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# The 2018 Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs



The 35th Breeders' Cup is upon us, being held for the ninth time under the Twin Spires at Churchill Downs with a revamped schedule and a few new wagers.

There is no Triple Crown winner this year with Justify settled into his breeding stall with a full dance card, but we have a few stars including five former winners of Breeders' Cup races returning.

Mendelssohn, the 2017 Juvenile Turf winner, Oscar

Performance, who won the 2016 Juvenile Turf, Roy H, victor of last year's Sprint, Stormy Liberal, the 2017 Turf Sprint champ and 2017 Turf winner Talismanic are back.

Enable, who has won the last two edition of the Prix de l' Arc de Triomphe (G1) ships over to go in the Breeders' Cup Turf (G1).

Roaring Lion is coming over to try dirt for the first time in his career in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1). The John Gosden trainee has won four consecutive Group 1 races, taking the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (G1) on Oct. 20.

In total, 51 overseas shippers are headed to Churchill Downs including 18 pre-entered by trainer Aiden O'Brien.

Bob Baffert will be busy, looking to move closer to catching D. Wayne Lukas for the most Breeders' Cup wins. Lukas has 20 wins while Baffert is second all-time with 14. Baffert has major players in four races.

The schedule has been changed, with all five juvenile races now contested on Friday, with the Dirt Mile and Distaff moved to Saturday.

# The 2018 Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs

I have been saying since the Breeders' Cup expanded to two days that the Distaff belonged on Saturday.

The Breeders' Cup has introduced some new bets including Head to Head wagering with a 10% takeout. Some think it will appeal to horseplayers, but with a takeout of 10% I think we might be left with an option of betting on a 3-5 or a 4-5, and that does not get the pulse racing.

The other bet I'll likely pass on is the Jackpot Super High 5. If there are multiple winning tickets, then 75% of the pool will be paid out to winners, with the remaining 25% going into a jackpot that carries over. There are better ways to pad the bankroll than with gimmick jackpot bets.

One wager I can get behind is the Pick 5 with a 15% takeout. There will be two on Friday and Saturday, the latter ending with the Classic. If any of the three earlier Pick 5 pools is not hit, the money will carryover into the last Pick 5.

There are "guaranteed pools" but that's is just a

marketing ploy and offer no real value to horseplayers as they surely will be met.

Nearly all the races will have full fields, including 14 going in the Classic. The races that did not oversubscribe may still have fields of 11 or 12.

They call the Kentucky Derby the two most exciting minutes in sports. For me the Breeders' Cup is the two most exciting days in sports.

Giddy Up!



# Baffert Loaded Under Twin Spires

Trainer Bob Baffert has won 14 Breeder's races in his Hall of Fame career and has top contenders in four of the championship races this year as he closes in on becoming the all-time leader in wins.

Only fellow Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas has won more Breeders' Cup races with 20. Baffert leads all trainers in money won with \$27,605,000. His 14 wins have come from 108 starters. Lukas has started a record 164 starters.

On Friday Baffert will saddle **Game Winner** in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) and the undefeated colt likely will be the betting favorite. The \$110,000 Keeneland purchase is by Candy Ride out of a A.P. Indy mare.

He broke his maiden in his debut at Del Mar by 5  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths, won the Del Mar Futurity (G1) and then took the American Pharaoh (G1) at Santa Anita in his first trip around two turns.

Baffert was just unstoppable at the Del Mar meeting with juveniles this summer. He started 19 two-year-olds and won with a dozen of them. Dating back six months,



Baffert has won with 19 of his 35 two-year-olds overall.

In the Juvenile, Baffert has started 25 runners and has won the race three times, with Vindication in 2002, Midshipman in 2008 and New Year's Day in 2013. Last year he sent out Solomini to run second.

Baffert is 0 for 5 in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1) but will saddle two of the leading contenders this year in **Marley's Freedom** and **Dream Tree**.

Marley's Freedom has made three starts for Baffert since coming over from the Bob Hess barn and she is perfect in those three outings. She won the Desert Stormer (G3) by 7 ¼ lengths earning career top Beyer Speed Figure of 105 in her first start for the barn.

She followed that up with wins in the Great Lady M (G2) at Los Alamitos and won the Ballerina (G1) at Saratoga going seven furlongs in her last outing on Aug. 25.

The daughter of Blame has won 6 of 12 starts in her career with earnings of \$628,435.

Dream Tree is undefeated in five career start and has won from six furlong to 1 1/16 miles. She came off a seven-month layoff last out to win the Prioress (G2) at Saratoga by 4 ¼ lengths with a career top Beyer of 100.

**Abel Tasman** is looking to improve off her game runner up finish in last year's Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) to Forever Unbridled. Of Baffert's five starters in the Distaff she is the lone runner that has landed in the exacta.

She looked like she was well on her way to being the favorite in this year's Distaff until she tossed in a clunker in the Zenyatta (G1) last out at Santa Anita where she was a disappointing fifth as the chalk.

She won the Ogden Phipps (G1) in June at Belmont Park and the Personal Ensign (G1) at Saratoga in August.

The question for handicappers is which Abel Tasman shows up? The filly is currently the second choice in early Distaff betting at USRacing at 7-2.

**Vale Dori** gives Baffert a good back up. The six-year-old mare pulled off the upset in the Zenyatta at 11-1. It is her lone win in five starts this year after a productive 2017 campaign. She won 4 of 6 last year including the Santa Margarita (G1) and her two losses were both by a neck in Grade 1 company.

In her career she has won 10 of her 21 career starts and has earned \$1,365,567. She is at 10-1 in early Distaff betting at USRacing.



**West Coast** ran third in last year's Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) and that ended a three-year reign for Baffert in this race (Baffert's Collected ran second). The trainer won with Bayern in 2014, American Pharoah in 2015 and Arrogate in 2016. Note that trio were all three-year-olds.

West Coast has made just three starts since last year's Classic and has not landed in the winner's circle although he ran well in each of those outings.

He was second to Gun Runner in the Pegasus World Cup (G1) in January and then was second to Thunder Snow in the Dubai World Cup (G1) in March.



**Arrogate** gave Baffert his third consecutive Classic win in 2016 at Santa Anita.

The colt returned off the bench in the Awesome Again on Sept. 29 and ran well in a runner up finish to Accelerate, who is the early betting favorite for the Classic at 11-5 at USRacing. West Coast is the current second choice at 7-2.

Sure enough Baffert does have a live three-year-old in this year's Classic in **McKinzie**. The colt missed the Triple Crown races this spring and spent the summer on the bench. He came back with a strong win in the Pennsylvania Derby (G1) on Sept. 22 at Parx Racing and earned a 107 Beyer Speed Figure, a career best.

The colt is currently the third choice in early Classic wagering at US Racing at 6-1.

**Collected** also will be making his second start off the bench in the Classic if he gets in. The son of City Zip ran second in last year's Classic at 6-1.

The five-year-old has made just two starts this year. He tired to finished seventh in the Pegasus World Cup (G1) and then off an eighth month layoff he was a disappointing fourth in the Pennsylvania Derby Champion Stakes. He can be had at 25-1 at USRacing in early Classic wagering.

The Hall of Fame trainer is going to be dangerous in all four races. The Over/Under on how many wins he has? Let's set the line at 1.5.

# The 2018 Breeders' Cup Television Schedule



**The 2018 Breeders' Cup World Championships will be broadcast live on NBC Sports:**

Friday, November 2: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. ET on NBCSN

Saturday, November 3: 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET on NBCSN

Saturday, November 3: 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. ET on NBC

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# The 2018 Breeders' Cup Friday Race Schedule

All of Friday's Breeders' Cup races will be televised live on NBCSN.

