERIAL HINT runs back to his very best races, he is the most likely winner. Drawing Post Position #9 is perfect for him, given that his very best races come when he sits outside, just a few lengths off the pace, and makes that incredible turn run of his. SHANCELOT is the wild card. That 121 Beyer at Saratoga was very real. The colt has not come near it in a pair of subsequent losses, but the number is lurking there, a tease that could become real if SHANCELOT runs the chasers off their feet.

Value Plays: FIRENZE FIRE is being trained fast, which is very uncommon for conditioner Jason Servis. If he can run back to his great second last time out in the Vosburgh - and if he gets a pace meltdown - he could get there at a reasonable price. He's 12/1 on the ML.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$80 Exacta: IMPERIAL HINT over MITOLE (\$80)
- \$20 Exacta: MITOLE over IMPERIAL HINT(\$20)

Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 23%

In-The-Money 46%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$20.42

Exacta: \$267.98

Trifecta: \$2,538.10

Superfecta: \$29,926.99

2018 Sprint

Despite a troubled start, defending champion Roy H recovered and rolled to a 3 1/4 length score for trainer Peter Miller. Earlier in the day, the Miller barn won the Turf Sprint in back-to-back style with Stormy Liberal.

? Know This

California-based runners have won 9 of the last 13 Sprints, including 3 straight behind Roy H (2017, 2018) and Drefong (2016). They've also won 8 of the last 11 Sprints held at California venues.

3 of the 4 largest Sprint upsets have come at Santa Anita – Dancing in Silks (2009) \$52.60, Cajun Beat (2003) \$47.60 and Work All Week (2014) \$40.20. The division's record payout is \$54.60 by Sheikh Albadou (1991) at Churchill Downs.

The BC Sprint hasn't been won from more than 3 lengths off the pace since Amazombie (2011). In fact, the last 5 winners all were first, second or third in the early running.

The Santa Anita Sprint Championship (formerly named Ancient Title) has been the most successful Sprint prep with 7 winners, including the past 2 years with Roy H. The Vosburgh is next-best with 5 winners, but hasn't hit BC Sprint paydirt since 2005.

6 times the Sprint has been won by a horse aged 6 or older.

Dick's Picks

1. IMPERIAL HINT
2. MITOLE
3. SHANCELOT
4. FIRENZE FIRE

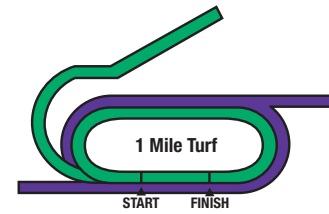
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Breeders' Cup

MILE

\$2 Million - Grade 1

Race 9 – Saturday



Post 3:20 pm Pacific

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Double, Pick 3,
\$2 Million Pick 4

'Circus Comes to Town

By Jeff Siegel, XBTv.com • @jsiegelracing

Analysis: Up until last year, when the English invader Expert Eye produced a furious late kick to edge US-based entrants who wound up finishing second, third and fourth, North American-raced runners had been on something of a roll in the Mile. Six of the Seven previous editions were captured by the home team, with only Karakontie's 30-1 shocker in 2014 breaking a string that had dated back to the glory days of three-peat winner Goldikova. This year, US-based runners have an excellent chance to regain dominance, thanks to 2 outstanding females, **GOT STORMY** and **UNI**, both of whom have displayed more than enough ability to handle their male counterparts, especially with Bricks and Mortar bound to the Turf.

Main Contenders: **UNI** is fresh, primed and ready, having started only 3 times in 2019, most recently winning the Grade 1 First Lady at Keeneland with a career-top 105 Beyer Speed Figure. However, she's apparently lost some of her tactical speed, and in a 14-runner field over a glib turf course that favors the pace-pressers and stalkers, her task is challenging. When she finished third to **GOT STORMY** in the Grade 1 Fourstardave at Saratoga, **UNI** simply gave herself too much to do. That scenario could occur again, especially against a top-of-the-ground specialist as talented as **GOT STORMY**.

