

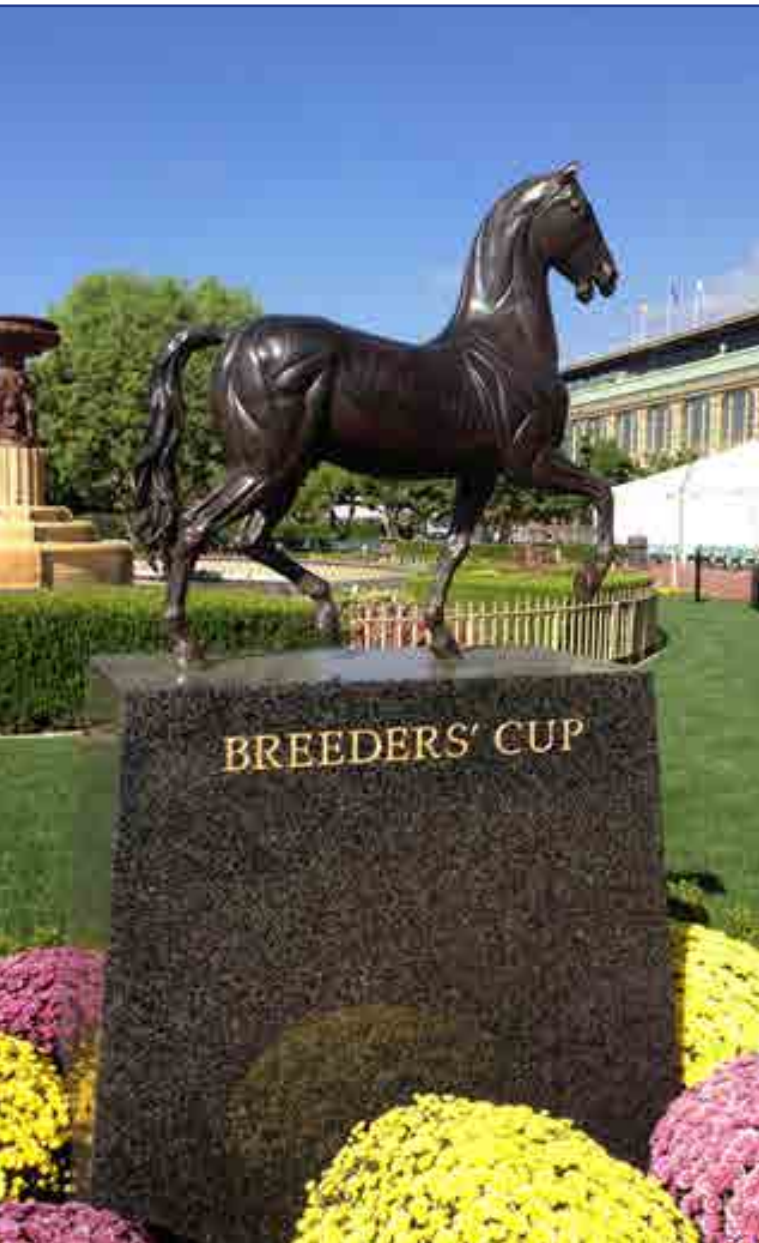
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BREEDERS' CUP RACE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Race Name	Purse	Distance/Surface	Eligibility	Time Zone: ET/CT/PT	TV Station
Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint	\$1,000,000	5 furlongs on Turf	2-year-olds	4:12/3:12/2:12	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf	\$1,000,000	1 Mile on Turf	2-year-old females	4:52/3:52/2:52	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies	\$2,000,000	1 1/16 Miles on Dirt	2-year-old females	5:32/4:32/3:32	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf	\$1,000,000	1 Mile on Turf	2-year-olds	6:12/5:12/4:12	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Juvenile	\$2,000,000	1 1/16 Miles on Dirt	2-year-olds	7:03/6:03/5:03	NBC Sports

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Race Name	Purse	Distance/Surface	Eligibility	Time Zone: ET/CT/PT	TV Station
Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint	\$1,000,000	7 Furlongs on Dirt	3-year-olds & up females	2:55/1:55/12:55	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint	\$1,000,000	5 1/2 furlongs on Turf	3-year-olds & up	3:33/2:33/1:33	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile	\$1,000,000	1 Mile on Dirt	3-year-olds & up	4:10/3:10/2:10	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf	\$2,000,000	1 3/8 Miles on Turf	3-year-olds & up females	4:54/3:54/2:54	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Sprint	\$1,500,000	6 Furlongs on Dirt	3-year-olds & up	5:36/4:36/3:36	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Mile	\$2,000,000	1 Mile on Turf	3-year-olds & up	6:20/5:20/4:20	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Longines Distaff	\$2,000,000	1 1/8 Miles on Dirt	3-year-olds & up females	7:00/6:00/5:00	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Longines Turf	\$4,000,000	1 1/2 Miles on Turf	3-year-olds & up	7:40/6:40/5:40	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Classic	\$6,000,000	1 1/4 Miles on Dirt	3-year-olds & up	8:44/7:44/6:44	NBC Sports



AT A GLANCE

A look at the previous Spring/Summer Santa Anita meet: December 26, 2018 through June 23, 2019.

