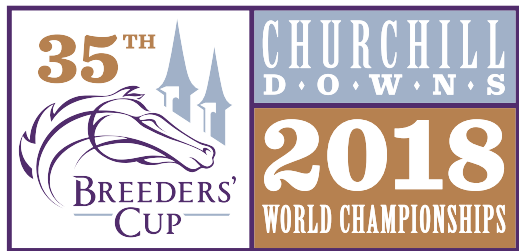


# BREEDERS' CUP BETTING GUIDE

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# BREEDERS' CUP RACE SCHEDULE

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Race Name	Purse	Distance/Surface	Eligibility	Time Zone: ET/CT/PT	TV Station
Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint	\$1,000,000	5 furlongs on Turf	2-year-olds	3:21/2:21/12:21	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf	\$1,000,000	1 Mile on Turf	2-year-old females	4:00/3:00/1:00	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Juvenile Filles	\$2,000,000	1 1/16 Miles on Dirt	2-year-old females	4:40/3:40/1:40	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf	\$1,000,000	1 Mile on Turf	2-year-olds	5:22/4:22/2:22	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Sient Jet Juvenile	\$2,000,000	1 1/16 Miles on Dirt	2-year-olds	6:05/5:05/3:05	NBC Sports

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Race Name	Purse	Distance/Surface	Eligibility	Time Zone: ET/CT/PT	TV Station
Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint	\$1,000,000	7 Furlongs on Dirt	3-year-olds & up females	12:00/11:00/9:00	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint	\$1,000,000	5 1/2 furlongs on Turf	3-year-olds & up	12:38/11:38/9:38	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile	\$1,000,000	1 Mile on Dirt	3-year-olds & up	1:16/12:16/10:16	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf	\$2,000,000	1 3/8 Miles on Turf	3-year-olds & up females	2:04/1:04/11:04	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup TwinSpires Sprint	\$1,500,000	6 Furlongs on Dirt	3-year-olds & up	2:46/3:46/11:46	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Mile	\$2,000,000	1 Mile on Turf	3-year-olds & up	3:36/2:36/12:36	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Longines Distaff	\$2,000,000	1 1/8 Miles on Dirt	3-year-olds & up females	4:16/3:16/1:16	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Longines Turf	\$4,000,000	1 1/2 Miles on Turf	3-year-olds & up	4:56/3:56/1:56	NBC Sports
Breeders' Cup Classic	\$6,000,000	1 1/4 Miles on Dirt	3-year-olds & up	5:44/4:44/2:44	NBC Sports



# AT A GLANCE

A look at the previous full Churchill Downs meet: April 28, 2018 through June 30, 2018

**AVG. WINNING ODDS:** 4.50 - 1

**FAVORITE WIN%:** 34% **FAVORITE ITM%:** 70%

EXOTICS	PAYOFF
Exacta	72.62
Daily Double	77.04
Trifecta	548.51
Pick 3	624.85
Superfecta	3,649.91
Pick 6	103,316.20
Pick 4	5,422.38
Pick 5	66,918.79
Pick 6 Jackpot	256,104.45
Future Wager	113.81
Super High Five	31,776.26



## TRACK BIAS MEET (04/28 - 06/30)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
6.0fDirt	67	30%	E	Mid/Out
7.0fDirt	44	27%	E/P	Rail/Ins
1 MileDirt	42	19%	E	Middle
1 1/16mDirt	60	18%	E/P	Rail/Ins
Turf Sprint	14	43%	E	Rail/Ins
Turf Routes	72	14%	P	Inside

## TRACK BIAS WEEK (06/24 - 06/30)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
6.0fDirt	8	63%	E	Middle
7.0fDirt	4	25%	E/P	Rail
1 MileDirt	6	0%	E/P	Rail/Ins
1 1/16mDirt	4	25%	E	Inside
Turf Sprint	2	50%	E	Rail/Ins
Turf Routes	10	0%	P	Middle

## WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

HOT TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Cox Brad H.	15	7	1	1	3.02	5	27%
Maker Michael J.	10	4	0	1	3.70	2	19%
Lovell Michelle	5	3	0	0	8.98	1	14%
Lauer Michael E.	6	3	1	0	13.67	0	14%
Casse Norm W.	3	2	0	0	3.30	1	22%
Jones J. Larry	3	2	0	0	10.17	1	21%