Value Plays: While he's not the greatest show on earth – or even in Europe – the Aidan O'Brien-trained **CIRCUS MAXIMUS** arguably is better than last year's BC Mile winner Expert Eye. He is twice successful in Group 1 miles this year, most recently in the Prix du Moulin de Longchamp. He'll enjoy a race with legitimate pace, will fight under pressure, and may offer the best value; so let's gamble with him on top. **WITHOUT PAROLE** is a live longshot and is worth considering at his 20/1 ML price based on past class. He won the G1 St James's Palace at Royal Ascot as a 3YO and has been freshened since May. His recent workouts in company with Bricks and Mortar have been impressive.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$10 Exacta Box: **CIRCUS MAXIMUS**, **GOT STORMY**, **UNI** (\$60)
- \$2 Exacta Box: **CIRCUS MAXIMUS**, **GOT STORMY**, **UNI**, **WITHOUT PAROLE** (\$24)
- \$16 win: **CIRCUS MAXIMUS**



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 34%

In-The-Money 49%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$21.97

Exacta: \$295.74

Trifecta: \$7,573.17

Superfecta: \$34,020.35

2018 Mile

Trainer Sir Michael Stoute notched his 8th Breeders' Cup victory, but his first in the Mile, when Expert Eye quickened late to win in a melee that had the top 5 finishers all within a length. Favored Oscar Performance disappointed when last of 14.

? Know This

Since the French mare Goldikova's three-peat in 2008-2010, Americans have won 6 of the last 8 Mile renewals. US-based runners have accounted for 17 of 24 trifecta placings during that span.

In the last 7 Miles at Santa Anita, 4 winners exited French preps and 3 were from Keeneland's Shadwell Mile.

In 10 of the last 12 years, the Woodbine Mile has produced a BC Mile top 3 finisher, including 4 winners. Last year, Woodbine Mile alum and 43-1 longshot Divisidero missed the trifecta by a nose when fourth.

9 females have won the Mile, the most of any open Breeders' Cup division, most recently Tepin (2015).

Trainer Aidan O'Brien's 0-for-23 record in the Mile is one of the more peculiar stats in Breeders' Cup history. He's been second 4 times, including with the legendary Rock of Gibraltar (2002), who had won 7 straight Group 1 races beforehand.

Jeff's Picks

1. **CIRCUS MAXIMUS**

2. **GOT STORMY**

3. **UNI**

4. **WITHOUT PAROLE**

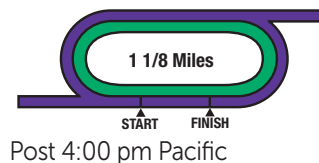
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DISTAFF

\$2 Million - Grade 1

Race 10 - Saturday



Wagering Menu

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

Perfect Ending?

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Analysis: Typically the Breeders' Cup race with one of the smallest fields, the Distaff is also one of the most formful events, as favorites have won half of the last 10 runnings, while only 2 winners in that span have paid more than \$9.40. **MIDNIGHT BISOU** will be a stiff favorite as she looks to cap an undefeated (8-for-8) year and a shot at the Horse of the Year title. There's little doubt the race goes through her; but she's also danced plenty of dances without a break since January and may not love 1-1/8 miles. You're allowed to at least consider trying to beat her.

Main Contenders: There's not much more to be said about **MIDNIGHT BISOU**, who has defeated Classic-bound **Elate** 3 times this year, has a winning desire and also can adapt to any pace scenario. She's also 3-for-4 at Santa Anita (when trained by Bill Spawr). Local favorite **PARADISE WOODS** (12: 5-3-2 at SA) is as brilliant as she is exacerbating, but when she wants to run, she's as good as anyone. Her last win in the Grade 1 **Zenyatta**, and subsequent morning work, says she might be ready to settle down and consistently deliver her best. The veteran **BLUE PRIZE** and 3-year-old **DUNBAR ROAD** surrounded **Elate** when running 1-3 in the Grade 1 **Spinster** at Keeneland.