AVG. WINNING ODDS: 4.42 - 1

FAVORITE WIN%: 36% **FAVORITE ITM%:** 72%

EXOTICS	PAYOFF
Exacta	67.99
Daily Double	65.39
Trifecta	399.68
Pick 3	352.37
Superfecta	2,661.73
Roulette	5.35
Pick 4	2,066.69
Pick 5	14,859.55
Pick 6 Jackpot	77,748.14
Super High Five	6,410.62



TRACK BIAS MEET (12/26 - 06/23)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
4.5fDirt	15	80%	E	Inside
6.5fDirt	86	29%	E/P	Mid/Out
1 MileDirt	112	31%	E	Outside
1 1/16mDirt	16	0%	E/P	Mid/Out
DnTf Sprint	53	30%	E	Rail
Turf Sprint	42	45%	E	Rail/Ins
DnTf Routes	3	33%	E/P	Rail/Ins
Turf Routes	187	24%	E	Rail/Ins

TRACK BIAS WEEK (06/17 - 06/23)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
4.5fDirt	4	50%	E	Rail/Ins
6.5fDirt	5	40%	S	Middle
1 MileDirt	2	0%	S	Middle
1 1/16mDirt	1	0%	S	Middle
DnTf Sprint	0	0%	—	na
Turf Sprint	4	25%	E/P	Rail/Ins
DnTf Routes	0	0%	—	na
Turf Routes	11	18%	S	Rail/Ins

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

HOT TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'18-'19 Win %
Gaines Carla	5	3	1	0	3.06	2	11%
Cerin Vladimir	8	3	2	0	10.05	0	16%
Cecil Ben D. A.	4	2	1	0	5.65	2	15%

HOT JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'18-'19 Win %
Espinoza Victor	8	3	0	1	7.76	2	15%
Desormeaux Kent J.	8	2	3	1	12.06	1	14%

AT A GLANCE

A look at the previous Fall/Winter Santa Anita meet: September 28, 2018 through November 4, 2018.

AVG. WINNING ODDS: 5.19 - 1

FAVORITE WIN%: 37% **FAVORITE ITM%:** 74%

EXOTICS	PAYOFF
Exacta	72.31
Daily Double	103.70
Trifecta	516.76
Pick 3	634.78
Superfecta	3,309.75
Pick 6	92,628.00
Pick 4	3,956.82
Pick 5	35,293.89
Pick 6 Jackpot	131,724.40
Super High Five	6,104.35



TRACK BIAS MEET (09/28 - 11/04)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
5.5fDirt	18	39%	E/P	Middle
6.0fDirt	33	36%	P	Mid/Out
1 MileDirt	27	37%	E	Rail
1 1/16mDirt	11	0%	E	Mid/Out
DnTf Sprint	29	48%	E	Middle
Turf Sprint	5	20%	P	Rail/Ins
Turf Routes	49	14%	E/P	Outside

TRACK BIAS WEEK (10/29 - 11/04)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
5.5fDirt	4	25%	S	Middle
6.0fDirt	4	25%	E/P	Rail
1 MileDirt	2	50%	E	Middle
1 1/16mDirt	1	0%	P	Inside
Turf Sprint	2	0%	E/P	Inside
DnTf Sprint	4	50%	E	Rail/Ins
Turf Routes	8	13%	E	Rail/Ins

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

HOT TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Carava Jack	9	4	0	0	12.96	0	13%
Kruljac J. Eric	5	2	1	0	21.88	0	14%

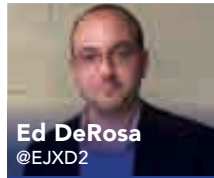
HOT JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Roman Evin A.	16	4	2	2	11.46	1	16%

COLD TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Callaghan Simon	10	0	2	0	17.58	1	20%

COLD JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Cruz Angel	15	0	1	0	16.32	0	11%
Garcia Martin	10	0	3	0	11.65	3	11%

EXPERT PICKS FOR BREEDERS' CUP

We've assembled an expert team of handicappers to give their top picks for key races of both Breeders' Cup days.



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE

1 Dennis' Moment	1 Dennis' Moment	1 Dennis' Moment	1 Dennis Moment	9 Eight Rings
5 Scabbard	5 Scabbard	6 Eight Rings	7 Anneau d'Or	1 Dennis' Moment
4 Storm the Court	6 Eight Rings	5 Scabbard	3 Shoplifted	5 Scabbard

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE

3 Spun to Run	5 Omaha Beach	5 Omaha Beach	3 Spun to Run	3 Spun to Run
9 Diamond Oops	9 Diamond Oops	7 Coal Front	5 Omaha Beach	1 Giant Expectations
1 Giant Expectations	4 Mr. Money	3 Spun to Run	9 Diamond Oops	5 Omaha Beach