HOT JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Santana, Jr. Ricardo	30	8	4	7	6.68	6	17%
Geroux Florent	18	6	2	2	7.91	1	19%
Bridgmohan Shaun	15	5	2	2	5.43	3	18%

COLD TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Calhoun W. Bret	15	0	2	2	16.31	1	19%
Lukas D. Wayne	11	0	0	3	9.55	1	10%

COLD JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Camacho, Jr. Samuel	11	0	2	1	35.77	0	5%



# AT A GLANCE

A look at the previous full Churchill Downs meet: September 14, 2018 through September 30, 2018.

**AVG. WINNING ODDS:** 6.22 - 1

**FAVORITE WIN%:** 34% **FAVORITE ITM%:** 70%

EXOTICS	PAYOFF
Exacta	117.77
Daily Double	121.72
Trifecta	800.01
Pick 3	895.42
Superfecta	6,870.29
Pick 4	8,063.48
Pick 5	28,424.45
Pick 6 Jackpot	85,481.78
Super High Five	5,912.60



## TRACK BIAS MEET (09/14 - 09/30)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
6.0fDirt	27	48%	E	Inside
6.5fDirt	13	15%	E/P	Outside
1 MileDirt	18	17%	E/P	Outside
1 1/16mDirt	19	16%	P	Outside
Turf Routes	11	18%	E	Outside

## TRACK BIAS WEEK (09/24 - 09/30)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
6.0fDirt	8	38%	E	Outside
6.5fDirt	5	20%	E/P	Rail/Ins
1 MileDirt	11	27%	P	Mid/Out
1 1/16mDirt	7	0%	P	Middle
Turf Routes	3	33%	P	Middle

## WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

HOT TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Amoss Thomas M.	12	4	0	3	7.12	1	25%
Hartman Chris A.	12	4	3	3	7.94	3	18%
Forster Grant T.	4	3	1	0	5.38	0	15%
Correas, IV Ignacio	5	3	0	1	9.22	0	15%
Baker James E.	7	3	2	0	6.14	0	15%
Barkley Jason	5	2	2	0	4.40	1	10%
Richard Chris	5	2	0	0	13.34	1	13%

HOT JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Lanerie Corey J.	26	7	5	4	4.15	2	18%
Graham James	15	5	1	0	10.53	0	12%
Gilligan Jack	9	3	0	1	14.57	0	10%
Cannon Declan	11	3	1	0	19.50	0	11%

COLD TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Romans Dale L.	18	0	2	2	15.29	3	16%

COLD JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
McMahon C.J.	11	0	1	1	19.45	1	8%

# HOW TO READ ULTIMATE PAST PERFORMANCES

## TWINSPIRES CUSTOMERS GET FREE BRISNET PP<sub>s</sub> FOR TRACKS THEY WAGER ON

The Brisnet.com Ultimate PPs are the most detailed past performance product on the market and include speed ratings, pace figures, exclusive Prime Power and Class ratings, detailed jockey and trainer statistics, and pedigree information. Start using Ultimate PPs and discover why Brisnet.com is the handicapper's edge.

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Cathryn Sophia (E/P 5)

Own: Cash Is King Llc

Green, Multi-colored Crown, Green Shamrocks On White

CASTELLANO JAVIER (0 0-0-0 0%)

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+2016

JKYw/EP types

JKYw/ Trn L60

JKYw/ Routes

494 22% 54% -0.54

591 26% 57% -0.15

2 50% 100% +10.60

107 22% 54% -0.28

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★ Finished 3rd in last race

★ Best Dirt Speed is fastest among today's starters

★ Hot Jockey in last 7 days (13 4-5-1)

7

B. f. 3 FTMSEP 2014 \$30k

Sire: Street Boss (Street Cry (IRE)) \$12,500

Dam: Sheave (Mineshaft)

Brdr: Robert T Manfuso (MD)

Trnr: Servis John C (0 0-0-0 0%)

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Prime Power: 147.1 (1st)

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2016 3 2- 0- 1

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Fst (109)

Off (109)

Dis (108)

Trf (110)

