

Picks for the 2024 Breeders' Cup

Day 2 – Saturday

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club



Race 1 – Allowance Optional Claiming – 1:05 ET

Race 2 – G3 Bayakoa S. – 1:40 ET

Race 3 – G3 Goldikova Stakes – 2:15 a.m. ET

Race 4 - \$1 Million BC Filly & Mare Sprint – 3:00 ET

Race 5 - \$1 Million BC Turf Sprint – 3:41 ET

Race 6 - \$2 Million BC Distaff – 4:21 ET

Race 7 - \$5 Million BC Turf – 5:01 ET

Race 8 - \$7 Million BC Classic – 5:41 ET

Race 9 - \$2 Million BC Filly & Mare Turf – 6:25 ET

Race 10 - \$2 Million BC Sprint – 7:05 ET

Race 11 - \$2 Million BC Mile – 7:45 ET

Race 12 - \$1 Million BC Dirt Mile – 8:25 ET



Race 1:

Allowance Optional Claiming: \$40,000

Open - 3-Year Olds and Up

1 1/16 Miles Turf - Purse \$150,000

My contenders are;

#11 **Lahaina Flavor** (5-1) – won last race after stalking the leaders – his best Turf speed is equal to the average for this level – the slight added distance should be o.k. – earned the best last race Bris Late Pace nos. - Frankie picks up the mount for trainer Gallagher – expect to an even better performance with Frankie in the irons.

#4 **No Secret** (6-1) – has won 5 of 11 races this year – he performs well on both Turf and Dirt – he has a lot of Early speed and will be on the front – making 3rd start off layoff (trainer hits @12/54%) – trainer does well when going Turf to Dirt (hits @ 18/49%) – there is a lot of speed in here (can he hang on?) – under rated jock Kyle Frey rides for the 1st time (he rides well on Turf).

#3 **Rimprotector** (12-1) – ran 4th last out on Dirt at Fresno – he likes to be rated behind the pace setters when on Turf – shows recent Sharp work – best Turf speed is fastest in here – trainer does well in Allowance races (hits @21/52%) – gets jock change to Kimura (good Turf jock) – has shown a good turn of foot previously.

#10 **Jeweled Shillelagh** (8-1) – ran a solid 2nd in last race – likes to on or near the lead – jock Rispoli does well with speed types (hits @21/48%) – jock/trainer team is Hot (they hit @29/71%) - is 1 of 2 runners in her for McCarthy.

#7 **Invigorated** (12-1) – making 1st start off 6 month layoff (trainer hits @16/49%) – making just his 3rd career start – making 1st start on Turf and for new barn (previously in the Pletcher barn) – pedigree looks to be good for the Turf - gets jock upgrade to Irad Ortiz (he knows this horse from the Pletcher camp) – gets 1st time Blinkers On (should help him focus more) .

If any of the above scratches out of the race, move everyone up and add in order #9 - #AE13.

Wagers:

Win - Place bet on #11 **Lahaina Flavor** and a Bottom Wheel Exacta of ALL with #11

BEST Longshot: - #3 **Rimprotector** (12-1)

\$2 Exacta Wager:

#11 with #4-3-10-7-9-AE13 = \$12

\$1 Exacta Box: (4-3-10-7) = \$12

\$1 Trifecta Wager :

BOX: (11-4-3-10) = \$24 or \$12 for 50CENT wager

11 with 4-3-10 with 4-3-10-7-9-AE13 = \$12 or \$6 for 50Cent wager

4-3-10 with 11 with 4-3-10-7-9-AE13 = \$12 or \$6 for 50Cent wager

\$1 Superfecta wager:

BOX: (11-4-3-10-7) = \$12 for 10 Cent wager

11 with 4-3-10 with 4-3-10-7-9-AE13 with ALL = \$12 or \$6 for 10 Cent wager

4-3-10 with 11 with 4-3-10-7-9-AE13 with ALL = \$12 or \$6 for 10 Cent wager

\$1 Daily Double: 11-4-3-10 with 3-4-7-2 = \$16

50 CENT Pick 3 wager: 11-4-3-10 with 3-4-7-2 with 9-10-3-7 = \$32

50 CENT Pick 5: 11-4-3 with 3-4-7 with 9-10-3 with 9-4-10-6 with 9-11 = \$108

Race 2:

G3 Bayakoa Stakes

Fillies and Mares - 3-Year Olds and Up

1 Mile - Purse \$200,000

My contenders are;

#3 **Hope Road** (6/5) – has won last 3 races (all since coming to the Baffert barn) – won the G3 Torrey Pines S. last out (at this mile dist.) – has earned career best Beyer 97 in last race – each of his last 3 races have shown increasing speed nos. – is the top Bris Class & Prime Power ratings – making 1st start off a 60 day layoff (trainer hits @30/62%) – owns the fastest Dirt speed of the field – loves the track (5-2-2-0) - jock/trainer hit @ 45/68%.

#4 **Alpha Bella** (8/5) – just missed last out in the G2 Zenyatta S. finishing 2nd (only beaten 1 ½ lengths after setting the pace) – making just 2nd start in the Sadler barn (he hits @11/39% in 2nd start) (previously in the Pletcher barn on the E. Coast) – most of her races have been on the turf but has also raced well on the Dirt – earned the best last race Bris Late Pace nos. – it will be a battle between the top 2 – could be a head-bob on the wire!

#7 **Show Card** (6-1) – 2nd Baffert runner in the race (a lot of the times it is the longer odds Batter that wins) – she won her last 2 races (in Non-Graded Stakes) – has a win over this track and is 2 for 2 at the dist. – making 3rd start off a 3 month layoff (trainer hits @31/62%) – shows recent Bullet works – Baffert gets Flavien Prat to ride for the 1st time (upset possible?).

#2 **Desert Dawn** (10-1) – ran 3rd last out in the G2 Zenyatta S. – if she can run back to her nos. 2-4 races back then she may have a shot – she likes the track (7-1-3-0) and has won at this dist. – Rispoli rides for trainer D'Amato.