**POST-TIMES All Times Eastern**

**Friday, November 2**

12:55 PM Race 1: TBD

"Future Stars Friday" 1:28 PM Race 2: TBD

2:02 PM Race 3: TBD

2:36 PM Race 4: The Street Sense

Opening Ceremonies

3:21 PM Race 5: Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint

4:00 PM Race 6: Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf

4:40 PM Race 7: Tito's Handmade Vodka Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies

5:22 PM Race 8: Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf

6:05 PM Race 9: Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile

6:43 PM Race 10: The Marathon Stakes Presented by TAA



# The 2018 Breeders' Cup Saturday Race Schedule

**Saturday's Breeders' Cup races will be televised live on NBCSN and NBC.**

**Saturday, November 3**

10:45 AM Race 1: TBD

11:15 AM Race 2: The Cherokee Run Stakes

Opening Ceremonies

12:00 PM Race 3: Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint

12:38 PM Race 4: Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint

1:16 PM Race 5: Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile

2:04 PM Race 6: Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf

2:46 PM Race 7: TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint

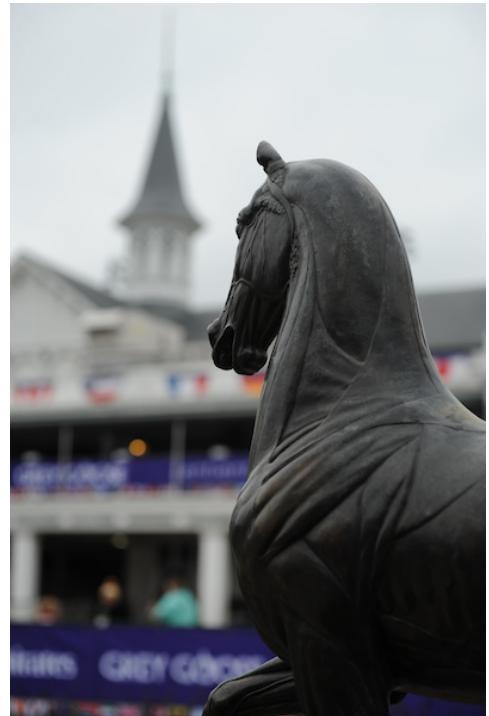
3:36 PM Race 8: Breeders' Cup Mile

4:16 PM Race 9: Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff

4:56 PM Race 10: Longines Breeders' Cup Turf

5:44 PM Race 11: Breeders' Cup Classic

6:22 PM Race 12: The Chilukki S.



## Breeders Cup Juvenile Turf

This is the first running of this race although Del Mar did run a juvenile sprint on the undercard last year and the top four finishers were all Euro invaders. The winner was Declarationofpeace at 14-1.

**Soldiers' Call** is getting the attention in overseas ante post betting, as low as 5-2 at a couple of books. The colt was beaten a head and a nose when third in the Prix de l'Abbaye ongchamp on Oct. 7. He won four of his first six starts including a Group 2 and 3.

**Shang Shang Shang** will be sent out by Wesley Ward, who a decade from now we might be looking back and seeing him with three or four wins in this race. This colt won the Norfolk Stakes (G2) at Royal Ascot in June and has not started since.

Charles Appleby sends over **Line of Duty**. The colt won the Prix de Conde (G3) at Chantilly in his last outing.

**Strike Silver** will be sent out by Mark Casse. The made his turf debut a winning one, taking the Indian Summer at Keeneland going 5 ½ furlongs.

He missed in the Sanford (G3) on the main track at Saratoga in his previous start by a neck.

Trainer Todd Pletcher has a promising colt in **Bulletin**, who blitz the field in his debut in the Hollywood Beach at Gulfstream Park going five furlongs on turf by seven lengths.

**Uncle Benny** rallied from more than a dozen lengths back to get up and win the Futurity over good ground going six furlongs at Belmont Park over good ground. The colt showed speed on the main track in his debut, dueling for the early lead and drawing off to win by 2 ½ lengths.



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## Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf

Trainer Chad Brown has won this race in three of the last four years and he will saddle the likely favorite this year in **Newspaperofrecord**, a talented filly that has breezed through her first two starts.

She broke her maiden in her debut by 6 ¾ lengths over yielding ground at Saratoga in August and came back in September and won the Miss Grillo (G2) again on yielding footing by 6 ½ lengths. Four winners of this race prepped in the Miss Grillo.

Aiden O'Brien, who has come up short with 11 runners in this race sends out **Just Wonderful**, winner of the Rockfel Stakes (G2) at seven furlongs at Newmarket in her last start. She has won three of her six starts including a Group 3 going a mile at the Curragh.

**La Pelosa** came to Woodbine and took the Natalma (G1) in her first start on this side of the pond for trainer Charlie Appleby. Three winners of this race prepped in the Natalma.

**So Perfect** is getting love in ante post betting for the race overseas, as low as 7-2. She ran a close up third in the Cheverly Park Stakes (G1) at

Newmarket in a race won by Fairyland. She is trained by O'Brien.

**Concrete Rose** is perfect in two starts, winning the Jessamine (G2) at Keeneland in her stakes debut. She is trained by Rusty Arnold. She broke her maiden going 5 ½ on turf at Saratoga over good ground.

O'Brien will also send out **Hermosa**, runner up in the Bet365 Mile (G1).

### Juvenile Fillies Turf by the Digits

(last eight years)

Avg. Win payoff: \$16.08

Avg. Exacta payoff: \$110.38

Avg. Beyer Speed Figure: 87

Betting Favorites All time: 1 for 10

2017:

Winner: Rushing Fall (\$8.00)

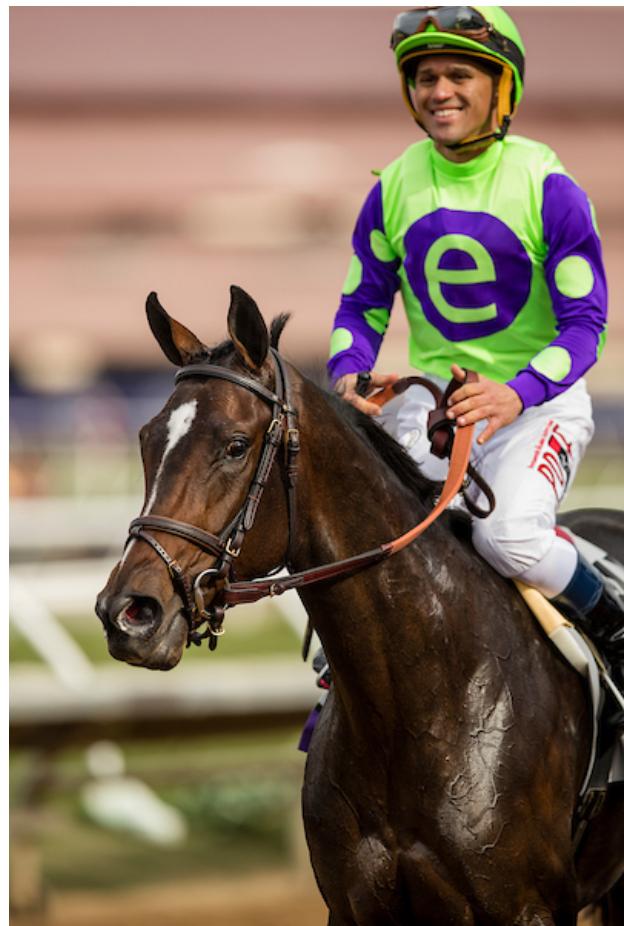
Winner final prep: won Jessamine (G3)

Runner up: Best Performance

Runner up final prep: second in the Miss Grillo (G3)

## Juvenile Fillies Turf Betting Trends

U.S. based fillies have won eight of the 10 runnings of this race, with the two Euro wins both coming at Santa Anita in '12 and '13 when Lasix was prohibited...Just one favorite has won the race and only two others landed in the exacta... Lady Eli was the lone favorite to get the job done, paying \$6.80 in '14... The lone gate to wire winner was Catch a Glimpse in '15 at Keeneland, returning \$14.80...Seven of the winners were coming in off a win and two others ran second. Flotilla is the lone winner to miss an exacta finish, running fourth... The Miss Grillo (G3) at Belmont Park is the key prep, producing four winners...The Natalma (G2) at Woodbine has produced a pair of winners...Last year's winner Rushing Fall won the Jessamine (G3) at Keeneland in her final prep...Trainer Chad Brown has won three of the last four editions of the race and won the inaugural running in 2008... Jockey Javier Castellano was aboard for the last two winners of the race, both for Brown...Aiden O'Brien is 0 for 11 in this race and has sent out three beaten favorites. The trainer will send out a trio of contenders this year trying to get off the duck...