Value Plays: **MIDNIGHT BISOU** will take all the money and you might get 7-2 on **PARADISE WOODS**, who looks poised to sit a dream trip just off the pace, while getting first run on the favorite. Further outside the box, **STREET BAND** isn't getting any attention, but her Grade 1 **Cotillion** win was sharp—and fast—and you know she's going to relish the distance, which is not something you can say about all of these gals. If the track is playing to speed, then Kentucky Oaks winner **SERENGETI EMPRESS** has proven she can run fast early and sustain that pace at this trip. No one else entered will be intent on the lead, so stranger things (see **Adoration** in this race in 2003) have happened.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$50 Win: **PARADISE WOODS** (\$50)
- \$40 Exacta: **PARADISE WOODS** over **MIDNIGHT BISOU** (\$40)
- \$10 Exacta: **PARADISE WOODS** over **STREET BAND** (\$10)

Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 43%

In-The-Money 57%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$17.69

Exacta: \$117.73

Trifecta: \$1,376.03

Superfecta: \$5,633.49

2018 Distaff

Favored **Monomoy Girl**, who had won the Kentucky Oaks at Churchill Downs in the spring, overcame post 11 with a 2-wide trip to take the Distaff. She became the 11th 3-year-old to win the Distaff and fourth to accomplish that in her first try vs. elders.

? Know This

Five prep races have accounted for 33 of the 35 Distaff winners all-time: **Spinster** (10), **Beldame** (9), **Zenyatta** (8), **Cotillion** (3) and **Personal Ensign** (3).

Monomoy Girl (2018) continued a streak for 3-year-olds in the Distaff, marking the 9th straight year with at least 1 sophomore in the exacta.

Royal Delta (2012) was the last wire-to-wire winner of the Distaff, since **Adoration** (2003) pulled a 40-1 shocker at Santa Anita.

7 of 9 Distaff winners at Santa Anita were 3-1 or less. 5 of them were under 2-1, including odds-on favorites **Zenyatta** (2008) and **Lady's Secret** (1986).

Of the 8 lowest \$2 win payoffs in Breeders' Cup history, 5 have come in the Distaff.

Kentucky-based trainers **Brad Cox** (2018), **Dallas Stewart** (2017) and **Steve Asmussen** (2015) have won 3 of the last 5 Distaff renewals, and fellow bluegrass-based conditioner **Larry Jones** narrowly missed with **Songbird** (2016).

Brian's Picks

1. **PARADISE WOODS**
2. **MIDNIGHT BISOU**

3. **STREET BAND**
4. **BLUE PRIZE**

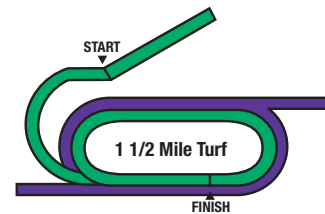
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TURF

\$4 Million - Grade 1

Race 11 – Saturday



Post 4:40 pm Pacific

Wagering Menu

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

'Mortar Scores for America

By Brent Musburger, VSiN @brentmusburger

Analysis: BRICKS AND MORTAR is the leader for American Horse of the Year. All has to do is win the \$4 million Breeders' Cup Turf, and the prize should be his. While he is the 9-5 favorite on the Breeders' Cup Turf morning line, he is not the betting choice in Europe, where they know a thing or two about winning this race. While a bet against BRICKS AND MORTAR will carry value, it will fly in the face of his six-race winning streak that has earned more than \$4.5 million.

Main Contenders: Wins in the Pegasus World Cup Turf and the Arlington Million have been the bookends of BRICKS AND MORTAR's perfect year for America's best turf trainer Chad Brown. With Irad Ortiz riding, this 5-year-old by Giant's Causeway has spotted rivals as many as 7 1/2-lengths before his deep-closing victories. With last year's runner-up Magical a late defection from the race, Epsom Derby winner ANTHONY VAN DYCK is the European favorite for trainer Aidan O'Brien, who has won this race six times, including four of the last eight. OLD PERSIAN will be close to the early lead for Godolphin trainer Charlie Appleby, who brought his Dubai Sheema winner across the pond to win the Northern Dancer in September at Woodbine.