If any of the above scratches out of the race, move everyone up and add in order #5 and #1.

Wagers:

Win bet on #3 **Hope Road** and a Bottom Wheel Exacta of ALL with #3

BEST Longshot: #7 **Show Card** (6-1)

\$2 Exacta: 3 with ALL = \$12

\$2 Exacta Box: (4-7-2-5) = \$24

\$1 Trifecta Wager:

3 with 4-7-2 with 4-7-2-5-1 = \$12 or \$6 for 50 CENT wager

4-7-2 with 3 with 4-7-2-5-1 = \$12 or \$6 for 50 CENT wager

BOX: (3-4-7-2)= \$24 or \$12 for 50 CENT wager

\$1 Superfecta wager:

3 with 4-7-2 with 4-7-2-5-1 with ALL = \$48 or \$4.80 for 10CENT wager

4-7-2 with 3 with 4-7-2-5-1 with ALL = \$48 or \$4.80 for 10CENT wager

BOX: (3-4-7-2-5) = \$12 for 10Cent wager

\$1 Daily Double: 3-4-7 with 9-10-3-7 = \$12

50 CENT Pick 3 wager: 3-4-7 with 9-10-3-7 with 9-4-10-6 = \$32

50 CENT Early Pick 4 wager: 3-4-7 with 9-10-3-7 with 9-4-10-6 with 9-6-11 = \$72

Race 3:

G3 Goldikova Stakes

Fillies & Mares - 3-Year Olds and Up

1 Mile Turf - Purse \$300,000

My contenders are;

#9 **Kathmendu (Ire)**(7/2) – Euro invader was only beaten 1 ¼ lengths last out in Oak Tree S. at Goodwood – trainer Meehan only sends them over if they are in form – she is the Bris top Class leader - lightly raced with only 4 races this year – has been keeping good company in Stakes races – jock Holly Doyle comes along for the ride – gets weight off today.

#10 **Raqiva (Ire)** (6-1) – finished in 2nd (was placed 1st via DQ) in last race (only beaten a head) in front of our top pick – she has won 2 of 3 races this year – she is 2nd on the Bris Class rating – Frankie picks up the mount.

#3 **Fluffy Socks** (10-1) – ran 3rd in the G1 First Lady S. last out – this Chad Brown trainee has done o.k. over this course (3-1-1-1) – this 6 year old has a lot of Class running in Stakes races – she is the Bris Prime Power leader - she is a versatile runner that can stalk or rate behind the the pace setters – has the best Turf speed of the U.S. runners – Irad rides for trainer Brown.

#7 **Lucky Girl (Ire)** (6-1) – this 5 year old Mare does not win often but she always gives her best – she normally comes on from near the back of the field – jock Mike Smith is the perfect jock for her running style (he rode her to a 2nd 2 races back in the John C Mabee S. over this course – shows recent Bullet works for trainer D’Amato.

#2 **Sacred Wish** (4-1) – ran decent 2nd in last 2 races – has run well at this dist. (5-1-2-1) – East Coast trainer Weaver ships her in for this race (he hits @20/47% shipping) – is 2nd on the Bris prime Power rating – Paco rides back – jock/trainer hit @ 50/83% .

If anyone scratches move everyone up and fill in with these in order: #8 - #5.

Wagering Strategy:

Win bet on #9 **Kathmendu (Ire)** and a Bottom Wheel Exacta ALL with #9

BEST Longshot: #3 **Fluffy Socks** (10-1)

\$2 Exacta Wager:

9 with 10-3-7-2-8-5 = \$12

\$2 Exacta BOX: (10-3-7-2) = \$24

\$1 Trifecta Wager:

9 with 10-3-7-2 with 10-3-7-2-8-5 = \$20 or \$10 for 50 CENT wager

9 with 10-3-7-2 with 10-3-7-2-8-5 = \$20 or \$10 for 50 CENT wager

Box: (9-10-3-7) = \$24 or \$12 for 50CENT Wager

\$1 Superfecta wager:

9 with 10-3-7 with 10-3-7-2-8 with 10-3-7-2-8-5 = \$48 or \$4.80 for 10Cent Wager

9 with 10-3-7 with 10-3-7-2-8 with 10-3-7-2-8-5 = \$48 or \$4.80 for 10Cent Wager

BOX: (9-10-3-7-2) = \$12 for 10 Cent Wager

\$1 Daily Double: 9-10-3-7 with 9-4-10-6 = \$16

50 CENT Pick 3 wager: 9-10-3-7 with 9-4-10-6 with 9-6-11 = \$24

Race 4

BC Filly & Mare Sprint

Filly & Mares - 3-Year Olds and Up

7 Furlongs – Purse \$1Million

This is the 18th year for this Division.

This year it has attracted a small field of 10 runners.

Last year's edition featured Goodnight Olive returning to defend her title, which she did!

7 Favorites have now won this Division!

Only two 3-year olds have won this race.

When there are larger fields a quicker pace up front occurs and it sets up for a Closer to Win!

My contenders are;

#9 **Ways and Means** (5/2) – favorites have won 4 of last 5 years – has won last 3 races – trainer Chad Brown has the last 2 editions and 3 of last 10 – she does not set the pace but rates just off of it – has earned 100+ Beyer speed nos in 2 of last 3 races – she is the Bris Prime Power leader and 2nd on the Bris Class rating – the Hot Flavien Prat rides for Brown (they hit @31/65%).

#4 **Vahva** (4-1) – finished 3rd last out in the Balarina at Saratoga after having the 2 previous races – very consistent Filly only off the board 2 times in 14 races (14-6-3-3) – loves this 7 Furlong dist. (8-5-2-1) – making 1st start off 2 month layoff (trainer hits @20/49%) – Irad Ortiz rides back.