The Chad Brown trained Rushing Fall won the 2017 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1).

## Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies

This race has been ripe for longshots in recent years, while in the 34-year history 18 favorites have won. This year's favorite may be **Bellafina**, the winner of the Chandelier (G1) at Santa Anita in her last outing, her third win in a row for trainer Simon Callaghan. Two of the last three winners of these race prepped in the Chandelier (G1).

**Serengeti Empress** has won her last two starts by a combined 33 lengths. She won the Pocahontas (G2) over the Churchill downs main track by 19 ½ lengths in her last outing, which was her first start going long.

The Ken McPeek trained **Restless Rider** is coming off a sharp win in the Alcibiades (G1) at Keeneland. She won her first two career starts over the main track under the Twin Spires, winning the Debutante in June by 11 ¼ lengths.

**Jaywalk** has won three in a row for trainer John Servis and took the field gate to wire to win the Frizette (G1) at Belmont Park going a one turn mile in her final prep. Last year's winner Caledonia Road completed the Frizette-Juvenile Fillies double.

**Sippican Harbor** joins the fray among contenders that won their last prep, taking the Spinaway (G1) at Saratoga going seven furlongs in her stakes debut. She beat **Restless Rider** in her victory. She is by Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Orb out of a Deputy Minster mare and should be able to handle her first trip around two turns.

### Juvenile Fillies by the Digits

(last eight years)

Avg. Win payoff: \$40.93

Avg. Exacta payoff: \$443.10

Avg. Beyer Speed Figure: 87

Betting Favorites All time: 18 for 34

2017

Winner: Caledonia Road (\$36.60)

Winner final prep: second in the Frizette (G1)

Runner up: Alluring Star

Runner up final prep: 2nd in the Chandelier Stakes (G1)

## Juvenile Fillies Betting Trends

The betting favorites have done quite well in this race, winning 18 of the 34 runnings, but in recent years the toteboard has exploded...Take Charge Brandi started that off by paying \$125.40 in 2014 followed by Champagne Road paying \$69.20 in 2016 and last year Caledonia Road pulled off the upset to the tune of \$36.60...Despite all the successful favorites we have seen seven winners of this race scoring at 30-1 or higher...Seven favorites won in a row from '02 to '08...Favorites have won 5 of the 8 at Churchill Downs...

4 of the last 8 went gate to wire including the chalk Songbird (\$3.20) in 2015....2 of the last 3 run here at Churchill Downs were won in wire jobs...D. Wayne Lukas has won this race six times with 44 starters...Bob Baffert is 2 for 23 while Todd Pletcher is 0 for 14...Last year's winner Caledonia Road became just the second winner to have raced just twice, Indian Blessing the first in 2007... The Frizette (G1) has produced the most winners with 12, the Alcibiades (G1) next with seven winners...The Chandelier (G1) at Santa Anita produced the winners in 2015 and 2016...Seven winners have come from the 10 post outward including two that broke from the 14... The last two exactas paid \$733.60 and \$392.20...



Songbird, ridden by Mike Smith, was a popular winner of the 2015 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies.

## Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf

Aiden O'Brien has won this race four times and is loaded with talented juveniles, and several will make the trip. Among those, **Anthony Van Dyck** is coming off a third place finish in the Dewhurst Stakes (G1) which has produced the winner of this race three times. The colt is the early betting favorite in ante post wagering overseas.

**Broome** has won just one in five starts but is coming off a game second beaten neck in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagaedere (G1) at Longchamp in his last start.

**The Black Album** was recently purchased by Team Valor and is headed across the pond, likely to stay. The colt has won three of his five career starts, winning the Prix la Rochette (G3) in his last start at Longchamp.

Among the U.S. runners, **Current** from the Todd Pletcher barn figures to take some betting action. The son of Curlin won the Bourbon (G3) at Keeneland last out in his stakes debut.

Trainer Mike Maker will send out Bourbon runner up **Henley's Joy**.

The colt was beaten just a nose by **Current**, his first loss He won the Kentucky Downs Juvenile at a mile two back in his stakes debut.

**Line of Duty** is sent over from the Charlie Appleby barn. The colt won the Prix de Conde (G3) at Chantilly in his last start.

**Forty Under** comes in off a victory in the Pilgrim (G3) over yielding ground at Belmont Park for the Jeremiah Englehart barn.

### Juvenile Turf by the Digits

(last eight years)

**Avg. Win payoff:** \$16.48

**Avg. Exacta payoff:** \$209.58

**Avg. Beyer Speed Figure:** 87

**Betting Favorites All time:** 2 for 11

**2017**

**Winner:** Oscar Mendelssohn (\$11.60)

**Winner final prep:** second in Dewhurst Stakes (G1)

**Runner up:** Untamed Domain

**Runner up final prep:** won Summer Stakes (G2)

## Juvenile Turf Betting Trends

Last year's winner Mendelssohn became just the second betting favorite to win this race in 11 editions and still paid \$11.60...The Euros won for the seventh time last year with Aiden O'Brien accounting for four of the wins with John Gosden two...Ryan Moore leads all jockeys with four wins...The Dewhurst Stakes (G1) at Newmarket is now the key race, producing the winner three times including last year by Mendelssohn for the O'Brien barn...Oscar Performance, who won this race for the home team in 2017 prepped in the Pilgrim (G3) at Belmont Park...None of the winners have wired the field...Seven of the winners were stretching out from sprints...Four of the winners were coming off victories and all of the winners finished no worse than third in their final prep... The top exacta came in 2011 with Wrote (11-1) topping Excaper (33-1) with the payoff at \$964.00...The smallest exacta was in 2013 with Outstrip topping a \$46.20 mutuel...Four of the last six winners of the race came back off just a three week break...Hootenanny had the longest time between races at 68 days...All of the winners had at least three starts except for Hit it a Bomb who won in 2015 at Keeneland with just two career starts...



**Jockey Ryan Moore has won four of the last seven editions of the Juvenile Turf.**

## Breeders' Cup Juvenile

Trainer Bob Baffert looks for his fourth Juvenile win with the likely betting favorite **Game Winner**. The undefeated colt won the American Pharoah (G1) last out at Santa Anita, his first start around two turns. The race, formerly called the Norfolk has produced six winners of the Juvenile. The colt won the Del Mar Futurity (G1) two back in his stakes debut.

Trainer Chad Brown, who won last year's Juvenile with Good Magic is back with another talented colt is **Complexity**, winner of the Champagne (G1) at



Classic Empire won the 2016 Breeders' Cup Juvenile with Julian Leparoux aboard.

Belmont Park in his second career outing. The Champagne has produced nine Juvenile winners, more than any other race.

Champagne runner up **Code of Honor** looks as if he still has a ton of upside. The Shug McCaughey trained stumbled coming out of the gate and made a good late rally while unable to get to the loose on the lead gate to wire winner. Shug won the Juvenile in 1999 with Rhythm.

**Gunmetal Gray** was the runner up in the American Pharoah (G1) in his stakes debut for trainer Jerry Hollendorfer, checking in 4 ½ lengths behind the likely Juvenile favorite.