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E1 92

E2/Late 99/ 90

SPD 99

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Sire Stats: AWD 6.7

Dam'sSire: AWD 7.3

Dam'sStats: Unraced

SoldAt: FTMSEP 2014

15% Mud

100% 2yo

241 MudSts

820 MudSts

1str

SireAvg: \$53.3k

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2.23spi

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27Feb16GP5

30Jan16GP3

05Dec15Lrl5

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# EXPERT PICKS FOR BREEDERS' CUP

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## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 Churchill Downs



### BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF SPRINT

13 Big Drink of Water	8 Sergei Prokofiev	8 Sergei Prokofiev	8 Sergei Prokofiev	8 Sergei Prokofiev
11 Queen of Bermuda	2 Soldier's Call	1 Strike Silver	2 Soldier's Call	7 Shang Shang Shang
5 Bulletin	5 Bulletin	2 Soldier's Call	4 Stillwater Cove	1 Strike Silver

### BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

4 Just Wonderful	1 Concrete Rose	6 Newspaperofrecord	6 Newspaperofrecord	6 Newspaperofrecord
5 La Pelosa	6 Newspaperofrecord	1 Concrete Rose	4 Just Wonderful	1 Concrete Rose
13 My Gal Betty	5 La Pelosa	4 Just Wonderful	14 East	2 The Mackem Bullet

### BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES

2 Serengeti Empress	10 Bellafina	4 Restless Rider	8 Sippican Harbor	4 Restless Rider
10 Bellafina	4 Restless Rider	2 Serengeti Empress	4 Restless Rider	8 Sippican Harbor
1 Reflect	8 Sippican Harbor	8 Sippican Harbor	10 Bellafina	1 Reflect

### BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF

10 War of Will	5 Line of Duty	2 Uncle Benny	5 Line of Duty	1 Arthur Kitt
3 Much better	14 Anthony Van Dyck	6 Henley's Joy	14 Anthony Van Dyck	5 Line of Duty
4 Forty Under	2 Uncle Benny	14 Anthony Van Dyck	12 Current	8 Opry

### BREEDERS' CUP SENTIENT JET JUVENILE

5 Well Defined	9 Game Winner	9 Game Winner	9 Game Winner	11 Code of Honor
6 Complexity	11 Code of Honor	8 Standard Deviation	11 Code of Honor	8 Standard Deviation
9 Game Winner	6 Complexity	11 Code of Honor	6 Complexity	9 Game Winner

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## FEATURES FOR HANDICAPPING

### Angles

Churchill Downs					
8	9	10	11	12	13 14
2 MTP KY DERBY 142 \$2M 3YO F&M 1 1/4 M D:FAST					
Program Angles Pools Probables Will Pays					
Top 3 Picks		Top 3 Class		Top 3 Speed Top 3 Pace	
3 - 6 - 1		3 - 6 - 1		3 - 6 - 1 3 - 6 - 1	
Pgm #	Horse / Trainer / Jockey		Angles	Odds	PL
1	Trojan Nation T: Patrick Gallagher J: Aaron T. Gryder		W	42	50
	Suddenbreakthrough			34	30

### Past Performances

California Chrome						
Horse Trainer Jockey Combo Sire Dam						
CHC.6 California Chrome						
Lucky Pulpit - Love The Chase by Not For Love						
O: Golden State Racing Stables, LLC B: Perry Martin & Steve Coburn (CA)						
TOP PICK						
Races		Stats		Workouts		
Date	Track	Class	Dist.	Sf	Cdn	Finish
1/28/17	GP-12	G1	1 1/8 M	D	4+ M	9th
12/17/16	LOS-9		1 1/16 M	D	3+ M	1st

### Jockey & Trainer Stats

Churchill Downs							
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
2 MTP KY DERBY 142 \$2M 3YO F&M 1 1/4 M D:FAST							
Probables Will Pays Speed Stats Changes							
Race Type Stats (Up to the last 3 years)							
No. Races	Avg. Field	Avg. \$2 WIN	% WNRS < 5/1	Fav Win %	Fav ITM %	Fav \$2 ROI	
20	9.0	\$8.90	10%	35%	65%	-0.07	
Track Bias							
No.	%	BL	BL				



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### BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE SPRINT