#10 **Scylla** (10-1) – 2nd in the Ballerina H. at Saratoga last out (it is a BC Challenge race for this div.) – has not been out of the Trifecta in 7 races this year – making 1st start off the layoff (trainer hits @18-47%) – shows recent Bullet works - Mike Smith rides for Bill Mott.

#6 **Society** (3-1) – won the Ballerina H. last out (trainer hits @ 19/49% nxt. out) – looks like she is learning to rate instead of trying to wire the field – ran 4th in this race last year - has 4 wins at this distance – Gaffalione rides for Asmussen (they hit @ 29/57%) – making 1st start off short layoff (trainer hits @18/45%) – shows recent Bullet works.

#1 **Frost At Dawn** (30-1) – Euro invader came over early to get a prep race in at Keeneland where she finished 5th (only beaten 1 ½ lengths) – she looks to be a Closer with a good turn of foot – had been racing in Dubai before going back to England - prep race at Keeneland has her setup for today – Frankie rides for the first time.

If any of the above scratches out of the race, move everyone up and add in order #2, #3.

Win and Place bet on #9 Ways and Means and a bottom wheel Exacta All with #9

BEST Longshot: #10 Scylla (10-1)

\$2 Exacta Wager:

9 with 4-10-6-1-2-3 = \$12

\$1 Exacta Box: (4-10-6-1) = \$12

\$1 Trifecta Wager:

9 with 4-10-6-1 with 4-10-6-1-2-3 = \$20 or \$10 for 50CENT wager

4-10-6-1 with 9 with 4-10-6-1-2-3 = \$20 or \$10 for 50CENT wager

BOX: (9-4-10-6) = \$24 or \$12 for 50 CENT wager

Superfecta wager:

9 with 4-10-6-1 with 4-10-6-1-2 with 4-10-6-1-2-3 = \$64 for \$1 Wager or \$6.40 for 10 Cent wager

4-10-6-1 with 9 with 4-10-6-1-2 with 4-10-6-1-2-3 = \$64 for \$1 Wager or \$6.40 for 10 Cent wager

BOX: (9-4-10-6-1) = \$12 for 10Cent Wager

50 CENT Pick 3 wager: 9-4-10-6 with 9-6-11 with 6-2-1-9 = \$24

50 CENT Pick 5 wager: 9-4-10-6 with 9-6-1 with 6-2-1-9 with 11-4-2 with 1-3-9= \$216

\$1 Daily Double #9-4-10-6 with 9-6-11 = \$12

Race 5:

Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint

Open - 3-Year Olds & Up

5 Furlongs Turf – Purse \$1 Million

This is the 17th year for this Division.

It has attracted a full field of 12 runners for this Division.

There are (5) European invaders this year.

The distance this year is 5 Furlongs this year.

Last year Nobals won (\$26.00).

The Euros have only won the Division once in 2020 at Keeneland.

The Contenders are:

#9 Cogburn (7/5) – Best Bet: – has won 6 of last 7 races including the last 3 – earned career best 114 Byer speed no. 2 races back (last 3 race all 100+ Beyer) – he flies out of the gate and goes wire-2-wire effortlessly – he is the bris Prime Power leader - Irad has rode him in last 3 races.%.

#6 Star of Mystery (GB) (10-1) – Euro invader came over in June to put in some prep races – the Filly won the Quick Call S. at Saratoga (earned a 107 Beyer speed no.) – ran 2nd (only beaten ¾ lengths) last out in G2 Franklin S. (had some traffic problems) – looks like she can stalk the pace setters and use her quick turn of foot late – team Godolphin / Appleby / Buick are always in the photo at the wire – trainer Appleby has a 50% win rate in the Breeders' Cup!

#11 Big Evs (Ire) (12-1) – won the Juvenile Turf Sprint last year – he does well at this dist. (10-6-1-1) – has won 2 of 4 races this year – trainer Michael Appleby has had success in Breeders' Cup – does well at this dist. (10-6-1-1) a nice price.

#2 Motorious (GB) (8-1) – ran 5th in this race last year (only beaten 1 ½ lengths) as the favorite - won Green Flash H. at Del Mar last out (just like he did last year) – he loves this course (3-3-0-0) – he is a Closer that wants fast earl fractions to set him up for his late run - making 1st start off a 2 month layoff (trainer hits @19/51%) – shows recent Bullet works – Fresu keeps the mount.

#10 Isivunguvungu (Saf) (20-1) – S. African import making 2nd start in the Motion barn - won his 1st U.S. start in the Da Hoss S. at Colonial Downs as the favorite – Graham Motion is a very good turf trainer and gets win when you least expect him to win – shows recent Bullet works – making 1st start off a 2 month layoff (trainer hits @17/50%).

If anyone scratches move everyone up and fill in with these: #12 and #5

Wagering Strategy:

Win bet on #9 **Cogburn** and a \$2 Bottom Wheel Exacta ALL with #9

BEST Longshot: #6 **Star of Mystery (GB) (10-1)**

\$2 Exacta Wager:

9 with 6-11-2-10-12-5 = \$12

\$2 Exacta Box: (6-11-2-10) - \$24

\$1 Trifecta Wager:

9 with 6-11-2-10 with 6-11-2-10-12-5 = \$20 or \$10 for 50 CENT wager

6-11-2-10 with 9 with 6-11-2-10-12-5 = \$20 or \$10 for 50 CENT wager

BOX: (9-6-11-2) = \$24 or \$12 for 50 CENT wager

\$1 Superfecta wager:

9 with 6-11-2-10 with 6-11-2-10-12 with 6-11-2-10-12-5 = \$64 or \$6.80 for 10Cent wager

6-11-2-10 with 9 with 6-11-2-10-12 with 6-11-2-10-12-5 = \$64 or \$6.80 for 10Cent wager

BOX: (9-6-11-2-10) = 10 CENT wager = \$12

\$1 Daily Double: 9-6 with 6-2-1-9 = \$16

50CENT Pick 3: 9-6-11-2 with 6-2-1-9 with 11-4-2-6 = \$32

50 CENT Pick 4 wager: 9-6 with 6-2-1-9 with 11-4-2-6 with 1-3-9-13 = \$64

50Cent All-Turf Pick 4 (R5,7,9,11) wager:

9-6 with 11-4-3 with 3-7-10 with 7-12-4-2 = \$36

Race 6:

BC Distaff Division

Fillies and Mares - 3-Year Olds & Up

1 1/8 Miles – Purse \$2 Million

The Distaff race carries a Purse of \$2 Million! The Distaff winner has been named Champion of the Year 26 times in 40 years!