BREEDERS' CUP MILE

11 Uni	9 Circus Maximus	11 Uni	11 Uni	2 Lucullan
6 Got Stormy	6 Got Stormy	2 Lucullan	6 Got Stormy	13 Hey Gaman
2 Lucullan	11 Uni	6 Got Stormy	10 Without Parole	11 Uni

BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF

11 Blue Prize	4 Midnight Bisou	4 Midnight Bisou	11 Blue Prize	5 Dunbar Road
5 Dunbar Road	5 Dunbar Road	5 Dunbar Road	5 Dunbar Road	11 Blue Prize
9 Serengeti Empress	2 Ollie's Candy	11 Blue Prize	9 Serengeti Empress	9 Serengeti Empress

BREEDERS' CUP TURF

9 Bricks and Mortar	9 Bricks and Mortar	11 Arklow	5 Anthony Van Dyck	5 Anthony Van Dyck
4 Mount Everest	5 Anthony Van Dyck	12 Channel Maker	10 Old Persian	9 Bricks and Mortar
1 Zulu Alpha	11 Arklow	9 Bricks and Mortar	9 Bricks and Mortar	4 Mount Everest

BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC

3 Owendale	5 Yoshida	8 McKinzie	10 Vino Rosso	7 Higher Power
5 Yoshida	11 Code of Honor	10 Vino Rosso	8 McKinzie	2 Seeking the Soul
6 Elate	7 Higher Power	7 Higher Power	3 Owendale	3 Owendale



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BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES

1 1/16-Mile
PURSE \$2,000,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Donna Veloce	3-1
2	Two Sixty	15-1
3	Perfect Alibi	10-1
4	British Idiom	7-2
5	Lazy Daisy	12-1
6	Bast	7-2
7	Wicked Whisper	7-2
8	K P Dreamin	20-1
9	Comical	8-1

TOP PICKS	
7	Wicked Whisper
4	British Idiom
1	Donna Veloce
6	Bast

\$1 TRIFECTA	
7	with 4 with all
4	with 7 with all

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The \$2,000,000 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) will be run at 1 1/16 miles on the main track at Santa Anita on Friday. For two-year-old fillies, the winner will receive 20 points for the Road to the Kentucky Oaks (G1), the second-place finisher will receive eight points, the third-place finisher will receive four points and the fourth-place finisher will receive two points.

#1 DONNA VELOCE was a spectacular debut winner going 6 1/2 furlongs at Santa Anita as the 3/5 favorite when she finished the race as fast as she started. She came out of that effort with two terrific workouts and even with the experience deficit, she looks to be talented enough. By Uncle Mo, she is out of a dam by Montjeu who is one of the strongest stamina influences in pedigrees today.

#2 TWO SIXTY broke her maiden first time out then was a distant third on a sloppy track against Florida Stallion Series foes at Gulfstream Park. After unseating her rider next time out going seven furlongs, she came back in her two-turn debut and won the Stallion Series final drawing off to win by over six lengths while earning a field-best BRIS speed rating of 100. She gets tested for class here but we have seen fillies coming out of that series of races run well in this event.

#3 PERFECT ALIBI broke her maiden by over nine lengths here going five furlongs back in May. She came back and ran second at Belmont then won two stakes races at Saratoga going one turn. The daughter of Sky Mesa stretched out in distance last out in the Alcibiades Stakes (G1) at Keeneland and she rallied for second behind a runaway winner.

#4 BRITISH IDIOM drew off to win easily at Saratoga going six furlongs in her career debut where her pace ratings were 90, 91, 92. She added Lasix last out and pulled away to an easy win as she sat off the pace and took over with authority. The Keeneland main track plays like the current Santa Anita main track so she should be able to carry that form forward and draws well with Javier Castellano back aboard.

#5 LAZY DAISY broke her maiden first time out at Del Mar going six furlongs then came back there and raced wide in the Del Mar Debutante (G1) after dropping back from post one. She shipped to Churchill Downs last out and won the Pocahontas Stakes (G2) going two turns. Not sure about the field that she faced that day but she has plenty of time to recover and is bred to get a distance of ground on the main track.

#6 BAST rallied for second in her career debut when she broke a bit slow going 5 1/2 furlongs at Del Mar. She came back there with blinkers added and romped by almost nine lengths in the Del Mar Debutante (G1) going seven furlongs then won the Chandelier Stakes (G1) going this distance on this main track by a neck. Her time was nothing to get excited about and even with a win over the track and Baffert's record, I still find her to be a bit questionable in here.

#7 WICKED WHISPER looked great when she broke her maiden by over six lengths at Saratoga going six furlongs. She was used hard from post one to make the lead, settled beautifully, and kicked home with a good last quarter mile. It was no surprise that she came back and wired the Frizette Stakes (G1) in good time and now she tries two turns for the first time. Steve Asmussen has been able to work her twice here and even on this deeper track, she shows no signs of slowing down.

#8 K P DREAMIN raced evenly in her career debut at 50/1 going 5 1/2 furlongs at Del Mar then she came back there and broke her maiden going a two-turn mile. In the Chandelier Stakes (G1), she chased the pace all the way around the track and I don't see today being any different.