**Mind Control** will be going two turns for the first time for trainer Gregory Sacco. The colt took the Hopeful (G1) field gate to wire at Saratoga going seven furlongs.

**Knicks Go** pulled off the upset in the Breeders' Futurity (G1) at Keeneland, a race that has produced six Juvenile winners. He returned \$142.00 to win and likely is going to be a generous price again in this race.

Brown will also saddle **Standard Deviation**, who made a mild late run to finish third in the Breeders' Futurity (G1).

## Juvenile Betting Trends



The betting favorite has now come up short in each of the last five editions of the race...Overall the betting favorite has won 11 of 34...The exacta has returned \$100+ in five of the last six...The favorite have performed well at Churchill Downs, winning 4 of 8 with the chalk running second three times...The key race for the Juvenile winner is the Champagne (G1) at Belmont Park which has produced nine winners...Last year's Juvenile winner Good Magic finished second in the Champagne...The Breeders' Futurity (G1) at Keeneland and the Norfolk (G1) at Santa Anita have each produced six Juvenile winners...

Only three winners have gone sprint to route—Brocco ('93), Johannesburg ('01) and Stevie Wonderboy ('05) ...It is possible to win the Juvenile off a maiden score. New Year's Day in '13 and Action This Day in '03 accomplished the feat, and Good Magic was still a maiden last year...Trainer Bob Baffert is 3 for 25 in the Juvenile while Todd Pletcher sports a 2 for 20 record...Three of the last seven winners of the race took the field gate to wire...A total of 10 have wired the field in 34 editions...Only two of the last five winners had already won a stakes race... Only four of the last 14 had a win at the distance...

### Juvenile by the Digits

(last eight years)

Avg. Win payoff: \$15.73

Avg. Exacta payoff: \$91.23

Avg. Beyer Speed Figure: 96

Betting Favorites All time: 11 for 34

2017

Winner: Good Magic (\$25.00)

Winner final prep: 2nd in the Champagne Stakes (G1)

Runner up: Solomini

Runner up final prep: 2nd in the FrontRunner (G1)

## Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint



**Marley's Freedom** from the Bob Baffert barn figures to get plenty of attention in the betting. The filly has reeled off four wins in a row, taking the Ballerina (G1) at Saratoga going seven furlongs in her last outing.

Baffert will also saddle **Dream Tree**, an undefeated daughter of Uncle Mo. After winning her first four starts on the west coast she was shipped to Saratoga and won the Prioress (G2) at six furlongs. She has a win at seven furlongs and will be facing older for the first time.

The John Sadler trained **Selcourt** has won three in a row, taking the field gate to wire to win the Santa Monica (G2) in her last outing at seven furlongs. She seeks to become the first three-year-old to win the race.

**Finley'sluckycharm** was a disappointing ninth in this race after winning the TCA (G2) in her final prep last year. This year she come in off a seventh in the Ballerina (G1). She has won twice this year including taking the Madison (G1) at Keeneland at the spring meeting.

**Golden Mischief** won this year's TCA (G2), a prep that has produced five winners of this race. She has won three in a row and has one win over the main track here, a non-winners of two race way back in 2016.

The Richard Mandella trained **Anonymous** was the beaten favorite in her last two starts, seconds in the Rancho Bernardo (G3) and the LA Woman (G3). She has not missed landing in the exacta in her six career starts.

Among the others in the race include Prioress (G2) runner up **Mia Mischief**, L.A. Woman (G3) winner **Skye Diamonds** and TCA runner up **Chalon**.

## Filly & Mare Sprint Betting Trends

Last year Bar of Gold became the sixth winner of the race that prepped in the Presque Isle Masters over the Tapeta surface and she paid \$135.40 to win and topped an exacta that returned \$2,060.40...Favorites have managed to win this race three times in 11 editions...There has been just one wire winner of the race, Finest City getting the job done in 2016 and paying \$19.40...With this race at seven furlongs (The Sprint for the boys is at six) it is important to have a win at the distance and 8 of the 11 have...



Bar of Gold pulled off the biggest upset in the history of the Filly & Mare Sprint last year, paying \$135.40 to win.

Three-year-olds have not won this race and five-year-olds have done well, taking four times and Maryfield won the first running at the age of six...Most of the winners had a busy campaign during the year, 9 of the 11 having six starts or more topped by Musical Romance who made 13...5 of the 11 had won at last one Grade 1, but the winner of the last three did not... Last year's win by Bar of Gold (\$135.40) produced the biggest exacta,

## Filly & Mare Sprint by the Digits

(last eight years)

Avg. Win payoff: \$32.25

Avg. Exacta payoff: \$378.58

Avg. Beyer Speed Figure: 100

Betting Favorites All time: 3 for 11

2017:

Winner: Bar of Gold (\$135.40)

Winner final prep: sixth in the Spinster Stakes (G1)

Runner up: Ami's Mesa

Runner up final prep: won Presque Isle Masters (G2)

## Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint

**Stormy Liberal** is the defending champ, pulling off a 30-1 upset last year at Del Mar by a head over **Richard's Boy** with another half-length back to **Disco Partner**. He comes into this year's race in even better form.

The Peter Miller trainee has won three in a row, all in photos. His last prep was a head victory in the Eddie D (G3) at Santa Anita going 6 ½ furlongs on the downhill turf course. Last year's race was at five furlongs and the extra half furlong here plays well for him.

Miller will also send out **Richard's Boy**, beaten a head in this race last year at 13-1 and **Conquest Tsunami**, who set all the fractions and was nailed at the wire in the Eddie D (G3).

**Disco Partner** is better at six furlongs than 5 ½ where he is just 1 for 5 in his career. However, he is coming off an eye-opening easy score in the Belmont Turf Sprint at Belmont Park over good ground at six furlongs, drawing off to win by 4 ½ lengths and the margin could have been larger.

The Jason Servis trained **World of Trouble** is

coming off a career top effort winning the Allied Forces at six furlongs over good ground at Belmont Park. The colt drew off to win by 5 ¾ lengths. The effort was just his second career start on turf. He won the Quik Call at Saratoga over yielding ground going 5 ½ two back in his turf debut.

Servis will also saddle **Rainbow Heir**, who made a good late rally to finish a close up third in the Turf Monster (G3) at Parx going five furlongs over good ground.

### Turf Sprint by the Digits

(last eight years)

Avg. Win payoff: \$20.98

Avg. Exacta payoff: \$182.00

Avg. Beyer Speed Figure: 99

Betting Favorites All time: 4 for 10

2017:

Winner: **Stormy Liberal** (\$62.40)

Winner final prep: eighth in Jaiper Inv. (G3)

Runner up: **Green Mask**

Runner up final prep: 3rd in the Belmont Turf Sprint

## Turf Sprint Betting Trends

We have had 10 editions of this race now with the betting favorites winning four times. This year's race is at 5 ½ furlongs and six times this race was run at 6 ½ on the downhill at Santa Anita...Last year saw the second biggest price with Stormy Liberal returning \$62.40 and topping a exacta that paid \$555.00...The top payoff was in the first running at Santa Anita in 2008, Desert Code paying \$75.00 with the exacta paying \$786.20...We have only seen one three-year-old win, Bobby's Kitten in 2014...layoffs are not a problem, three runners coming off layoffs of between 147 and 160 days...The Euros, who have not had a big presence in this race have been shut out to date...We have seen three wire jobs in this race, one of those coming at Churchill Downs in 2011 by Regally Ready, who paid \$6.60 to win...Last year's winner exited the Jaipur (G2) while three winners of this race competed in the Turf Monster (G3) at Parx Racing...Three of the winners were cutting back from a mile, but that trio won at Santa Anita at 6 ½ and this year's race is at 5 1/2 furlongs...