1 Selcourt	6 Chalon	5 Golden Mischief	13 Marley's Freedom	7 Skye Diamonds
6 Chalon	13 Marley's Freedom	13 Marley's Freedom	5 Golden Mischief	2 Miss Sunset
5 Golden Mischief	5 Golden Mischief	10 Highway Star	9 Stormy Embrace	11 Finley'sluckycharm

### BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT

5 Disco Partner	6 Rainbow Heir	11 World of Trouble	2 Buccherio	11 World of Trouble
2 Buccherio	9 Stormy Liberal	13 Will Call	13 Will Call	1 Ruby Notion
3 Hembree	5 Disco Partner	3 Hembree	1 Ruby Notion	13 Will Call

### BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE

10 Catalina Cruiser	10 Catalina Cruiser	7 Firenze Fire	1 City of Light	10 Catalina Cruiser
1 City of Light	6 Seeking the Soul	1 City of Light	10 Catalina Cruiser	9 Giant Expectations
5 Awesome Slew	5 Awesome Slew	6 Seeking the Soul	6 Seeking the Soul	1 City of Light

### BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE TURF

6 Sistercharlie	1 Fourstar Crook	1 Fourstar Crook	14 Eziyra	3 Wild Illusion
10 Magic Wand	3 Wild Illusion	3 Wild Illusion	3 Wild Illusion	10 Magic Wand
11 Mom's On Strike	14 Eziyra	6 Sistercharlie	10 Magic Wand	14 Eziyra

### BREEDERS' CUP TWINSPIRES SPRINT

9 Roy H	9 Roy H	5 Imperial Hint	1 Whitmore	1 Whitmore
2 Promises Fulfilled	5 Imperial Hint	8 Limousine Liberal	9 Roy H	2 Promises Fulfilled
5 Imperial Hint	1 Whitmore	2 Promises Fulfilled	5 Imperial Hint	9 Roy H

### BREEDERS' CUP MILE

8 I Can Fly	4 Polydream	5 Oscar Performance	5 Oscar Performance	7 Expert Eye
2 Next Shares	10 Catapult	4 Polydream	4 Polydream	1 One Master
5 Oscar Performance	7 Expert Eye	1 One Master	7 Expert Eye	4 Polydream

### BREEDERS' CUP LONGINES DISTAFF

11 Monomoy Girl	9 Wow Cat	11 Monomoy Girl	9 Wow Cat	11 Monomoy Girl
9 Wow Cat	11 Monomoy Girl	9 Wow Cat	2 Abel Tasman	10 Blue Prize
10 Blue Prize	2 Abel Tasman	8 Vale Dori	11 Monomoy Girl	9 Wow Cat

### BREEDERS' CUP LONGINES TURF

4 Robert Bruce	2 Enable	2 Enable	2 Enable	2 Enable
12 Waldgeist	12 Waldgeist	12 Waldgeist	5 Magical	5 Magical
2 Enable	4 Robert Bruce	5 Magical	12 Waldgeist	12 Waldgeist

### BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC

4 Gunnevera	10 Yoshida	3 Catholic Boy	7 West Coast	11 Mind Your Biscuits
11 Mind Your Biscuits	11 Mind Your Biscuits	11 Mind Your Biscuits	11 Mind Your Biscuits	7 West Coast
14 Accelerate	14 Accelerate	6 McKinzie	14 Accelerate	4 Gunnevera



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# TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



## BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF

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

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Champagne Problems	12-1
2	Abel Tasman	7-2
3	La Force (GER)	20-1
4	Mopotism	30-1
5	Wonder Gadot	15-1
6	Verve's Tale	30-1
7	Midnight Bisou	6-1
8	Vale Dori (ARG)	12-1
9	Wow Cat (CHI)	8-1
10	Blue Prize (ARG)	6-1
11	Monomoy Girl	2-1

TOP PICKS
2 ABEL TASMAN
11 MONOMOY GIRL
10 BLUE PRIZE

### \$10 WIN/PLACE/SHOW

2 (\$30)

### \$5 EXACTA KEY BOX

2 with 10,11 (\$20)

### \$1 SUPERFECTA PART WHEEL

2 with 10,11 with 1,7,9,10,11 with  
1,7,9,10,11 (\$24)

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A field of 11 of the top fillies and mares will converge in the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) on Saturday. The Distaff could be a showdown with champion Abel Tasman, and likely champ, three-year-old star Monomoy Girl. The race figures to come down to the pair of standout fillies.