The Distaff usually draws the smallest field of all the Breeders Cup races, averaging only 8.5 runners. A full field of 14 horses has only gone to post twice in 40 years.

So it is no wonder that favorites tend to do very well in this race.

With the increase in purse money, we should start seeing this trend change to full fields which will lead to fewer favorites winning. This year we have a small field of just 8 after Scratches.

Long-shots have won 10 of the last 24 years. They won at 9-1, 7-1, 7-1, 8-1, 14-1, 30-1, 40-1, 55-1 and 12-1!

No European horse has ever won the Distaff.

We do have 2 horses from Japan this year. They had the 50-1 Upset winner in 2021!

California and New York based runners have won 29 of 40 races.

This years' race goes through Thorpedo Anna (4/5).

My contenders are;

#6 **Raging Sea** (7/2) – won last race in the G2 Beldame S. at Belmont/Big A after a bobble at the start (trainer hits @ 25/55% nxt, out) – earned a career best 97 Beyer Speed no. 2 races back – won last 4 of last 5 races (all Graded S.) – trainer Brown looking for his 1st win in this Div. – this 4-year old likes to stalk the pace setters – is the Bris Class leader – has earned 100+ Bris Late Pace nos. in last 2 races – shows Sharp recent work – jock Prat has won a ton of Graded Stakes this Summer - jock/trainer team hits @31/65%

#2 **Thorpedo Anna** (4/5) – she is the one to beat – won last out on the wire to prevail by a Neck in the G1 Cotillion S. (key prep for this Div.) – it appears that her race against the boys in the Travers Stakes took a lot out of her as she fought Fierceness to the wire - the KY Oaks winner has never been off the board (9-7-2-0) – has 3 wins at this distance – earned career best 111 Beyer speed no. in the Travers – this will be her 1st race against older horses (will she be able to handle them?) – there are reasons why she can get beat (but will she?) – trainer McPeck has never won a Breeders' Cup race (0 for 37)!

#1 **Candied** (15-1) – ran 3rd last out in the G1 Spinster S. (Win and You're In Challenge race) – has been the favorite in 3 of last 5 races – earned a career best 99 Beyer speed nos. 4 races back in the Lady Secret S. – getting Blinkers On (trainer hits @21/55%) (should be more focused today) – trainer Pletcher has won this Division 3 times – Irad Ortiz gets on for the 1st time.

#9 **Awesome Result** (4-1) – Japanese invader is Undefeated in 7 races – is 3 for 3 at this distance – sire is Justify – looks to be a very good 4 year old from trainer Ikee – has Upset potential.

#10 **Che Evasora (Arg)** (30-1) – won the “Win and You're In” Challenge race in Argentina – shipped in to get an early pre race in the G2 Zenyatta S. – she stalked the leaders early but then dropped back and then eased – not sure what we get from her today!

If anyone scratches move everyone up and fill in with these in order: #5, #7

Wagering Strategy:

Win/Place bet on #6 **Raging Sea** and a Bottom Wheel Exacta - ALL with #6.

BEST Longshot: #1 **Candied** (15-1)

\$2 Exacta Wager:

6 with 2-1-9-10-5-7 = \$12

\$2 Exacta box: (2-1-9-10) = \$24

\$1 Trifecta Wager:

6 with 2-1-9-10 with 2-1-9-10-5-7 = \$20 or \$10 for 50 CENT wager

2-1-9-10 with 6 with 2-1-9-10-5-7 = \$20 or \$10 for 50 CENT wager

BOX: (6-2-1-9) = \$24 or \$12 for 50 CENT wager

\$1 Superfecta wager:

9 with 2-1-9 with 2-1-9-10 with 2-1-9-10-5-7 = \$36 for or \$3.60 for 10Cent wager

2-1-9 with 9 with 2-1-9-10 with 2-1-9-10-5-7 = \$36 for or \$3.60 for 10Cent wager

Box: (6-2-1-9-10) = \$12 for 10CENT Wager

50 CENT Pick 3 wager: 6-2-1-9 with 11-4-2-6 with 1-3-9-13 = \$32

\$1 Daily Double: 6-2-1-9 with 11-4-2-6 = \$16

\$1 Special Double (Races 6 and 8): 6-2-1 with 1-3-6-7 = \$12

50 CENT Pick 4 wager: 6-2-1 with 11-4-2-6 with 1-3-9-13 with 3-4-2-10 = \$96

50Cent All-Dirt Pick 4 (R6,8,10,12) wager:

6-2-1 with 1-3-6-9 with 1-3-4-11 with 1-6-8-9 = \$96

Race 7:

BC Turf Division

Open - 3-Year Olds and Up

1 ½ Miles Turf – Purse \$5 Million

To win this you must have won at 1 ½ Miles. If you have not done that yet you will not win this race.

Analysis:

With such a large field there will be a lot of early pressure on the front runners which should set things up for someone that comes from off the pace to win.

My contenders are;

#11 **Rebel's Romance (Ire)** (5/2) – Euro invader won this Division 2 years ago – has won 4 of 5 races this year and looks to be in top form - gets weight advantage today taking 6 lbs. off from last race – Godolphin / Appleby / Buick team (remember trainer has won 50% of his BCup races) - shipping in..

#4 **Luxembourg (Ire)** (12-1) – one of 2 in here for trainer O'Brien – ran a decent last race in Irishi Champion S G1 (only beaten 2 ¼ lengths) which is a “Win and You're In” Challenge race - won the Cornation Cup 3 races back at Epsom – has a win at this dist. - Ryan Moore / Aidan O'Brien team previously won this Division!