The Jim Rome owned Mizdirection won back to back Breeders' Cup Turf Sprints, taking the 2012 and 2013

## Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile



The undefeated **Catalina Cruiser** figures to be the betting favorite for this year's edition for trainer John Sadler, who will also saddle the likely favorite in the Classic with Accelerate. Sadler is looking to break through and improve on his 0 for 41 record in the Breeders' Cup.

The colt prepped for this race by winning the seven-furlong Pat O'Brien (G2) at Del Mar. His lone route start was his win in the San Diego Handicap (G2). The seven-furlong prep should serve him well as this year's Mile at Churchill Downs is around one turn.

**City of Light** has lost his last two starts after winning three in a row but has run well. He was second to Whitmore last out in the Forego (G1) and third behind Accelerate in the Gold Cup at Santa Anita (G1) at 1 ¼ miles. The Michael McCarthy trainee owns a pair of Grade 1 wins at seven furlongs—the Malibu and Triple Bend.

**Promises Fulfilled** has won three in a row sprinting, his last win coming in the Phoenix (G2) at Keeneland going six furlongs. He won the Fountain of Youth (G2) last year going 1 11/6 miles and can handle the stretch out to a mile. His first preference is the Sprint.

**Seeking the Soul** likely will not get into the Classic so this would be a good spot. The Dallas Stewart trainee won the Ack Ack (G3) at a mile over the Churchill Downs main track in his last start and is a three-time winner over the surface.

**Giant Expectations** was sixth in this race last year and is coming in off a third in the Ack Ack, beaten 1 1/4 lengths. The effort was his first off a 6 1/2 month layoff.

**Isotherm** was only beaten 2 3/4 lengths when third in the Awesome Again (G1) behind Accelerate and West Coast, two major players in the Classic.

## Dirt Mile Betting Trends

Favorites are just 2 for 11 in this race and we have seen back to back longshots with Tamarkuz (\$25.80) in 2016 and battle of Midway (\$30.40) last year...Battle of Midway became the third three-year-old to win the race...In addition to the favorite only winning twice, no favorite has run second and just one has checked in third...We have seen three wire winners, two of those by Goldencents who won back to back in 2013 and 2014...



Liam's Map won the 2015 Dirt Mile as the shortest priced winner in the history of the race, returning \$3.00.

The biggest upset in this race was at Churchill Downs with Dakota Phone paying \$77.40 with a record exacta payoff of \$658.20...Nine of the 11 winners of the race came in with at least one graded stakes win and five had at least one Grade 1 victory...

The last five winners have finished either first or second in their final prep...Eight of the 11 winners came into the race with at least one win at a mile and do not forget at Churchill Downs mile races are around one turn...

### Dirt Mile by the Digits

(last eight years)

Avg. Win payoff: \$24.73

Avg. Exacta payoff: \$191.43

Avg. Beyer Speed Figure: 106

Betting Favorites All time: 2 for 11

2017

Winner: Battle of Midway (\$30.40)

Winner final prep: second in Oklahoma Derby (G3)

Runner up: Sharp Azteca

Runner up final prep: won Kelso Handicap (G2)

## Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf



The Euros have won the last two editions of this race and will be well represented again this year led by **Wild Illusion**. She is trained by Charlie Appleby, who won this race last year with Wuheida (\$24.40).

The filly comes to the U.S. off back to back Group 1 wins, taking the Nassau Stakes at Goodwood in August and then the Prix de l'Opera at Longchamp in her last start.

Trainer Chad Brown, who has won this race in three of the last six years will be well represented with four runenrs in this race.

**Sistercharlie** has won three Grade 1 races this year—the Jenny Wiley at Keeneland, the Diana at

Saratoga and the Beverly D. at Arlington Park in her most recent outing.

**Fourstar Crook** broke through with her first Grade 1 victory in her last outing, taking the Flower Bowl Invitational at Belmont Park in her final prep.

**A Raving Beauty** took the field gate to wire to win the First Lady (G1) at Keeneland in her last outing at one mile. The distance of 1 3/8 miles is a question mark for this filly.

The quintet is completed by **Santa Monica**, who is coming off a third in the E.P. Taylor (G1) at Woodbine, beaten a length.

**Magic Wand** was the runner up in the Prix de l'Opera (G1) for trainer Aiden O'Brien, beaten a length by Wild Illusion.

O'Brien also sends out **Magical**, winner of the British Champion Stakes (G1) at Ascot on Oct. 20 and **Athena**, eighth in the Prix de l'Opera (G1).

Blanford Stakes (G2) winner **Eziyra** will go for Dermot Weld and **Princess Yaiza**, winner of the Prix de Royallieu (G2) at Longchamp. will be saddled by Gavin Cromwell.

## Filly & Mare Turf Betting Trends

This race is back at 1 3/8 miles after being run at 1 1/8 miles last year at Del Mar. The betting favorite has won 5 of the 19 runnings and the home team holds an 11 to 8 edge over the European invaders. At Churchill Downs the home team has won three of the four editions....As might be expected trainer Chad Brown has fared well in this race, winning three times in the past six years and his winners paid nice—\$20.40, \$13.00 and \$17.60...The key preps for the race are the Flower Bowl (G1) at Belmont with six winners and the First Lady (G1) at Keeneland with four...The Euro races are split up, with the Nassau Stakes (G1), Irish Champion Stakes (G1) and Prix de l'Opera (G1) each producing two winners and the Arc (G1) one...We have seen just two winners take the field gate to wire, Intercontinental in 2005 at Belmont Park and Dayatthespa at Santa Anita in 2014...The last two editions at Churchill Downs produced hefty exactas of \$295.20 and \$324.00...Three-year-olds have won the last two runners, both Queen's Tryst and Wuheida Euro shippers...The 1 3/8 miles comes into play at Churchill Downs and Belmont Park (and once at LS) and the U.S. holds an edge of 4-3 in those races...



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### Filly & Mare Turf by the Digits

(last eight years)

Avg. Win payoff: \$31.25

Avg. Exacta payoff: \$135.23

Avg. Beyer Speed Figure: 101

Betting Favorites: All time 5 for 19

2017

Winner: Wuheida (\$24.40)

Winner final prep: fourth in the Prix De l'Opera (G1)

Runner up: Rhododенron

Runner up final prep: won the Prid De l'Opera (G1)

## Breeders' Cup Sprint



**Imperial Hint** is going to be a solid effort after an impressive looking victory in the Vosburgh (G1) last out. He won geared down and while his Beyer was only a 99 after popping a 108 two back winning the A.G. Vanderbilt (G1) he looked as if he had a ton left in the tank.

The five-year-old ran second in this race last year and has won 12 of his 18 career starts. His two starts at Churchill Downs were not good, a 12th in the Pat Day Mile (G3) and sixth in the Churchill Downs (G2) in the slop.

**Roy H** is the defending champ and comes into this year's edition the same way he did last year, by winning the Santa Anita Sprint Championship (G1). He has made just four starts this year including a close up third in the Dubai Golden Shaheen (G1) in March.

**Limousine Liberal** loves the Churchill Downs main track, a winner of six of his eight trips here. The gelding put in a solid effort in a third-place finish behind gate to wire winner **Promises Fulfilled** in the Phoenix (G2) last out at Keeneland, beaten just a half-length. He was fifth in this race at Santa Anita back in 2016.

**Promises Fulfilled** faced older for the first time last out in the Phoenix and passed the test. After going down the Derby trail earlier this year the cut back to sprints has served him well. He has run huge in his last three starts, winning the Jerkens (G1) two back and a career top three back taking the Amsterdam (G3) at Saratoga. Three-year-olds have won three of the last six.

**Whitmore** just missed by a head in the Phoenix (G2) last out. The Ron Moquett trainee won the Forego (G1) at Saratoga in August.