#9 COMICAL began her career with two straight wins including a grade three sprint stakes at Saratoga. She was outrun in her next two starts then almost went gate to wire last out in the Chandelier Stakes (G1) which might prove to be an indictment against the winner, #6 BAST.

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BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE

1 1/16-Mile
PURSE \$2,000,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Dennis' Moment	8-5
2	Wrecking Crew	20-1
3	Shoplifted	20-1
4	Storm the Court	20-1
5	Scabbard	8-1
6	Eight Rings	2-1
7	Anneau d'Or	15-1
8	Full Flat	30-1
9	Maxfield	SCR

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TOP PICKS	
1	Dennis' Moment
6	Eight Rings
5	Scabbard
7	Anneau d'Or

\$40 TRIFECTA

1 with 6 with 5

\$40 TRIFECTA

1 with 5 with 6

The \$2,000,000 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) will be run at 1 1/16 miles on the main track at Santa Anita on Friday. For two-year-olds, the winner will receive 20 points for the Road to the Kentucky Derby (G1), the second-place finisher will receive eight points, the third-place finisher will receive four points and the fourth-place finisher will receive two points.

#1 DENNIS' MOMENT lost all chance in his career debut at Churchill Downs when he clipped heels and unseated the rider. He came back five weeks later at Ellis Park and ran a hole in the wind as the 4/5 favorite. From post 11, he broke on top and kept pouring it on to win by 19 lengths in spectacular time. His pace ratings that day were 85, 89, 102 which shows that even though he was on the lead, he kept finding more. It was no surprise that in the Iroquois Stakes (G3) back at Churchill going two turns, he sat behind the early leaders and cruised to an easy win. Off for 48 days, he has trained brilliantly since then and the son of Tiznow looks to be one of the strongest favorites on championship weekend.

#2 WRECKING CREW broke his maiden as the 2/5 favorite in his career debut going six furlongs at Del Mar then came back there with a good second in the Best Pal Stakes (G2). He weakened late in the Del Mar Futurity (G1) going seven furlongs and now tries two turns for the first time.

#3 SHOPLIFTED broke his maiden by over four lengths coming from just off the pace going 5 1/2 furlongs at Saratoga then was second there in the seven-furlong Hopeful Stakes (G1). He shipped out here for the American Pharoah Stakes (G1) and showed little in a wide trip.

#4 STORM THE COURT broke his maiden first time out at 12/1 going 5 1/2 furlongs in slow time at Del Mar. He lost all

chance at the start of the Del Mar Futurity (G1) when he lost his rider after being bumped at the start. Last out, he was a distant third going two turns and adds blinkers today.

#5 SCABBARD looked great when he broke his maiden by five lengths going six furlongs at Churchill Downs then he came back with a good second in a grade two sprint stakes at Saratoga. Last out in the Iroquois Stakes (G3), he was making up some ground in the stretch after having some traffic problems on the turn behind #1 DENNIS' MOMENT but he never really threatened. Still, he has not done anything wrong and is a possibility with new rider Mike Smith.

#6 EIGHT RINGS broke his maiden by six lengths in his well-bet career debut at Del Mar going 5 1/2 furlongs. He broke in at the start last out and lost his rider but bounced back nicely with new rider Johnny Velazquez to go gate to wire in the American Pharoah Stakes (G1). Baffert added blinkers last out to try to get him to focus but he still seems to be green.

#7 ANNEAU D'OR rallied from far off the pace to win by eight lengths in his well-bet career debut going a two-turn mile on the turf at Golden Gate Fields. His connections have to put up \$60,000 to enter so they must be supremely confident that he has a shot here. Son of Medaglia d'Oro is out of a Tapit mare that was a grade three stakes winner.

#8 FULL FLAT ships in from Japan for his dirt debut. He won a six-furlong turf sprint stakes there in good time two starts back then was outrun last out. Japanese horses have been winning the world over but this one does not look to join them.

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BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF

1 1/8-Mile
PURSE \$2,000,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Paradise Woods	5-1
2	Ollie's Candy	15-1
3	Street Band	10-1
4	Midnight Bisou	6-5
5	Dunbar Road	6-1
6	Wow Cat (CHI)	15-1
7	Street Spice	10-1
8	La Force (GER)	30-1
9	Serengeti Empress	12-1
10	Mo See Cal	30-1
11	Blue Prize (ARG)	6-1

TOP PICKS	
5	Dunbar Road
4	Midnight Bisou
1	Paradise Woods
11	Blue Prize
\$50 WIN	
5	
\$20 EXACTA	
1, 4, with 5	

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The \$2,000,000 Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) will be run at 1 1/8 miles on the main track at Santa Anita on Saturday. It has attracted a field of eleven and there is a decent run into the first turn for them to sort themselves out.