#2 **Emily Upjohn (GB)** (5-1) – Gosden sends this mare over here (he won this Div. in 2018) – ran a very good 3rd (only beaten 1 ¼ lengths) last out at Longchamp in the G1 Prix Vermelle – she has 2 wins at the dist. – Dettori gets to ride (he won with the trainer in 2018).

#6 **Far Bridge** (6-1) – looks to be the best shot for the Americans in this race – won last 2 races (both at this dist.) - he looks like he will be forwardly placed stalking the pace setters – earned a career best 101 Beyer speed no. in last race - the Firm Turf.

#3 **Shahrvar (Jpn)** (15-1) – this Japanese invader ran 3rd (only beaten 1 ¼ lengths) in this Div. last year – ran 2nd (only beaten 2 lengths) in the Dubai Sheema Classic behind Rebel's Romance – looks to be a mid-pack runner.

#7 **Grand Sonata** (20-1) – won last race in Gr Turf Cup at KY Downs – earned career best Turf speed of 99 Beyer – he has a Pressing style of running – Gaffalione gave him a very good ride in last race and returns today for Todd Pletcher.

If any of the above scratches out of the race, move everyone up and add in order #9 #5.

Win / Place bet on #11 **Rebel's Romance (Ire)** and a bottom wheel Exacta All with #11

BEST Longshot: #4 **Luxembourg (Ire)** (12-1)

\$2 Exacta Wager:

11 with 4-2-6-3-7-9-5 = \$14

\$2 Exacta Box: (4-2-6-3) = \$24

\$1 Trifecta Wager:

11 with 4-2-6-3 with 4-2-6-3-7-9-5 = \$24 or \$12 for 50Cent wager

4-2-6-3 with 11 with 4-2-6-3-7-9-5 = \$24 or \$12 for 50Cent wager

BOX: (11-4-2-6) = \$24 or \$12 for 50 CENT wager

\$1 Superfecta wager:

11 with 4-2-6-3 with 4-2-6-3-7 with 4-2-6-3-7-9-5 = \$80 or \$8 for 10Cent wager

4-2-6-3 with 11 with 4-2-6-3-7 with 4-2-6-3-7-9-5 = \$80 or \$8 for 10Cent wager

BOX: (11-4-2-6-3) = \$12 for 10Cent wager

50 CENT Pick 3 wager: 11-4-2-6 with 1-3-9-13 with 3-4-2-10 = \$32

\$1 Daily Double 11-4-2-6 with 1-3-9-13 = \$16

50Cent: Pick 4: 11-4-2-6 with 1-3-9-13 with 3-4-2-10 with 9-4-1-8 = \$128

\$1 Pick 6: 11-2 with 1-3-9 with 3-4-2 with 9-4-1 with 7-6-12 with 14-9-11 = \$248

Race 8:

Breeders' Cup Classic

Open - 3-Year Olds and Up

1 1/4 Miles – Purse \$7 Million

With the BIG purse of now \$7 Million, the Classic is the main event on the card and has featured some wild and crazy results!

Last year we saw White Abarrio (\$7.20) won as the favorite.

Analysis:

This year we have a big International field with runners from Europe and Japan including the top ranked Turf horse in the World in City of Troy!

No winners from the Triple Crown Series but we do have the Travers S. winner Fierceness.

This will be one exciting horse race that will be remembered for years to come!

Usually the older horses have an edge over the 3-year olds. However, 4 of last 9 winners were 3-year olds. We have (3) 3 year-old and (9) older horses entered.

Every Classic winner (except for 2021, 2010 and 2009) had already raced at 1 1/4 Mile distance.

Europeans have now won this race twice with Arcangues in 1993 and paid \$268 for a \$2 win ticket and in 2008 with Raven's Pass. They have however finished in-the-money 9-times.

Only 5 winners have won this race coming off a career BEST Beyer speed rating.

All but two Classic winners had raced within the last 50 days.

Deep closers in this race do not fare well, unless her name is Zenyatta!

Early speed horses have only won seven times.

30 of 40 Classic winners have won a Grade I / Group I race within their last 3 races at a distance of at least a mile 1/8.

My contenders are;

#1 **Forever Young (Jpn) (6-1)** – just missed in the KY Derby only beaten a head when Sierra Leone came over on him (I think he gets his revenge) – he won last out in Japan in the Japan Dirt Classic at this distance - he has shown that distance is not a problem as he has won twice – he is a Closer and I feel that there will be a lot of speed in here which will set him up for another big

move down the stretch – I do not like his rail Post draw (but he will not be one of the pace setters) – he has won 6 of 7 races (should be 7 of 7) – his jock now has experience in U.S. dirt racing after the KY Derby - has the Large-heart X-Chromosome pedigree trait.

#3 **City of Troy** (4-1) – is the World’s Top Ranked Turf horse – has 6 wins from 7 starts – will be making his 1st start on Dirt – his sire is Justify who won the Triple Crown on Dirt – his DAM is full of Turf pedigree – we do not know how he will take to getting dirt kickback - usually when Turf horses run on Dirt it is their 1st Dirt race that is their best (so maybe he will do it)m- has the Large-heart X-Chromosome pedigree trait – he will be retired after this race – trainer O’Brien said this is the best horse he has ever trained!

#9 **Fierceness** (3-1) – won the Travers last out by a head over the Filly Thorpedo Anna – Travers winners do not win the Classic very often in same years – earned career best 111 Beyer speed no. in last race has won 5 of 8 career races - could get into a speed battle with the other Early speed horses – has the Critical raise A Native sire side pedigree line - has the Large-heart X-Chromosome pedigree trait – trainer Pletcher has won this Division previously and so has his jockey.