## Sprint Betting Trends

The Sprint has produced eight winning favorites and of the eight at Churchill Downs a pair of been successful... Between '97 and '12 the betting favorite ran out of the money 11 times in 16 editions of the race...Three-year-olds have fared well in recent years, taking three of the last six editions of the race...Bob Baffert has been the most successful trainer in the Sprint with five victories including in 2016 with Defrong...

The Baffert trained Midnight Lute is the lone back to back winner, taking the title in '07 and '08...We have seen four of the last eight winners of the race take the field gate to wire...Two of the eight at Churchill Downs have been won be frontrunners...The top exacta came in '06 with Thor's Echo (15-1) and Friendly Island (58-1) combining for a \$955.40 payoff...The 12-14 posts are a combined 1 for 60...The Santa Anita Sprint Championship (G1) has been the key prep producing seven winners while the Vosburgh (G1) at Belmont Park has produced six...The last three winners came into the race having won at least one Grade 1 race. However, in the previous 23 years just three had won a Grade 1...

Only two winners in history won the race without a prior stakes win...The last five winners of the race won their final preps...



Roy H is back to defend his title in the Sprint he won last year at Del Mar.

### Sprint by the Digits

(last eight years)

Avg. Win payoff: \$16.70

Avg. Exacta payoff: \$119.58

Avg. Beyer Speed Figure: 106

Betting Favorites All time: 8 for 34

2017

Winner: Roy H (\$11.80)

Winner final prep: won SA Sprint Championship (G1)

Runner up: Imperial Hint

Runner up final prep: won Donald LeVine Memorial

## Breeders' Cup Mile

While the Euros have dominated the Turf in recent years the home team has done quite well in the Mile, winning 10 of the last 14, and three of the losses came to the great Goldikova, who rolled to three in row from 2008 to 2010.

The Euros are going to have big numbers in this year's edition, and the top three or four betting choices may be runners that are heading here from across the pond.

Leading the invasion is **Polydream**, who won the Group 1 Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville in August but came up short in a seventh-place finish in the Prix de la Foret (G1) at Longchamp in her last outing.

**Expert Eye** will be sent out by the Sir Michael Stoute barn. The three-year-old colt was third in the Prix de Moulin de Longchamp (G1) in his last outing.

Trainer Aiden O'Brien will saddle **Gustav Klimt**, who was fourth beaten 1 1/2 lengths in the Prix de la Foret (G1) at Longchamp. He has won just once in nine starts this year.

Among the U.S. based runners, **Oscar Performance**

will get the most attention. The Brian Lynch trainee won the Woodbine Mile (G1) in his last outing. That race has produced seven Mile winners.

The Richard Baltas trained **Next Shares** is coming off a career top performance in his victory in the Shadwell Turf Mile (G1) at Keeneland. That race has produced seven Mile winners.

Southern California will be represented by City of Hope Mile (G2) winner **Sharp Samurai**. The Mark Glatt trainee has won seven of his 11 career starts on turf but does not own a Grade 1 victory.

### Mile by the Digits

(last eight years)

Avg. Win payoff: \$31.60

Avg. Exacta payoff: \$390.53

Avg. Beyer Speed Figure: 107

Betting Favorites All time: 12 for 34

2017

Winner: World Approval (\$7.40)

Winner final prep: won Woodbine Mile (G1)

Runner up: Lancaster Bomber

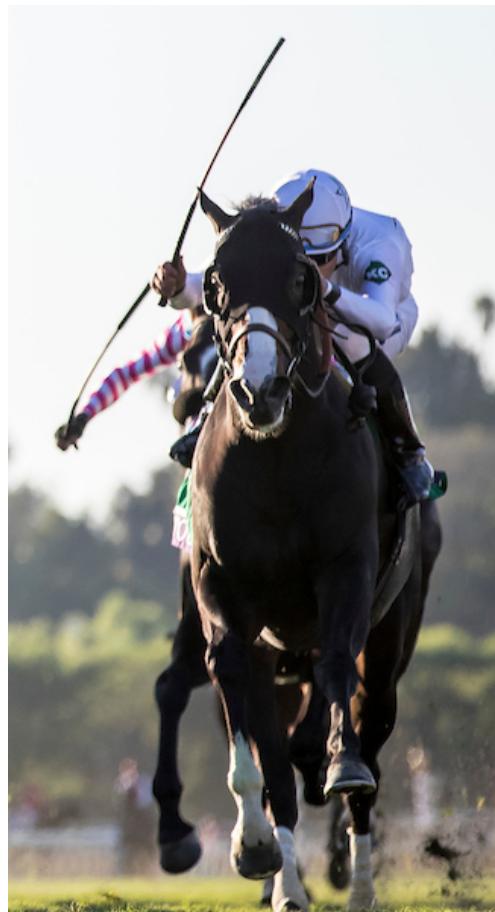
Runner up final prep: 14th in the Queen Eliz. II (G1)

## Mile Betting Trends

While the Euros have dominated the Turf in recent year, the home team has done well in the Mile, winning six of the last seven and 21 of 34 overall...If you exclude Goldikova's three year run, the home team has won 10 of the last 11 years...The betting favorite has won 12 of the 34 editions, 2 for 8 here at Churchill Downs...The U.S. holds a 5-3 edge over the Euros in the eight runnings at Churchill Downs... Females have won the race eight times, the most recent being Tepin in '15...

Nine three-year-olds have won the Mile with seven of those being Euros...Only one three-year-old (Karakontie in 2014) has won in the last nine years...We have seen two exactas in the Mile pay over \$1,000 topped by the Court Vision (64-1) and Turallure (11-1) combo that paid \$1980...We have only seen two wire winners of the race, Lure at Gulfstream Park in 1992 and again in 1993 at Santa Anita...

Other back to back winners of the race were Miesque ('88-'89) and Wise Dan ('12-'13) while Da Hoss won in '96 and '98...The key U.S. preps are the Shadwell Turf Mile (G1) at Keeneland and the Woodbine Mile (G1), each have produced seven winners. The top Euro race is the Jacques Le Marois (G1) at Deauville which has also produced seven winners....



Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott saddled 2016 Mile winner Tourist to an upset, the five-year-old returning \$26.80 to win.

## Breeders' Cup Distaff



**Monomoy Girl** and **Midnight Bisou** were separated by just a neck in the Cotillion (G1) in their last preps, with the former getting her neck in front and the latter and getting the win thanks to controversial disqualification due to interference in the stretch.

The Brad Cox trained **Monomoy Girl** has won eight of her 10 career starts and the DQ ended a five-race winning streak that included four Grade 1 wins.

**Midnight Bisou** was no match for her rival in the CCA Oaks (G1) and Kentucky Oaks (G1) earlier this

year but based on their last battle not much separates the duo.

They face older for the first time in the Distaff and that means running into **Abel Tasman**, last year's Distaff runner up and two-time Grade 1 winner in 2018. She won the Ogden Phipps (G1) and Personal Ensign (G1). The Baffert trainee was not her best in a fifth-place finish in the Zenyatta (G1) at Santa Anita in her last outing.

The Baffert trainee has a win over the Churchill Downs main track, taking the 2017 Kentucky Oaks (G1).

While that trio will garner most of the attention at the betting windows, there are other talented fillies and mares in the race.

**Blue Prize** has won three in a row and won the Spinster (G1) at Keeneland in her last outing. She has landed in the exacta in all five of her trips over the Churchill Downs main track.

**Wow Cat** was no match for Abel Tasman in the Personal Ensign (G1) and came back with a sharp win in the Beldame (G1) at Belmont Park.