#1 PARADISE WOODS is the most enigmatic runner on the whole weekend. Her best effort is better than anyone else's but she doesn't always bring her "A" game. This year, she shifted from Dick Mandella's barn to John Shirreffs'. Back in April, she won a grade two stakes race going this distance on this main track by 10 lengths but lost her last two. Back here at Santa Anita, she was a handy winner of the Zenyatta Stakes (G2) when racing up on the pace. The horse for the course draws the rail and gets the red-not Abel Cedillo back aboard.

#2 OLLIE'S CANDY only has three starts on dirt but she won two of them and one was the Clement Hirsch Stakes (G1) at Del Mar. She chased the pace last out without making any impact in the stretch. John Sadler switches to Joel Rosario who will probably take her back off the pace and make one run.

#3 STREET BAND ships West for Larry Jones and rarely puts two good races together. She was an even third in the Alabama Stakes (G1) two starts back then beat a strong field in the Cotillion Stakes (G1) last out when she rallied from way back to win going away. She would need a similar set-up today while taking on older rivals for the first time. Daughter of Istan is not impossible but just seems to be a cut below.

#4 MIDNIGHT BISOU was third in this race last year and has won all seven starts since then. There's nothing to knock about her other than the price but some of her races are too close for comfort and she faces a deep and talented field today. She has won three of four starts over the track and has been out here training the past month.

#5 DUNBAR ROAD is an emerging three-year-old filly that seems to be still improving. After winning the Mother Goose Stakes (G2), she came back at Saratoga and won the ten-furlong Alabama Stakes (G1) with a strong finish. She came back in the Spinster Stakes (G1) against older rivals but was stuck down on the inside and never was clear to stride forwardly. Today, she draws perfectly and Jose Ortiz can keep her out of trouble and if the main track comes up tiring, her ten-furlong form will be a big help going nine furlongs.

#6 WOW CAT for a filly that was a terrific second in this race last year, she has been flying under the radar screen all year. She started off the year at Saratoga with a second in the Shuvee Stakes (G3) going this distance then finished up the track in the Personal Ensign (G1) against the two best mares in the country. She was second in the Beldame Invitational (G2) last out and now moves back up in class for Chad Brown.

#7 SECRET SPICE is a horse for the course that won a grade one stakes here back in March going a two-turn mile. Since then, she has run second each time and two of them came against grade one stakes company. Daughter of Discreet Cat has been a picture of consistency but needs to find a couple of more lengths to be a danger today.

#8 LA FORCE was beaten 10 lengths by #1 PARADISE WOODS earlier in the year then she came back and won a grade two stakes race here. Her recent form keeps her out of the mix as she only has three wins from 28 starts.

#9 SERENGETI EXPRESS is an all-or-nothing horse but when she's on, she's real good. Last year, she won two stakes races by 32 lengths then could not make the lead in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) and fell apart. She bounced back in the Kentucky Oaks (G1) when she overcame post 13 by going to the lead and never looked back. In the Acorn Stakes (G1), she ran into the immensely talented Guarana then she just missed in the seven-furlong Test Stakes (G1) where she dueled with Covfefe and only succumbed late in the stretch. Throw out her race in the Cotillion Stake (G1) where she was cooked in a fast pace but is dangerous in any race she shows up in.

#10 MO SEE CAL is a horse for the course but just doesn't seem talented enough to handle this caliber.

#11 BLUE PRIZE was only beaten 1 1/2 lengths in this race last year. She seems to be peaking at the right time with an easy stakes win at Saratoga going today's distance and won the Spinster Stakes (G1) with a strong, wide rally. Her BRIS speed ratings put her in the mix but with her running style, I'm not sure what kind of trip Joe Bravo can work out from post 11.

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BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC

1 1/4-Mile
PURSE \$6,000,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Math Wizard	30-1
2	Seeking the Soul	20-1
3	Owendale	15-1
4	War of Will	20-1
5	Yoshida (JPN)	8-1
6	Elate	6-1
7	Higher Power	6-1
8	McKinzie	3-1
9	Mongolian Groom	12-1
10	Vino Rosso	4-1
11	Code of Honor	4-1

TOP PICKS	
11	Code of Honor
8	McKinzie
10	Vino Rosso
6	Elate
9	Mongolian Groom
\$40 WIN	
11	
\$1 TRIFECTA	
11 with All with All	

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The \$6,000,000 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) will be run at 1 1/4 miles on the main track at Santa Anita on Saturday. It has attracted a field of eleven and there is a quarter-mile run into the first turn for them to sort themselves out.

#1 MATH WIZARD was claimed for \$25,000 earlier this year then was a close second in the Ohio Derby (G3) going this distance. He came back with a good third from post 10 in the Indiana Derby (G3) before being trounced in the West Virginia Derby (G3). Off that form, he went to the Pennsylvania Derby (G1) and rallied down the middle of the track to beat a good field at 31/1. That was his best effort ever and it still won't be enough to run with these.

#2 SEEKING THE SOUL won the Stephen Foster (G2) three starts back in June but did nothing in his last two starts against grade one stakes company. I know you are not supposed to leave Dallas Stewart out in big races on the dirt but I just can't see this one being a part of this.