Value Plays: Stuck with the outside post, CHANNEL MAKER is 0-for-4 since his Man O'War win in May, but he has been competitive with his close-to-the-lead style that got him an impressive runner-up finish in last month's Turf Classic at Belmont Park. That race was won by ARKLOW, an accomplished 5-year-old stayer that has been in the money for up-and-coming trainer Brad Cox in his last five starts. O'Brien also shipped MOUNT EVEREST, a 3-year-old handicap winner that has been both a closer and a pace chaser, so he may be in the race to help set an honest pace for ANTHONY VAN DYCK. Trained by Todd Pletcher, CHANNEL CAT had a troubled trip to finish fourth behind ARKLOW and CHANNEL MAKER in the Turf Classic, so graded-stakes company will not be strange to him. ALOUNAK is a German closer that was second a month ago in the Canadian International. The front-running 5-year-old gelding ACCLIMATE has won four times at Santa Anita, including this summer's 1 3/4-mile San Juan Capistrano.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$50 Win/Place: BRICKS AND MORTAR (\$50)

Brent's Picks

1. BRICKS AND MORTAR
2. OLD PERSIAN
3. ALOUNAK
4. ANTHONY VAN DYCK

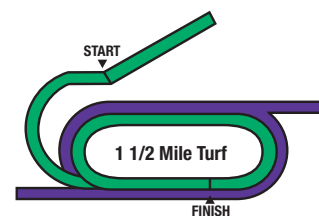
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TURF

\$4 Million - Grade 1

Race 11 – Saturday



Post 4:40 pm Pacific

Wagering Menu

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

'Very Smart on His Day'

By **Nick Luck**, NBC Sports @nickluck

Analysis: The \$4 million Longines Breeders' Cup Turf has drawn a curate's egg of a field this time around. This field was in serious flux right up until the end, as **BRICKS AND MORTAR** opted to run here instead of the Mile, while **Magical** was held out due to illness. And with **Magical** out of the game **Chad Brown**, trainer of **BRICKS AND MORTAR**, has correctly identified that this is an easier race than the Mile, even if it's the less suitable test for the horse. So, in essence, this transatlantic poker-game is a microcosm of the Turf races at this year's event as a whole: **Chad Brown** vs **Aidan O'Brien**. Never has the dominance of the super trainers looked so evident, or so stark, depending on where you're standing.

Main Contenders: Any rival jockey worth his salt will attempt to ensure this race is as stiff a test of stamina as possible to blunt **BRICKS AND MORTAR**'s most potent weapon: his finishing kick. My feeling is that the race may be more honestly run than is often the case. **BANDUA** and **ACCLIMATE** should see to that, but I don't imagine either will hang around for the business end. If they don't go fast enough, expect **O'Brien's ANTHONY VAN DYCK** - trained specifically for this race from a long way out - to get involved early enough and get first run. The Derby winner has conditions in his favour - fast ground over a mile and a half - and has had a very sound preparation. **Aidan O'Brien** has also slid **MOUNT EVEREST** (best BC pedigree, out of '03 Mile winner, Six Perfections) into the race late, but - hard as I try - I cannot quite see him being good enough. More interesting is **Godolphin's OLD PERSIAN**, who would be threat to all on his York win of 2018 or his Meydan triumph earlier in the year. **CHANNEL MAKER** was a letdown in the race last year, but this edition isn't as deep on talent and he can chuck in a massive effort when he feels like it, while **ARKLOW** is just a very tough likeable horse.

Value Plays: My instincts force me to take on a short-priced favourite for whom this was not the original target. So, given how much of the market he will gobble up, I will perhaps foolishly try to get **BRICKS AND MORTAR** off the board. I am sure **ANTHONY VAN DYCK** will be in the mix, but he just lacks the zip and star quality of a **St Nicholas Abbey** or a **Highland Reel** and he, too, is likely to be overbet. By contrast, **OLD PERSIAN** might have been forgotten, but he's a very smart horse on his day and his trainer's Breeders' Cup record bears the closest scrutiny.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$20 Win: **OLD PERSIAN** (\$20)
- \$20 Exacta: **OLD PERSIAN** over **ANTHONY VAN DYCK** (\$20)
- \$1 Superfecta Key: **OLD PERSIAN** with **ANTHONY VAN DYCK**, **UNITED**, **ARKLOW**, **CHANNEL MAKER** and **BRICKS AND MORTAR** (\$60)