**Vale Dori** won the Zenyatta (G1) and gives Baffert a strong duo in the race.

**La Force** has three straight seconds in Grade 1's.

## Distaff Betting Trends

The betting favorite has now won 14 of the 34 editions of the Distaff and 4 of the last 10. Two of the biggest upsets in the history of the race have occurred under the Twin Spires, One Dreamer returning \$96.20 in 1994 and Spain pulling off the shocker in 2000 to the tune of \$113.80...Toss in Round Pond at \$29.80 in 2006 and we have seen some nice score after Personal Ensign and Dance Smartly each paid \$3.00 to win in the first two Breeders' Cups at Churchill Downs... Bayakoa (1989-90) and Royal Delta (2011-12) are the only back to back winners of the Distaff...Beholder won the race in 2013 and 2016, the latter just the third six-year-old to win the race...

The top exacta payoff was in 2005 with Pleasant Home (30-1) topping Society Selection (11-1) for a \$692.00 payday...10 of the last 11 winners of the race have come into the race owning at least one Grade 1 victory...The Spinster (G1) at Keeneland is the leading prep with 10 Distaff winners, followed by the Beldame (G1) with nine...In two of the past three years winners came back off a 69 day break (Forever Unbridled last year) and a 62 day break (Stopchargingmaria in 2015)...Escena won off the longest break at 71 days in 1998...



## Distaff by the Digits

(last eight years)

Avg. Win payoff: \$9.48

Avg. Exacta payoff: \$51.83

Avg. Beyer Speed Figure: 104

Betting Favorites All time: 14 for 34

2017:

Winner: Forever Unbridled (\$9.40)

Winner final prep: 2nd in the Zenyatta (G1)

Runner up: Abel Tasman

Runner up final prep: 2nd in Cotillion Stakes (G1)

## Breeders' Cup Turf



**Enable** will be looking to make history by becoming the first to accomplish the Arc-Turf double. The Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1) has produced 11 Turf winners, but no Arc winner has pulled off the trick. The filly won back to back Arcs and has made just two starts this year. She is trained by John Gosden, who has won four Breeders' Cup races but is 0 for 7 in the Turf.

With the U.S. having a below average Turf division, expect to see a large number of Euro invaders this year.

**Waldegeist** was a solid fourth in the Arc, beaten just

1  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths. The colt is trained by Andrew Fabre, who saddled last year's winner **Talismanic**, who also is making the trip after his disappointing 13th in the Arc. Fabre also saddled 1990 Turf winner **In The Wings** and **Shirocco** in 2005.

The best hopes of the home tram lie in the top two finishers of the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (G1) at Belmont Park—**Channel Maker** and **Robert Bruce**.

**Channel Maker** took the field gate to wire for his second win in 2018. The Bill Mott trainee ran seventh in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf in 2016.

Chad Brown, who seemingly has won every important turf race in the U.S. with the exception of the Turf will saddle **Robert Bruce**, who could not make up enough ground late in a race with slow early fractions. The colt won the Arlington Million (G1) in August.

Brown is 0 for 9 in the Turf, with **Beach Patrol** running second last year and **Flintshire** completing the exacta in 2016.

**Crystal Ocean** has lost three in a row, but was beaten by **Cracksman**, **Enable** and **Poet's Word**, three very highly regarded turf runners.

## Turf Betting Trends

Euro invaders making their last start across the pond have accounted for 20 of the 35 winners (there was one deadheat) of the Turf including 10 of the last 13...Aiden O'Brien has won the Turf in four of the last seven years...Betting favorites have won the Turf in 9 of 34 runnings, but the favorite is 0 for 8 in recent years, the last to win Conduit in 2009 at \$3.80...In the eight previous races run at Churchill Downs the betting favorite is 0 for 8, none landing in the exacta...

The key prep is the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1) which had produced 11 Turf winners but no Arc winner has repeated in the Turf...The two key U.S. based preps are the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (G1) which has produced eight winners and the Man O'War (G1) with four...Only four Turf winners have taken the field gate to wire, two of those at Churchill Downs (Buck's Boy (1998) and Great Communicator (1988)...It is possible to win the Turf without having won a Grade or Group 1 race as it has been accomplished six times since 2003 including last year with Talismanic...

Females have won the race three times, all Euros—Pebbles in '85, Manila in '86 and Found in '15...Nine three-year-olds have beaten their elders in the race, with Euro shippers accounting for seven of those victories...The outside posts have fared well recently, the 11 post winning twice and the 12 post once in the past five years...



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### Turf by the Digits

(last eight years)

Avg. Win payoff: \$20.90

Avg. Exacta payoff: \$90.10

Avg. Beyer Speed Figure: 106

Betting Favorites All time: 9 for 34

2017

Winner: Talismanic (\$30.20)

Winner final prep: third in the Qatar Prix Foy (G2)

Runner up: Beach Patrol

Runner up final prep: won Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (G1)

## Breeders' Cup Classic



Trainer John Sadler is looking to get off the duck at the Breeders' Cup where he has racked up a 0 for 41 record. He has a great shot with **Accelerate**, who will be the betting favorite. The five-year-old has taken a step forward in 2018 after running ninth in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) last year.

The son of Lookin At Lucky comes into this year's Classic riding a three-race winning streak, taking the Awesome Again (G1) at Santa Anita in his final prep.

Sadler is going to have to beat Hall of Fame trainer

Baffert who won three straight Classics from 2015 to 2017 and ran second in third in last year's race.

Baffert's best shot comes with **West Coast**, runner up in the Awesome Again. The colt was third in last year's Classic. His Awesome Again effort came off a six-month layoff. The trainer's three wins in the Classic all came with three-year-olds and this year he sends out **McKinzie**, who won the Pennsylvania Derby (G1) off a six-month layoff.

This year's field will feature two runners that are Grade 1 winners on turf and dirt. **Yoshida** won the Old Forester Turf Classic (G1) this spring at Churchill Downs and won the Woodward (G1) at Saratoga in September in his main track debut.

**Catholic Boy** won the Belmont Derby (G1) on turf and his last outing won the Travers (G1) on the main track at Saratoga.

This year's Classic certainly has an international flair to it. **Roaring Lion**, **Mendelssohn**, and **Thunder Snow** have done all or most of their running overseas.

**Roaring Lion** has won four straight Group 1 races on turf, taking the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot on Oct. 20 at one mile over soft turf.

## Classic Betting Trends

We had our third consecutive short price last year with Gun Runner returning just \$6.80 although he was second choice to Arrogate...The two previous win payoffs were \$5.40 and \$3.40 and the betting favorite has now won 9 of the 34 (26%) races, 1 out of 8 here at Churchill Downs...Gun Runner was a four-year-old, snapping a three race winning streak for the three-year-olds who have won the Classic 12 times while four-year-olds have won 14, five-year-olds accounting for the rest with eight...Gun Runner was the fourth Classic winner in the past six years to wire the field...Time off has been in vogue, the last three winners coming off 63, 70 and 63 day breaks...

New York is the best prep location, the Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) and Woodward (G1) each accounting for seven Classic winners while the Whitney (G1) has produced five and the Travers (G1) four...The Awesome Again (G1) at Santa Anita has produced six Classic winners... Pleasantly Perfect (2003) was the last Classic winner to win without having a previous Grade 1 victory...Only three other Classic winners had not won a Grade 1—Concern, Alphabet Soup and Volponi... 13 Classic winners have tried to repeat with only Tiznow getting the job done...

Out of the eight Classics run at Churchill Downs the outside posts have fared well. We have seen two win from post 11 and one win from post 12...Trainer John Sadler, who sends out likely favorite Accelerate has a 0 for 41 record in the Breeders' Cup...Arcangues was the biggest price of all of the Classic winners at 133-1, but the exacta with Cat Thief (20-1) and Budroyale (26-1) actually paid more, returning \$1,209.60...The smallest exacta of all time in the Classic was in 2016 when Arrogate topped a payoff of just \$10.00...