#3 OWENDALE is a one-dimensional closer that won two grade three stakes races and an even fifth in between going 1 1/4 miles in the Travers Stakes (G1). His last two BRIS speed ratings of 103 puts him in the mix but he needs a fast pace and tiring track to have a chance.

#4 WAR OF WILL is a very inconsistent sophomore colt that won the Preakness Stakes (G1) but hasn't won since. He improved some in the Pennsylvania Derby (G1) when he raced on the pace and shows two good workouts here since then. Mark Casse adds blinkers for the first time and so Tyler Gaffalione might ride him aggressively.

#5 YOSHIDA has won over \$1 million on the dirt and over \$1 million on the turf. When he races on turf, he drops way back and makes one run. Japanese-bred was a good second behind #8 MCKINZIE in the Whitney Stakes (G1) then missed by a length in the Woodward Stakes (G1) when he battled down on the inside. Last year, he was only beaten 1 3/4 lengths from post 10 in a wide trip and he picks up Mike Smith.

#6 ELATE is undefeated in three starts going 1 1/4 miles. She looked fantastic when winning the Delaware Handicap (G1) but then lost a photo in the Personal Ensign (G1). She didn't seem to have any excuse in the Spinster Stakes (G1) last out 27 days ago but she has high cruising speed which enables her to keep going and get that last furlong.

#7 HIGHER POWER romped by five lengths to win the Pacific Classic (G1) going today's distance. He earned a BRIS speed rating of 110 but that was 14 points higher than he ever earned before so it looks kind of tenuous. Last out, he was a well-beaten third in the Awesome Again (G1) and John Sadler has drilled him since then.

#8 MCKINZIE did nothing in this race last year and has raced at seven, eight, and nine furlongs since then. He was great in the Whitney Stakes (G1) then was second in the Awesome Again Stakes (G1) as a prep for this. Bob Baffert pulled Mike Smith off him and is going with Joel Rosario but he is not a sit-and-pounce rider. Not sure if he is going in the right direction but even his bad races put him in the mix against these.

#9 MONGOLIAN GROOM added blinkers but ran poorly on the turf. He came back in the San Diego Handicap (G2) and was a good second to Catalina Cruiser. He ran one-paced in his next two starts but woke up last out in the Awesome Again Stakes (G1) when he went to the front and never looked back. His connections said after the race that he was going to go to Korea but he shows up here and could be still in it a long way.

#10 VINO ROSSO shipped out here off a seven-furlong race and won the Gold Cup (G1) going this distance in slowish time. He came back at Saratoga with a good third behind #8 MCKINZIE and #5 YOSHIDA going nine furlongs. Last out, Irad Ortiz, Jr. put him on the lead in the Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) and finished first by a nose only to be taken down for coming out on #11 CODE OF HONOR. He can get the distance and his latest running style gives Ortiz, Jr. more options.

#11 CODE OF HONOR is a May 23 foal that won the Fountain of Youth Stakes (G1) back in March at Gulfstream Park. He chased the pace next out in the Florida Derby (G1) but it was enough to go on to the Kentucky Derby (G1) where he was a good third on a sloppy track. He was tightened up at the top of the stretch but still ran well through the lane. Shug McGaughey took him off the Triple Crown trail and won the one-turn Dwyer Stakes (G3) then came back seven weeks later to win the Travers Stakes (G1). Shug brought him back in the Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) and he looked like he was going to win until #10 VINO ROSSO came out and bumped him. The son of Noble Mission has trained brilliantly since then and because of his age, has been able to improve as the year goes on.

INTERNATIONAL TRENDS TO NOTE FOR 2019 BREEDERS' CUP

by Kellie Reilly

The Breeders' Cup presents a handicapping challenge in weighing the merits of so many legitimate contenders, especially the international shippers. It can help to view their performances in the context of historical trends. This method not only highlights the most productive preps, but also reveals changing patterns over time, and how they've applied to the nine previous Breeders' Cups hosted at Santa Anita.

ARC TO THE TURF

Europeans logically have had great success in the 35-year history of the Turf (G1), with a total of 22 winners based across the pond, including eight in the last 10 years. Of the 22 international winners, 10 were trained in Great Britain, six in France, and Aidan O'Brien is single-handedly responsible for Ireland's six. The unifying theme across all three countries is the significance of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1): 12 Turf winners competed in that fall's Arc, five for O'Brien alone.

The Arc angle, arising with In the Wings (1990), has become an enduring trend that's continued apace. Just in the past decade, five Turf winners had a recent start in the French showpiece. That stat would increase to six if you include a European who'd run in a previous year's Arc. Talismanic, the 2017 Turf winner, skipped that season's Arc but had gone unplaced in the 2016 edition. (Also, recall that the scratched favorite in the 2017 Turf, Ulysses, was coming off a third in the Arc and might well have furthered the stat had he run.)

Until Enable came along to make history in 2018, the reigning Arc winner had never won a Breeders' Cup race. The trend is reliant upon horses beaten in the Arc, for they often have the class to rebound in more favorable American conditions.