Nick's Picks

1. **OLD PERSIAN**
2. **ANTHONY VAN DYCK**
3. **ARKLOW**
4. **UNITED**

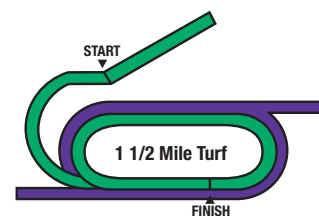
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TURF

\$4 Million - Grade 1

Race 11 – Saturday



Post 4:40 pm Pacific

Wagering Menu

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

Overlooked European

By Johnny D., Xpressbet.com • @XBJohnnyD

Analysis: Wondering if BRICKS AND MORTAR can get a mile and one-half is like asking me if I can play the piano—the answer's the same: 'Don't know. Never tried.' Unlike with my ivory-tickling skills, there is some evidence to suggest that BRICKS AND MORTAR might be able to stretch his effectiveness past a mile and one-quarter. Six wins in his last 6 races helps. Plus, trainer Chad Brown calling the shots is also a positive. This year, BRICKS AND MORTAR has dominated US turf racing from Gulfstream to Fair Grounds to Churchill to Belmont to Arlington. Why not add Santa Anita to the list?

Main Contenders: BRICKS AND MORTAR had a hefty stock price before Magical was knocked out of this race due to injury. The pace should be honest, so the favorite will have generous targets to run at. Horseplayers can toss a blanket over CHANNEL CAT, ARKLOW, CHANNEL MAKER and ZULU ALPHA. There hasn't been much more between them all year. ACCLIMATE is a California speedster who likes the Santa Anita turf, but he's not supposed to be this good. ANTHONY VAN DYCK is a 3-year-old colt who finished behind Magical last out in Ireland. He's faced good ones, but hasn't beaten older foes yet.

Value Plays: OLD PERSIAN is interesting in that he can be considered a European invader whose connections have planned on running him in this race for quite a while. He's a well-travelled 4-year-old with races in Ireland, Great Britain, United Arab Emirates, Germany and Canada. He romped in Woodbine's Northern Dancer by 2 1/2 lengths last out. These are tougher foes, but he won easily last out and is a 2-time Group 1 and 2-time Group 2 stakes winner at the distance. He's sharp and conditioned by Charles Appleby, a man who knows which end of a horse eats.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$40 Win: OLD PERSIAN (\$40)
- \$10 Exacta Box: OLD PERSIAN, BRICKS AND MORTAR and ANTHONY VAN DYCK (\$60)

Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 29%

In-The-Money 63%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$21.02

Exacta: \$155.56

Trifecta: \$1,108.24

Superfecta: \$15,046.97

2018 Turf

Odds-on favorite Enable capped a remarkable year with victories in the Arc de Triomphe and Breeders' Cup Classic. The \$3.60 mutuel was the shortest in the history of the Breeders' Cup Turf, supplanting the previous low of \$3.80 by High Chaparral (2002) and Conduit (2009).

? Know This

Europeans have won 16 of the last 20 editions of the Turf, including 4 in a row. They've also accounted for 5 of the last 7 victories in Santa Anita-hosted Cups.

Enable (2018) became the 10th Turf winner to exit the Arc de Triomphe, most of any lead-in race to this division. 3 of the last 7 Turf editions at Santa Anita have been won by runners last seen in the Arc: High Chaparral (2003), Conduit (2009) and Highland Reel (2016).

Fillies have finished in the money in 4 of the last 6 Turfs, including a victory by Found (2015). She's among 3 fillies to win this race, joining Miss Alleged (1991) and Pebbles (1985).

Enable (2018) snapped a streak of 8 consecutive beaten favorites in the Turf. Odds-on favorite Conduit (2009) was the last chalk to succeed prior.