#13 **Newgate** (20-1) – won the G1 California Crown last out earning a career best 102 Beyer speed no. – making 2nd start off layoff (trainer hits @27/61%) – is getting Blinkers On (trainer hits @ 14/54%) - has the Large-heart X-Chromosome pedigree trait – outside Post could be a prople for his running style - trainer Baffert has won the Classic 4 times – Frankie gets on board for the ride.

#11 **Sierra Leone** (12-1) – has never been out of the Trifecta in 8 races (8-3-3-2) – ran 3rd last out in Travers S. – he is a Closer that needs quick fractions up front to set him up – has the Critical raise A Native sire side pedigree line - has the Large-heart X-Chromosome pedigree trait – trainer Chad Brown still looking for his 1st win in the Classic – Prat rides (none better)!

If any of the above scratches out of the race, move everyone up and add in order #14 and #6

Wager Strategy:

Win/Place bet on #1 **Forever Young** (Jpn) and a \$1 **Bottom Wheel Exacta** ALL with #1

BEST Longshot: #13 **Newgate** (20-1)

\$2 Exacta Wager:

1 with 3-9-13-11-14-6 = \$12

\$2 **Exacta Box:** (3-9-13-11-14) - \$24

\$1 Trifecta Wager:

1 with 3-9-13-11 with 3-9-13-11-14-6 = \$20 or \$10 for 50 CENT wager

3-9-13-11 with 1 with 3-9-13-11-14-6 = \$20 or \$10 for 50 CENT wager

BOX: (3-12-11-8) = \$24 or \$12 for 50 CENT wager

\$1 Superfecta wager:

1 with 3-9-13-11 with 3-9-13-11-14 with 3-9-13-11-6 = \$64 or \$6.40 for 10Cent wager

3-9-13-11 with 1 with 3-9-13-11-14 with 3-9-13-11-6 = \$64 or \$6.40 for 10Cent wager

BOX: (1-3-9-13-11) = \$12

50 CENT Pick 3 wager: 1-3-9-13 with 3-4-2-10 with 9-4-1-8 = \$32

50 CENT Pick 5 wager: 1-3-9-13 with 3-4-2 with 9-4-1 with 7-6-12-9 with 14-9-10 = \$216

\$1 Daily Double: 1-3-9-13 with 3-4-2-10 = \$16

Race 9:

BC Filly & Mare Turf

Fillies and Mares – 3 Year Olds and Up

1 3/8 Miles Turf – Purse \$2 Million

This now \$2 Million purse race was added to the Breeders Cup series in 1999 which makes this year the 24th occurrence.

The distance of this race changes based on the turf course configuration of the host track. This year at Santa Anita it will be run at 1 1/4 Miles!

16 winners of this race were bred in Europe and Japan.

Runners that prepped in California are a BIG 0-for-48. A field of 13 runners are entered in this year's edition.

My contenders are;

#3 **Cinderella's Dream (GB)** (4-1) – Euro invader for the Godolphin team – they sent her over in the Summer to get a couple pre races in her – she won last out in the G2 Saratoga Oaks Inv. – she was rated just behind the pace setters and took the lead when asked – she earned a 95 Beyer speed no. – she also the previous race at Belmont in the G1 Belmont Oaks Inv. (so she is ready for big effort in the Breeders' Cup) – she has won 6 of 7 races (only one she lost was when Buick was not onboard) – earned a Bris 103 Late pace in last race (has a good turn of foot) – the Ryan Moore/Aidan O'Brien team won this race 2 years ago.

#4 **War Like Goddess (Arg)** (5/2) – looks to be the best shot for the Americans – ran a good 2nd (only beaten 1/2 length) last out in the G1 Turf Classic at Belmont/Big A – likes this distance (7-4-2-1) — she ran in this race last year beaten 4 1/4 lengths – she is the Bris top ranked Prim Power horse - versatile in that she can rate or close from the back – good turf jock/trainer team in Alvarado and Mott.

#2 **Full Count Felicia** (12-1) – won last 2 races on the Woodbine Turf course in Graded Stakes – she earned a career best 101 Beyer speed no. – she is a Early Speed horse (can she hang on at the end?) – gets a big jock upgrade to Irad Ortiz – she is the Bris top rated Class of the field - shows recent Bullet works (looks ready to fire a big one)!

#10 **Moira** (8-1) – 2nd runner in here for trainer Attard - ran a very good 2nd (only beaten 3 1/2 lengths) last out in the G1 E.P. Taylor at Woodbine – Prat rides for the 2nd time.

#7 **Content (Ire)** (6-1) – Euro invader for Aidan O'Brien – last 2 races he got caught behind very slow pace and did not fire his best (soft ground could have been the problem) – Frankie gets a leg up today.

#11 **Beach Bomb (Saf)** (4-1) – South African horse making his 3rd start in the U.S. for very good Turf trainer Motion - ran 3rd in last race (only beaten 2 1/4 lengths) in the G2 Rodeo Drive – earned a good 93 Beyer speed no. – making 3rd start off the layoff (trainer hits @ 16/46%) – shows Sharp recent work – good turf jock in Fresu.

If any of the above scratches out of the race, move everyone up and add in order #12, #9.

Win/Place bet on #3 **Cinderella's Dream (GB)** and a bottom wheel Exacta All with #3

BEST Longshot: #2 **Full Count Felicia** (12-1)

\$2 Exacta Wager:

3 with 4-2-10-7-11-12-9 = \$14

\$1 Exacta Box: (4-2-10-7) = \$12

\$1 Trifecta Wager:

3 with 4-2-10-7 with 4-2-10-7-11-12-9 = \$24 or \$12 for 50CENT wager

4-2-10-7 with 3 with 4-2-10-7-11-12-9 = \$24 or \$12 for 50CENT wager

BOX: (3-4-2-10) = \$24 or \$12 for 50 CENT wager

Superfecta wager:

3 with 4-2-10-7 with 4-2-10-7-11 with 4-2-10-7-11-12-9 = \$80 for \$1 Wager or \$8 for 10 Cent wager

4-2-10-7 with 3 with 4-2-10-7-11 with 4-2-10-7-11-12-9 = \$80 for \$1 Wager or \$8 for 10 Cent wager

BOX: (3-4-2-10-7) = \$12 for 10Cent Wager

\$1 Daily Double 3-4-2-10-7 with 9-4-1-8 = \$16

50 CENT Pick 3 wager: 3-4-2-10-7 with 9-4-1-8 with 7-6-12-9 = \$32

50 CENT Pick 4 wager: 3-4-2-10-7 with 9-4-1-8 with 7-6-12-9 with 14-9-10-11 = \$128

Race 10:

Breeders' Sprint

Open - 3-Year Olds and Up

6 Furlongs – Purse \$2 Million

The Sprint has a purse of \$2 Million and brings together the FASTEST horses in the world! This race is one of the most challenging races to handicap. There are not many TOP Class horses that specialize in running 6 furlongs. The best speed horses are usually racing at 6 1/2 or 7 furlongs.