ABEL TASMAN (#2) (7-2) has always been a high-class performer and will aim to conclude her season, and perhaps her career, in style. Champion Quality Road filly is a six-time Grade-1 heroine who has had success at Churchill Downs evidenced by her stylish score in the 2017 Kentucky Oaks (G1). Bob Baffert trainee has run two of the better races of the season with impressive performances in the Ogden Phipps S. (G1) and Personal Ensign S. (G1). Her most recent effort when fifth in the Zenyatta (G1) left something to be desired, though the quirky filly has rebounded with wins in her previous pair of unplaced showings.

Standout three-year-old MONOMOY GIRL (#11) (2-1) could be the one to catch and beat in the Distaff. Brad Cox pupil has had a sensational 2018 campaign that is sure to lead her to championship honors with four Grade-1 tallies, and nearly a fifth after being taken down when crossing the line first in the recent Cotillion (G1). Classy daughter of Tapizar was all heart in winning the Kentucky Oaks (G1) on this strip in the spring and has shown no signs of slowing down since. Filly will be fresh in just her second assignment since July and drew an ideal post position outside for the affair.

BLUE PRIZE (#10) (6-1) punched her ticket to the Distaff with a tally in the October 7 Spinster S. (G1). Ignacio Correias trainee is reaching the peak of her powers and could play spoiler to the heavy hitters today. Argentine-bred rolls in with victories in three of her last four assignments and she has an affinity for the Churchill Downs surface. Pure Prize mare was best in the Locust Grove (G3) two back and also shows an 8 1/2-length romp in the 2017 Falls City (G2) in her 2017 finale at Churchill Downs. Chestnut mare can be equally dangerous when being forwardly placed early on, or when taking back and making one run in the stretch.

Cotillion vixen MIDNIGHT BISOU (#7) (6-1) has been a consistently excellent performer in 2018. Dual Grade-1 queen was third in the Kentucky Oaks in the spring on the Churchill surface. Spinster second CHAMPAGNE PROBLEMS (#1) (12-1) and Beldame S. (G1) heroine WOW CAT (#9) (8-1) also have appeal as contenders on the rise.

# TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



## BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC

1 1/4-Miles

PURSE \$6,000,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Thunder Snow (IRE)	12-1
2	Roaring Lion	20-1
3	Catholic Boy	8-1
4	Gunnevera	20-1
5	Lone Sailor	30-1
6	McKinzie	6-1
7	West Coast	5-1
8	Pavel	20-1
9	Mendelssohn	12-1
10	Yoshida (JPN)	10-1
11	Mind Your Biscuits	6-1
12	Axelrod	30-1
13	Discreet Lover	20-1
14	Accelerate	5-2

### TOP PICKS

**2 ROARING LION**

**3 CATHOLIC BOY**

**10 YOSHIDA**

### \$20 WIN

**2 (\$20)**

### \$2 EXACTA KEY BOX

**2 with 1,3,6,7,10,14 (\$24)**

### \$1 TRIFECTA PART-WHEEL

**2 with 1,3,6,7,10,14 with 1,3,6,7,10,14 (\$30)**

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A fantastic field of 14 will go postward Saturday in the crown jewel of the Breeders' Cup, the \$6 million Classic (G1). A well-matched and accomplished cast will contest the lucrative, 1 1/4-miles test. Accelerate is the deserving favorite for conditioner John Sadler, but this is a race where searching for a price seems like the right course of action. The 2018 Classic has a very "grassy" feel to it and the focus will be on the proven turf performers.

In terms of raw talent, European invader ROARING LION (#2) (20-1) is at the top of the cast. Sensational sophomore from the barn of John Gosden has been sublime leading up to his most lucrative assignment in the Classic. Kitten's Joy colt has hit his best stride in the second half of 2018 in registering four Group-1 tallies in succession. Gray Kentucky-bred is adept at handling the ten-furlong distance, and proved both his versatility and class in coming out on top in the Queen Elizabeth II S. (Eng-G1) at one mile at Royal Ascot last time. His lack of dirt experience can be made up for with his abundance of class. If Roaring Lion takes to the main surface, his foes will be in trouble.