### Classic by the Digits

(last eight years)

Avg. Win payoff: \$13.08

Avg. Exacta payoff: \$130.83

Avg. Beyer Speed Figure: 114

Betting Favorites All time: 9 for 34

2017

Winner: Gun Runner (\$6.80)

Winner final prep: won Woodward (G1)

Runner up: Collected

Runner up final prep: won Pacific Classic (G1)

# Breeders' Cup Leading Trainers

Leading Breeders' Cup Trainers by Money Won

| Name                    | Starters | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | Money Won       |
|-------------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|
| Bob Baffert             | 108      | 14  | 16  | 5   | 9   | 12  | 10  | \$27,605,000.00 |
| D. Wayne Lukas          | 164      | 20  | 22  | 16  | 9   | 14  | 14  | 22,580,520.00   |
| Aidan P. O'Brien        | 124      | 12  | 16  | 10  | 7   | 11  | 11  | 22,025,590.00   |
| William I. Mott         | 95       | 10  | 11  | 6   | 7   | 6   | 5   | 18,396,900.00   |
| Todd A. Pletcher        | 131      | 9   | 13  | 14  | 8   | 10  | 10  | 17,118,030.00   |
| Robert J. Frankel       | 82       | 6   | 10  | 8   | 12  | 6   | 6   | 13,242,050.00   |
| Chad C. Brown           | 71       | 10  | 8   | 7   | 8   | 4   | 9   | 12,570,690.00   |
| Steven M. Asmussen      | 44       | 6   | 6   | 2   | 9   | 5   | 2   | 12,072,180.00   |
| Richard E. Mandella     | 42       | 9   | 3   | 4   | 4   | 3   | 1   | 11,986,960.00   |
| Andre Fabre             | 49       | 5   | 6   | 7   | 1   | 3   | 2   | 10,781,000.00   |
| Sir Michael R. Stoute   | 39       | 7   | 2   | 4   | 4   | 4   | 6   | 10,743,650.00   |
| Claude R. McGaughey III | 63       | 9   | 10  | 3   | 9   | 5   | 5   | 10,515,560.00   |
| Saeed bin Suroor        | 51       | 3   | 3   | 8   | 4   | 7   | 5   | 8,948,300.00    |
| John A. Shirreffs       | 26       | 3   | 1   | 1   | 5   | 4   | 2   | 7,096,400.00    |
| John H. M. Gosden       | 33       | 4   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 4   | 1   | 6,781,870.00    |
| Neil D. Drysdale        | 35       | 6   | 5   | 2   | 4   | 4   | 6   | 6,529,840.00    |

# Breeders' Cup Leading Jockeys

Leading Breeders' Cup Jockeys by Money Won

| Name               | Starters | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | Money Won       |
|--------------------|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|
| Mike E. Smith      | 135      | 26  | 14  | 8   | 8   | 19  | 7   | \$35,874,605.00 |
| John R. Velazquez  | 168      | 15  | 17  | 18  | 11  | 13  | 9   | 25,570,275.00   |
| Pat Day            | 117      | 12  | 17  | 11  | 9   | 11  | 11  | 23,033,360.00   |
| Jerry D. Bailey    | 102      | 15  | 12  | 14  | 6   | 8   | 6   | 22,006,440.00   |
| Lanfranco Dettori  | 97       | 12  | 6   | 9   | 11  | 14  | 8   | 21,301,862.00   |
| Garrett K. Gomez   | 83       | 13  | 12  | 9   | 7   | 9   | 5   | 20,365,600.00   |
| Gary L. Stevens    | 122      | 11  | 18  | 13  | 7   | 15  | 12  | 20,309,255.00   |
| Chris J. McCarron  | 101      | 9   | 12  | 7   | 7   | 7   | 13  | 17,669,600.00   |
| Javier Castellano  | 100      | 8   | 10  | 12  | 10  | 5   | 11  | 15,777,600.00   |
| Ryan L. Moore      | 56       | 9   | 5   | 4   | 7   | 1   | 2   | 13,407,035.00   |
| Corey S. Nakatani  | 90       | 10  | 10  | 12  | 8   | 6   | 5   | 13,268,980.00   |
| Joel Rosario       | 93       | 6   | 10  | 17  | 10  | 5   | 8   | 11,732,535.00   |
| Kent J. Desormeaux | 97       | 6   | 5   | 8   | 17  | 7   | 7   | 10,730,515.00   |
| Julien R. Leparoux | 77       | 7   | 7   | 6   | 9   | 8   | 8   | 10,658,150.00   |
| Ramon A. Dominguez | 49       | 3   | 9   | 6   | 6   | 5   | 2   | 9,616,850.00    |
| Edgar S. Prado     | 75       | 5   | 9   | 8   | 4   | 9   | 5   | 9,609,180.00    |

# Breeders' Cup Handicapping Resources

There are plenty of great resources for learning more about the Breeders' Cup. Here are some of the spots for horseplayers looking to watch and wager on the big event:

## [Breederscup.com](#)

The official web site of the two-day championship event. Find listings of the races, contenders, news, and history of the event since its inception in 1984.

## [America's Best Racing](#)

America's Best Racing is a multimedia fan development and awareness-building platform, created and funded by The Jockey Club, designed to increase the profile and visibility of North America's best Thoroughbred racing events, with a primary focus on the sport's lifestyle and competition.

## [Odds Shark](#)

The home for all things betting including the latest updated Breeders' Cup wagering odds. Odds Shark aims to become the global authority for online sports betting odds, whether it be in sports betting, poker, casino games or horse racing.

## [Vegas Insider](#)

Check out VI for Michael Dempsey's daily horse racing column At the Gate.

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# Breeders' Cup Handicapping Resources

## [Daily Racing Form](#)

All the latest news for the Breeders' Cup along with past performances. Check out the most powerful interactive Past Performances used by Michael Dempsey. Use the code TENOFF16 which gives you a 10% discount on any DRF Formulator plan that is one month or longer.

## [Turf 'n' Sport](#)

For nearly two decades, Turf 'n' Sport readers have been getting the latest betting news and full card handicapping reports for major tracks. Michael Dempsey will be providing his 2-Day Breeders' Cup Report.

## [Racetrack Television Network](#)

Horseplayers can now get RTN on Amazon Firestick and Roku! Get track feeds from thoroughbred, harness and greyhound tracks! Get a **free 30-day subscription** to check it out. Just click on link and use promo code turfnspor.

## [Equibase](#)

Equibase offers a comprehensive menu of handicapping products, statistical information and video race replays in support of the North American Thoroughbred racing industry.

## [Churchill Downs](#)

The official web site of Churchill Downs, the official home of the 2018 Breeders' Cup.



# Turf 'n' Sport

## Michael Dempsey

Michael was a partner in the Hampshire Racing Partnership for six years, and as a horse owner racing thoroughbreds throughout the Mid Atlantic region, he knows the sport from trackside to backstretch.

Michael is a freelance writer and full time professional handicapper and horseplayer, and previously was one of the top handicappers for TrackMaster/Equibase for over a decade, consistently picking winners for a loyal base of customers.

In 1999, Michael left his handicapping position at TrackMaster/Equibase to create Turf'nSport. Since then, horseplayers around the world have stopped by TurfnSport for Michael's full-card analysis and selections, and for his opinions on anything and everything to do with horse racing, sports, and gambling.

Michael created and was host and producer of the TurfnSport Radio Network. It was one of horse racing's first Internet web casts dedicated to the sport. During its four-year run, Michael interviewed hundreds of guests in the industry including Hall of Famers Gary Stevens, Mike Smith, Julie Krone, Bill Shoemaker and "Bud" Delp.

Michael is a featured columnist for Bleacher Report, horse racing columnist for Vegas Insider, is a contributor at Oddsshark.com and other gambling publications. He has appeared on dozens of radio shows throughout the country, and has been published in many horse racing and gambling magazines and websites.