The Sprint usually attracts a full field of 14 runners but this year we have 11 entered.

With the \$2 Million prize there usually are no problems getting a full field.

Full fields are GREAT for handicappers because they usually have high pay-outs. This is a race where you want to be playing the Trifecta and Superfecta wagers!

Middle distance runners tend to do very well in the Sprint as opposed to those that specialize in 6 furlong races.

Pay attention to Friday's races to see how the early speed is holding!

My Contenders;

#9 **Remake (Jpn)** (8-1) – 1 of 3 Japanese runners in here - won last race G3 Korea Sprint as the favorite – he loves the distance (9-5-1-1) – regular rider Kawada makes the trip to ride – the 5 year old has won 2 of 3 races this year.

#4 **Nakatomi** (6-1) – ran 2nd last out in the G2 Phoenix – he is a Closer that needs fast fractions up front to set up his late kick - has done well at this dist. (11-2-3-5) – making 2nd start off the layoff (trainer hits @ 30/60%) – trainer Ward excels in Sprint races – Gaffalione keeps the mount.

#1 **Raging Torrent** (10-1) – won the G2 Pat O'Brien last out over this track – cutting back from 7 Furlongs (should help him carry his speed) – likes to set the pace as he runs best with the lead - need be – Fresu rides for Doug O'Neill (they hit @ 21/42%).

#8 **Straight No Chaser** (5-1) – won the Santa Anita Sprint Champ. Last out (trainer hits @ 27/49% nxt. out) – shows Sharp recent work – he is a speed horse and only knows one way to run (wire2wire) – Johnny V. rides for Dan Blacker and all my friends at MyRacehorse.

#10 **Mullikin** (7/2) – has won last 4 races – last race was in the G1 Forego S. at Saratoga - is cutting back in dist. from 7 Furlongs (should only help his running style) - Favorites do not win many of these (only twice in last 14) – he has won all 4 of his races this year – he can rate if need but wants the lead – Prat rides for Brisset (they hit @ 50/75%).

If there are any scratches move everyone up and use the following: #3 and #2

Win/Place bet on #9 **Remake** (Jpn) and a Bottom Wheel Exacta ALL with #9

BEST Longshot: #1 **Raging Torrent** (10-1)

\$2 Exacta Wager:

9 with 4-1-8-10-3-2 = \$12

\$2 Exacta Box: (4-1-8-10) = \$24

\$1 Trifecta Wager:

9 with 4-1-8-10 with 4-1-8-10-3-2 = \$20 or \$10 for 50 CENT wager

4-1-8-10 with 9 with 4-1-8-10-3-2 = \$20 or \$10 for 50 CENT wager

BOX: (9-4-1-8) = \$24 or \$12 for 50 CENT wager

\$1 Superfecta wager:

9 with 4-1-8-10 with 4-1-8-10 with 4-1-8-10-3-2 = \$48 or \$4.80 for 10Cent wager

4-1-8-10 with 9 with 4-1-8-10 with 4-1-8-10-3-2 = \$48 or \$4.80 for 10Cent wager

BOX: (9-4-1-8-10) = \$12

\$1 Daily Double: 9-4-1-8 with 7-6-12-9 = \$16

50 CENT Pick 3 wager: 9-4-1-8 with 7-6-12-9 with 14-9-10-11 = \$32

Race 11:

BC Mile Division

Open - 3-Year Olds & Up

1 Mile Turf – Purse \$2 Million

The most difficult race to handicap carries a \$2 Million purse. This race and has truly become a "world" championship race as runners from all over the world have won it!

The Mile sends mores horses to the gate than any other Breeders Cup race with an average of 13 over the 40 year time span. This makes for a very good betting opportunity. This year we a full field of 14 going to the gate!

Any horse that has run in a previous BC Mile has an advantage when they return!

Analysis:

This year it is a battle of the Euro invaders vs. the Americans!

With such a large field there will be a lot of early pressure on the front runners which should set things up for someone that comes from off the pace to win.

My contenders are;

#7 **Porta Fortuna (Ire)** (4-1) – this Euro invader trained by Donnacha O’Brien is a super Filly – she will be taking on the boys in here (girls have won this Div. 10 times) – she won her last 3 races – the last race was in G1 Matron S. – she has done well at this dist. (5-3-2-0) – Tom Marquand makes the trip over to ride – has earned \$1.6 Million over 11 races – she has never been out of the trifecta (11-7-3-1)!

#6 **Notable Speech (GB)** (7/2) – this guy has won 5 of 7 races this year – was off the board in last race at Longchamp in the G1 Prix du Moulin Cup – from the Godolphin barn and Charley Appleby who has win this in the last 3 years – as has his jock William Buick.

#12 **Carl Spackler (Ire)** (6-1) – won last 3 races – the last being G1 Turf Mile at Keeneland – has won 4 of 5 races this year – earned 100+ Beyer speed nos. in last 2 races – he has a forwardly running style (he will on or near the lead) – outside Post could cause problems for him in getting over to be on or near the lead – Chad Brown trained with Gaffalione riding – he has the fastest Turf speed of the U.S. runners.