Travers S. (G1) victor CATHOLIC BOY (#3) (8-1) is still a tough read on dirt at this level but nobody can doubt his class or determination. More Than Ready colt has been running huge since his juvenile campaign. Bay was a Grade-3 winner in a second lifetime race and finished a closing fourth in the 2017 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1) at Del Mar. Ridgling concluded a fine two-year-old season with a stunning, 4 3/4-length drubbing in the Remsen S. (G2) in his dirt debut. Rapidly improving sophomore is peaking with sensational tallies in the Belmont Derby (G1) and Travers S. (G1) in advance of the Classic and comes in fresh for Jonathan Thomas. A forwardly placed trip is expected from the fine sophomore.

YOSHIDA (#10) (10-1) is another who has attained top-level glory on both dirt and the turf. Son of top Japanese sire Heart's Cry won at Churchill Downs on Kentucky Derby Day when annexing the Turf Classic (G1) and comes into the Classic after taking the Woodward S. (G1) going away, unleashing a potent nine-wide rally en route to victory. Bill Mott pupil has every right to improve in a second main-track appearance. And quality late runners have historically performed well when the Classic has been held at Churchill Downs, with Blame and the Mott-trained Drosselmeyer taking the last two Classic events beneath the Twin Spires. Yoshida will be rallying from well back early on.

ACCELERATE (#14) (5-2) has done little wrong throughout a fine 2018 campaign. The depth of this field makes any horse at shorts odds a bet against to some measure, though. Bob Baffert's WEST COAST (#7) (5-1) was third in the 2017 Classic and is the second-choice. Fine four-year-old came off a long break to run second in the Awesome Again (G1) and is training in fine fashion since.

Pennsylvania Derby (G1) winner MCKINZIE (#6) (6-1) and Dubai World Cup (UAE-G1) star THUNDER SNOW (#1) (12-1), are also in with a big chance if things go their way.

# CRUISER LOOMS LARGE IN DIRT MILE

by John Mucciolo

My favorite Breeders' Cup race is the Dirt Mile (G1). I love what it takes for a horse to win the demanding event, as well as the diversity in the runners and their running styles which have led to victory. (And part of my affection for the race could stem from having been successful in selecting the Dirt Mile winner in seven of its 11 editions).

The inaugural Dirt Mile was contested in 2007 at Monmouth Park and I was there to see it. Punishing rain fell at the Oceanport, New Jersey venue during that weekend which made the main surface something of a sloppy mess.

Eight were entered for the event (which was run at 1 mile and 70 yards) and I fancied the Jimmy Jerkens-trained Corinthian. The son of Pulpit was a talented sophomore who really blossomed during his four-year-old campaign, impressively annexing the Metropolitan Mile (G1) in the spring.

The Centennial Farms color bearer was unplaced going long in both the Suburban (G1) and Woodward (G1) following the Met, and the decision was made to cut the colt back for Breeders' Cup Friday. And what a move it was!

Tracking off of a wicked early pace, Corinthian got into high gear turning for home, and he blitzed the field late by 6 ½-lengths going away beneath Kent Desormeaux. The Kentucky-bred earned a massive 118 BRIS Speed figure in what turned out to be his career finale.

Some other winners have really caught my eye since that inaugural running with outstanding performances.

Goldencents is the lone runner to win the Dirt Mile on two occasions, repeating in 2004 after a sensational tally the prior season. The Doug O'Neill trainee retired with more than \$3 million in earnings in his illustrious career. Goldencents scored wire-to-wire fashion on both occasions under Rafael Bejarano.

Caleb's Posse proved in 2011 that a sprinter stretching-out could prosper in the Dirt Mile with a virtuoso performance. The Donnie Von Hemel pupil bagged the Amsterdam (G2) and King's Bishop (G1) prior to the Breeders' Cup, but was pointed to the Dirt Mile instead of the Sprint. That was obviously a wise choice by his connections as the son of Posse rolled home by four lengths at Churchill Downs.

Liam's Map capped off a superb, yet abbreviated, career with a dominant win in 2015. The Todd Pletcher trainee was never worse than second from eight lifetime tries and capped his racing career with a facile win at Keeneland, registering a 107 Speed figure in the process. Liam's Map finished runner-up for Champion Older Male.