If you restrict the results just to the runnings at Santa Anita, however, the internationals are no longer dominant in the Turf.

In fact, the tally is tied at five winners apiece for Europe and North America – a stat embodied in the 2003 Turf dead-heat between O'Brien's defending champion High Chaparral and Richard Mandella's Johar. Three of those European winners at Santa Anita, including High Chaparral, brought the gold standard of Arc form.

FILLY & MARE TURF

The Filly & Mare Turf (G1) presents an opposite picture. European shippers are less successful overall, taking just eight of the 20 runnings. But their percentage is much better at Santa Anita, where British-based distaffers have won four of the seven run over this course. Three of those four were trained by Sir Michael Stoute. Note that O'Brien has never won this race, and France hasn't had a winner since Banks Hill (2001).

Although the Europeans have used various stepping stones to victory, there has been an evolution in the type of races that produce winners. In the early years after the Filly & Mare Turf was introduced (1999), the international heroines were all coming out of Group 1s versus males. In the last decade, however, with the strengthening of the European pattern race program for fillies and mares, winners are able to continue at the top level in their own division.

The Prix de l'Opera (G1) is beginning to emerge as a key race, producing two of the last four European winners as well as last year's runner-up, Wild Illusion. That makes sense because the Opera is the marquee option for distaffers on the Arc undercard, and it might become roughly analogous to the Arc's role as a pointer to the Turf. Interestingly, the parallel could extend even further: both of the Filly & Mare Turf winners exiting the Opera had lost there (Midday was third in 2009 and Wuheida fourth in 2017). This hasn't reached the resonance of the "Arc losers in the Turf" angle, but it's worth watching.



MILE

European shippers have managed to wrest the Mile (G1) trophy in only 14 of 35 runnings, but as with the Filly & Mare Turf, Santa Anita has been friendlier to their prospects. Five of the nine editions staged here have gone to the internationals, or more specifically to the French.

France has excelled in this race, prevailing 10 times compared to the mere two apiece registered by Great Britain and Ireland (neither for Aidan O'Brien). The Gallic flair comes in part from Miesque (1987-88) and Goldikova (2008-10), together responsible for half the total. But even if you remove the great distaffers from the ledger, France has still won more Miles than Britain and Ireland combined.

The Prix du Moulin (G1) and Prix de la Forêt (G1) are accordingly the obvious preps, but not only for the French. Just last fall, British shipper Expert Eye used the Moulin as his springboard to a coup in the Mile.

The most notable prep trend is a negative one, against the Queen Elizabeth II (G1) at Ascot. That wasn't the case in the first decade or so of the Breeders' Cup, when three Mile winners came out of placed efforts in the QE II. Since Ridgewood Pearl (1995), however, no QE II alum has gone on to capture the Mile.

JUVENILE TURF/FILLIES TURF

The Juvenile Turf (G1) and Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1) trends are in stark contrast to each other. As my colleague Vance Hanson recently observed, Europeans have landed eight of 12 editions of the Juvenile Turf, but scored only twice in the Juvenile Fillies Turf. And if you regard Wesley Ward's Hootenanny (2014) as a quasi-European after his summer campaign abroad, the international impact on the Juvenile Turf is even greater.

It's no surprise that O'Brien has won the Juvenile Turf four times, but British trainers John Gosden and Charlie Appleby have each taken it twice. Three of the last seven winners were exiting defeats in the Dewhurst (G1).

While the Europeans' Juvenile Turf strike rate is the same at Santa Anita (four of six runnings), the reverse is true of the Juvenile Fillies Turf. The only two European-based fillies to prevail in that race did so at Santa Anita. The venue might not have been as significant as the fact that both Flotilla (2012), a future French classic winner, and Britain's ill-fated Chriselliam (2013) were exceptional.

TURF SPRINTS

American-based sprinters are pitching a shut-out so far in the Turf Sprint (G1), sweeping all 11 runnings. Even worse, only one international shipper has even hit the board, Diabolical (2008), arguably because of his original American background. The results underscore how European sprinters can find this a different discipline from their straight-course game, one demanding not just high speed but proficiency around a tight-turning track with a shorter stretch.

The Juvenile Turf Sprint (G2) is too new to draw conclusions. In last year's inaugural running, Todd Pletcher's Bulletin went wire to wire, but Europeans finished third and fourth. The youngsters could prove more adaptable than their elders, so this race might not follow the lopsided trend of the Turf Sprint proper. The Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) is one of the top events on the biggest day of racing. It has produced some memorable results by remarkable horses, with Zenyatta, Azeri, Beholder, Royal Delta and Ginger Punch among the 'who's who' of recent Distaff heroines.



HISTORICAL TRENDS BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF

by Vance Hanson

Grass racing continues to be an increasingly popular and crucial segment of the American racing landscape. One sign of this has been the explosion in the number of turf stakes, graded and otherwise, for three-year-olds over the past decade or so.

Turf opportunities for juveniles have grown, too, as evidenced by the Breeders' Cup's introduction of both the Juvenile Turf (G1) and Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1) to its program back in 2008, and the subsequent enhancement of existing or creation of prep races for them.