Trainer Aidan O'Brien has won 4 of the last 8 editions of the Turf, most recently with Highland Reel (2016). He's also won 3 of the last 7 Santa Anita-hosted renewals of the Turf.

Johnny's Picks

1. OLD PERSIAN
2. BRICKS AND MORTAR
3. ANTHONY VAN DYCK
4. CHANNEL CAT

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CLASSIC

\$6 Million - Grade 1

Race 12 - Saturday



Post 5:44 pm Pacific

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

Talent, But No Titans

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Analysis: The 2019 Breeders' Cup Classic pits an eclectic mix of accomplished older horses from Bob Baffert (MCKINZIE), Bill Mott (ELATE/YOSHIDA) and Todd Pletcher (VINO ROSSO) versus a quartet of 3-year-olds who have Travers (CODE OF HONOR), Preakness (WAR OF WILL) and regional Derby (MATH WIZARD, OWENDALE) wins to their credit. Interspersed in the affair are tantalizing price players SEEKING THE SOUL, MONGOLIAN GROOM and HIGHER POWER, who own performances that offer prospects of a 'puncher's chance.'

Main Contenders: MCKINZIE owns a 5: 2-3-0 record in Grade 1s since aching the Malibu at the end of '18, but is a vulnerable, yet deserving favorite. He's been in the exacta in all 7 of his Santa Anita starts and regularly registers the kind of figs that win this race. The question he has to answer for Baffert is whether he will emulate Classic winners Arrogate and Bayern or runners-up Game On Dude and Collected. Taken down in the Jockey Club Gold Cup, VINO ROSSO provides Pletcher with his best Classic hopeful in several years and the colt returns to Arcadia with a May Santa Anita Gold Cup victory in his saddlebag.

Value Plays: Like Drosselmeyer in 2011, YOSHIDA has a chance to cap his career in the spotlight for Mott and Mike Smith. Despite a 14-month winless skein, the tough and consistent 5-year-old comes in off the two best consecutive efforts of his career. SEEKING THE SOUL would be the first horse over age 5 to win the Classic, but merits exotics inclusion at the least. He owns a pattern that mirrors his big Dirt Mile try a year ago and has trained at the deeper than usual Santa Anita track since late summer.

\$100 Wagering Strategy:

- \$3 Exacta Box: VINO ROSSO, YOSHIDA, MCKINZIE, SEEKING THE SOUL, CODE OF HONOR (\$60)
- \$2 Trifecta Part-Wheel: VINO ROSSO, YOSHIDA, MCKINZIE, CODE OF HONOR with VINO ROSSO, YOSHIDA, MCKINZIE, CODE OF HONOR with SEEKING THE SOUL (\$24)
- \$16 Win: YOSHIDA (\$16)



Stats & Trends

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 29%

In-The-Money 60%

Average \$2 Payoffs

Win: \$25.25

Exacta: \$201.97

Trifecta: \$3,102.68

Superfecta: \$74,967.42

2018 Classic

California-based runners were the 3 top wagering choices, and 5-2 favorite Accelerate delivered by a length over longshot closer Gunnevera. New York-prepped runners held their ground at Churchill Downs, finishing second through fifth.

? Know This

4 straight Classic winners have been 5-2 or less.

The last 5 times the Classic has been held in California (4 at Santa Anita, 1 at Del Mar), 4 of the winners last raced in the east. Mucho Macho Man (2013) in the Awesome Again is the only west coast-prepped Classic winner during that time.

The Jockey Club Gold Cup (7 wins) and Awesome Again (7) have been the most productive Classic final preps.

Layoffs following Saratoga races have accounted for 3 winners and a runner-up in the last 4 editions of the Classic. Longshot Gunnevera was second last year, following winners American Pharoah (2015), Arrogate (2016) and Gun Runner (2017).

12 European raiders have finished in the money in the Classic, including Santa Anita-hosted winners Arcangues (1993) and Raven's Pass (2008). Toast of New York (2014) was runner-up at Santa Anita.

No gelding has won the Breeders' Cup Classic.

Steve's Picks

1. VINO ROSSO

2. YOSHIDA

3. MCKINZIE

4. SEEKING THE SOUL

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