Tamarkuz defeated a high-quality field in 2016 with an eye-popping rally. The son of Speightstown has been defeated in his previous six starts since coming to the U. S. But he erased all concern about his class when dusting, among others, Gun

Runner, inside the final furlong at Santa Anita. The chestnut scored a 107 Speed figure in the Dirt Mile before going off to stud duty.

The Dirt Mile is not the most prestigious race on the Breeders' Cup card. Nor has it made the most influential stallions as of yet. But that doesn't take away from its excitement.

A one-mile test can be won by a horse with any running style as we have witnessed since its inception and here is only one prerequisite for a top result -- the ability for a horse to carry speed.

That could mean having a runner with an abundance of early pace, or a horse with a high-cruising level or even a thoroughbred with an explosive turn of foot. Simply put, plodders don't win the Dirt Mile. And that's what makes it so appealing to me.

In 2018, no horse seems to exemplify the profile of a Dirt Mile winner more than Catalina Cruiser. The John Sadler trainee has been untouchable from four lifetime starts to date.

The Union Rags four-year-old is plenty fast, can carry his speed well and also owns a potent turn of foot. It looks like his foes will be in deep if Catalina Cruiser delivers his best race at Churchill Downs.





# HISTORICAL TRENDS BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF

by John Mucciolo

The Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) is one of the top events on the biggest day of racing. It has produced some memorable results by remarkable horses, with Zenyatta, Azeri, Beholder, Royal Delta and Ginger Punch among the 'who's who' of recent Distaff heroines.

**The Distaff has been something of a "logical" race as far as results go in recent years.**

The average payoff over the past decade is \$9.70. And just a trio of winners have paid more than \$10, with no first-place finisher going postward at odds of greater than 8-1.

Four-year-old fillies have historically been quite successful in the Distaff. From 34 previous editions, 17 Distaff winners have been four-years-old (50 percent). And with 10 sophomores coming out on top over the same time span, it means 27 of the 34 winners have been fillies (79 percent).

Nine of the past 10 Distaff queens had earned a Grade-1 win in the U. S. prior to their respective victories. Bill Mott's Unrivaled Belle, in 2010, was the lone exception to the rule. It should be noted that the top-class filly was four times second in Grade-1 tilts prior to the Distaff, though.

The 2018 edition of the Breeders' Cup Distaff does not seem as 'predictable' as it has in the recent past.

**Could we see the trend of single-digit winners come to an end this year?**

Leading four-year-old Abel Tasman enters off of her worst showing to date when unplaced in the Zenyatta (G1) at Santa Anita. Baffert trainee was brilliant in Ogden Phipps (G1) and Personal Ensign S. (G1) triumphs prior to her major hiccup, and she is still the Eclipse Award leader in her division at this juncture. But she leaves doubt after her dud.

Standout sophomore Monomoy Girl also showed a chink in the armor when disqualified to second in the Cotillion S. (G1) at Parx most recently. Filly coughed up a clear lead inside the final furlong to suffer just a second setback from 10 superb starts to date. The chestnut colored daughter of Tapizar seems to already be a cinch to be named Champion Three-Year-Old Filly at the end of the season, but it's possible she has reached her apex.

Midnight Bisou has been a model of consistency throughout the season. Midnight Lute was elevated to first in the Cotillion and her conditioner, Steve Asmussen, won the Distaff in 2014 with the three-year-old Untapable. Her effectiveness running 1 1/8-miles against top company is still a bit of a question mark, though.

Blue Prize, the five-year-old mare trained by Ignacio Correias, got her Grade-1 trophy in the Spinster (G1) at Keeneland in advance of the Distaff. But after looking like a commanding