#9 **Johannes** (9/2) – has won last 4 races his – earned 3 consecutive 100+ Beyer speed nos. – loves this distance (4-4-0-0) – has been the favorite in 3 of last 4 races – making 2nd start off the layoff (trainer hits @17/47%) – has Pressing style of running as he rates just behind the pace setters – Hot jock/trainer team (they hit @33/67%).

#10 **Win for the Money** (30-1) – won the G1 Woodbine Mile last out – earned a career best 102 Beyer speed no. in last race – shows good midrace speed nos. – he Stalks the pace – trainer

Casse is one of the best Turf guys – he won this Div, in 2017 – trainer’s #1 jock Husbands rides.

#1 **Ramatuelle** (5-1) – Euro invader for Christopher Head – won last race G1 Prix de la Foret at Longchamp in impressive fashion – has never been out of the Trifecta in 9 races (9-4-3-2) – very consistent runner – regular jock comes over to ride.

If any of the above runners scratch, move everyone up and add in order #2 - #4

Win & Place bet on #7 **Porta Fortuna (Ire)** and a bottom wheel Exacta All with #7

Best Longshot: #12 **Carl Spackler (Ire)** (6-1)

\$2 Exacta Wager:

7 with 6-12-9-10-1-2-4 = \$14

\$1 Exacta Box: (6-12-9-10) = \$12

\$1 Trifecta Wager:

7 with 6-12-9-10 with 6-12-9-10-1-2-4 = \$24 or \$12 for 50Cent wager

6-12-9-10 with 7 with 6-12-9-10-1-2-4 = \$24 or \$12 for 50Cent wager

Trifecta Box: (7-6-12-9) = \$24 or \$12 for 50 CENT wager

\$1 Cent Superfecta wager:

7 with 6-12-9-10 with 10-3-14-5-1 with 6-12-9-10-1-2-4 = \$80 or \$8.00 for 10 Cent wager

6-12-9-10 with 7 with 10-3-14-5-1 with 6-12-9-10-1-2-4 = \$80 or \$8.00 for 10 Cent wager

Box (7-6-12-9) = \$12 for 10 Cent wager

\$1 Daily Double 7-6-12-9 with 14-9-10-11 = \$16

Race 12:

BC Dirt Mile

Open - 3 Year Olds and Up

1 Mile - Purse \$1 Million

This will be the 18th running of this Division.

This year it has attracted a full field of 14 runners.

The Favorites have only won this Division six times but last 4 years!

This is a race where both speed and stamina are required. You can be sure there will be a hot pace up front and the winner will probably be a horse that can be within 4-5 lengths of the leaders and have the ability to kick into high gear to pass them by in the lane.

My contenders are;

#14 **Skippylongstocking** (4-1) – ran a good 2nd in last race at longer dist. in G2 Woodward S. – the cut back in distance will set him up for this shorter race – he ran 3rd in this race last year (different jock this year) – is the top Bris Prime Power & Class ratings – shows recent Bullet work – ships in from NY for Saffie Joseph, Jr.

#9 **Domestic Product** (7/2) – won last 2 races – has been racing in longer dist. races (should the shorter Mile) – is a versatile runner that be rated or Stalk the leaders – lots of speed in her so he should Stalk – trainer Brown has him ready making 1st start off 10 week layoff (trainer hits @ 25/45%) – shows a recent Sharp work – earned 100+ Bris Late pace nos. in last race – Prat rides – jock/trainer team hits @31/65%.

#10 **Muth** (9/2) – cuts back from 1 1/8 Mile race – cut back will help him carry his speed – making 3rd start off layoff (trainer hits @31/62%) – count on Baffert to be sending him erly – jock/trainer team hit @45/68%.

#11 **Cagliostro** (30-1) – ran 3rd in G3 Ack Ack S. (only beaten 3 ½ lengths) as the favorite (trainer hits nxt. out @37/61%) - he up (they hit @23/58%) – trainer Cherie DeVaux has done well getting her runners ready for big races.

#6 **Seize the Grey** (10-1) – the Preakness Stakes & PA Derby winner will be cutting back in distance for trainer D. Wayne Lukas – could have run in the Classic but opted for this shorter race – he has early speed and if not challenged on the front end he could hang on at the wire – shows recent Bullet work – good luck to my friends at MyRacehorse!

If any of the above scratches out of the race, move everyone up and add in order #1 and #8.

Wagers:

Win and Place bet on #14 **Skippylongstocking** and a Bottom Wheel Exacta of ALL with #14

BEST Longshot: #11 **Cagliostro** (30-1)

\$2 Exacta Wager:

14 with (9-10-11-6-1-8) = \$12

\$1 Exacta Box: (9-10-11-6) = \$12

\$1 Trifecta Wager:

14 with 9-10-11-6 with 9-10-11-6-1-8 = \$20 or \$10 for 50Cent wager

9-10-11-6 with 14 with 9-10-11-6-1-8 = \$20 or \$10 for 50Cent wager

BOX: (14-9-10-11) = \$24 or \$12 for 50 CENT wager

\$1 Superfecta wager:

14 with 9-10-11 with 9-10-11-6 with 9-10-11-6-1-8 = \$36 or \$3.60 for 10Cent wager

9-10-11 with 14 with 9-10-11-6 with 9-10-11-6-1-8 = \$36 or \$3.60 for 10Cent wager

BOX: (14-9-10-11-6) = \$12 for 10Cent wager

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Consider using ALL 4 in the Rolling Pick 3s and the Pick 4 as well as the Rolling Daily Doubles.

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The cost of a 4 horse Trifecta Box for a \$1 wager amount is \$24 or \$12 for 50Cent wager..

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The cost for using 4 horses in each leg of the Pick 3 for a \$1 wager is \$64 or \$32 for 50Cent wager

The cost for using 4 horses in each leg of the Pick 4 for a 50 Cent wager is \$128

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In case of SCRATCHES on any of our selections, just move everyone up to fill in.

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