Despite this increased emphasis, one indisputable trend that bettors focusing on the upcoming Breeders' Cup (and seemingly those for years to come) is that the American-based two-year-old turf males continue to lag behind their European counterparts in terms of success in the Juvenile Turf after more than a decade of such growth.

With 12 editions of the Juvenile Turf in the books, American-based runners have won only four. After inaugural winner Nownownow (2007), the trophy has stayed in U.S. hands after victories by Pluck (2010), Hootenanny (2014), and Oscar Performance (2016), but even the Wesley Ward-trained Hootenanny had been battle-tested on European soil for half of his pre-Breeders' Cup campaign.

It also shouldn't be a surprise that the European invaders that won were far from the best juveniles in their respective homelands. None of the eight had previously won at Group 1 level nor did any win at that level again after their Breeders' Cup triumphs.

This is not to say there haven't been some good European invaders among the Juvenile Turf also-rans. The Juvenile Turf fields of the past two years have had the surprising distinction of including the following season's Epsom Derby (G1) winner. Masar finished fifth at Del Mar in 2017, while Anthony Van Dyck finished ninth as the favorite over testing ground at Churchill Downs in 2018.

The preponderance of Europeans in the Juvenile Turf winner's circle doesn't mean the Americans don't fare well in the race. Europeans have run one-two in the Juvenile Turf only twice, in 2008 and 2013. An all-American exacta has occurred just once, in 2014.

In contrast to the Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1), which American runners have dominated with a 10-2 edge since 2008, the Juvenile Turf perhaps will remain the domain of overseas invaders. Although flexibility is essential to looking at any race, one useful handicapping approach for the Juvenile Turf might be to concentrate first on the European contingent to find leading win contenders before analyzing the lengthier list of domestic hopefuls in search of the most likely secondary placers.



TOP EXACTA PAYOUTS FOR BREEDERS' CUP RACES

by John Mucciolo

Total handle during Breeders' Cup weekend has exceeded \$124 million in each year since the World Championships became a two-day event in 2007, and there have been some excellent payouts every year since that time.

In this piece, I will highlight the top exacta returns for each individual race, as well as shed some light as to why the returns were so rewarding over the past 12 years.

Classic (2011 — \$444.80)

In a race lacking a standout, Drosslmeyer rallying to win at 14-1 followed by fellow 14-1 shot Game On Dude spiked the handsome return under the Twin Spires.

Turf (2010 — \$172.60)

At Churchill Downs, Dangerous Midge tracked early leader Champ Pegasus throughout and inched clear in the lane for trainer Brian Meehan. The latter held well to be a clear second, while even-money choice Behkabad could only muster third which helped the exacta return.

Distaff (2009 — \$171.60)

With 9-5 choice Careless Jewel opening up a huge lead on the backside and caving in the stretch, the Distaff opened up for all contenders. The 8-1 Life is Sweet got the better of Bill Mott's Mushka, who went off at 16-1 at the Great Race Place.

Filly and Mare Turf (2008 — \$449.20)

The exquisite Forever Together rallied for the win at Santa Anita for Jonathan Sheppard as the 9-2 third choice. But it was the surprising runner-up performance by Sealy Hill at 48-1 that made this exacta so rewarding.

Mile (2011 — \$1,979.60)

With the legendary Goldikova finishing just third in her attempt for a fourth consecutive Mile tally, the Dale Romans-trained Court Vision pulled off one of the biggest upsets in Breeders' Cup history. He was the longest shot on the board at a whopping 64-1, with 11-1 shot Turallure capping the bonanza payout beneath the Twin Spires.

Sprint (2009 — \$455.80)

At Santa Anita, locally based horses finished one-two when 25-1 chance Dancing in Silks got the better of the 15-1 Crown of Thorns in a thrilling finish. Zensational and Gayego, the top-two choices in the betting, finished fifth and fourth, respectively.

Dirt Mile (2010 — \$816.20)

Dakota Phone, the biggest price on the board, spearheaded the substantial exacta for conditioner Jerry Hollendorfer. Sent off at 37-1, he finished atop 5-1 third choice Morning Line by a head at Churchill Downs.

Turf Sprint (2008 — \$786.20)

The inaugural running of this race was held at Santa Anita down the hillside turf course. Local hopeful Desert Code had just one horse beaten early but closed best of all under Richard Migliore. The 36-1 longest price in the field was a half-length ahead of third-choice Diabolical, at 5-1.

Filly and Mare Sprint (2017 — \$2,060.40)

At Del Mar, Bar of Gold was dismissed at 66-1 odds but rallied from next to last to pull off the biggest upset of the day for John Kimmel. Canadian-based Ami's Mesa was an unlucky loser at a healthy 18-1, capping the astronomical exacta.

Juvenile (2009 — \$334.80)

On the all-weather surface at Santa Anita, Godolphin's Vale of York stunned 2-1 favorite Lookin at Lucky by a head. The winner was sent postward at odds of 30-1 in his U. S. debut.

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