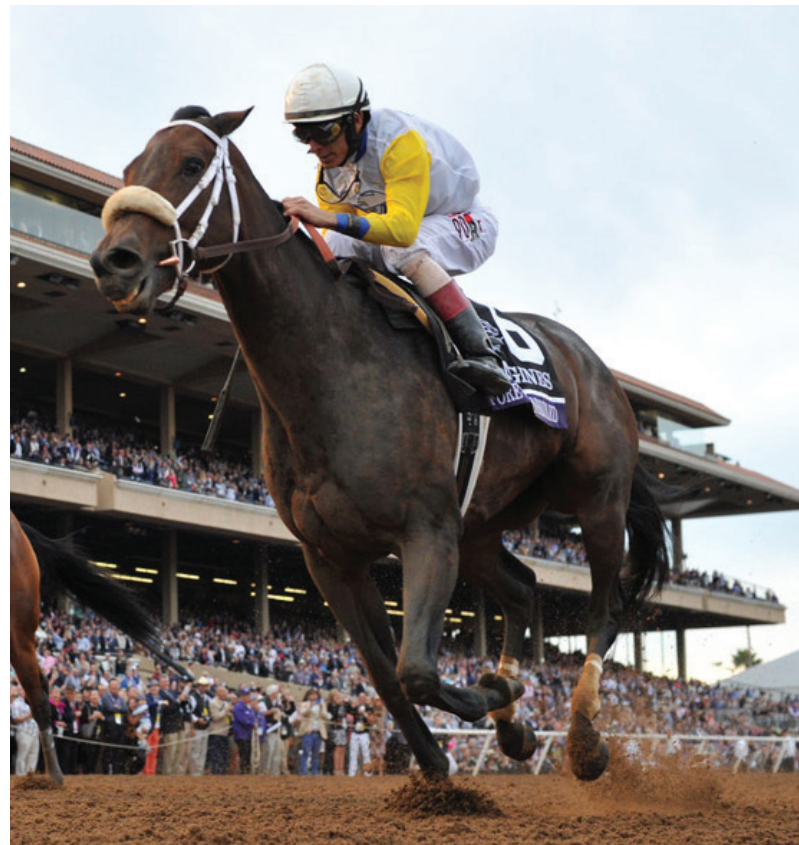
winner in late stretch, the Argentine import bolted towards the outer rail and some question marks have arisen since.

Wow Cat checks some boxes for perennially leading trainer Chad Brown. The Chilean import got her Grade 1 with a convincing score in the Beldame (G1) in a third start since coming to the states. The daughter of Lookin at Lucky appears to be peaking at four, though she didn't bat much at Belmont. And she was 10 lengths behind Abel Tasman two races prior at Saratoga.

Two-time Canadian Classic vixen Wonder Gadot lacks a Grade-1 victory and has endured a lengthy campaign with 10 starts under her belt in 2018. Filly was no match for the top two in the Cotillion last time out.

Vale Dori annexed the Zenyatta in a debut with blinkers most recently. But the six-year-old snapped a six-race losing streak in the tally though she simply doesn't look fast enough compared to some of her foes.

No other Distaff probable is a Grade-1 queen to date. And while the race is somewhat clouded from a form perspective, it will surely be an exciting affair that might be as wide-open as it has been in years.



# HISTORICAL TRENDS BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC

by John Mucciolo

The marquee event during the Breeders' Cup World Championships is the \$6 million Classic (G1). Championship Honors, Horse of the Year votes, future stallion arrangements and a giant payday are some of the major implications with the Classic winner.

Trainer Steve Asmussen broke a three-race win streak by trainer Bob Baffert when saddling Gun Runner to a most impressive score at Del Mar in 2017. Baffert accomplished his feat for a trio of different owners while employing three individual jockeys, with each victor being a sophomore.

We have witnessed a mixed bag of results when it comes to the Classic. Since 2008, winners have included a mare (Zenyatta), a European import (Raven's Pass), four wire-to-wire winners (American Pharoah, Bayern, Gun Runner and Fort Larned), a Florida-bred (Mucho Macho Man), a 14-1 longshot (Drosselmeyer), one of the most impressive horses of his generation (Arrogate), and a brilliant horse named Blame.

Churchill Downs has played host to the Cup on eight previous occasions. On just one occasion did the favorite win the Classic, with Alysheba coming out on top in 1988. The average winning price is \$15.40 in the event. Accelerate will hope to become the second for John Sadler.

Over the past 10 seasons, each of the Classic winners had achieved Grade-1 success prior to winning the big prize (Raven's Pass was a Group-1 hero prior to the Classic). So that would seem like an automatic when deciphering the winner.

**Axelrod, Gunnevara and Lone Sailor will aim to buck the recent historical trend.**

Having early speed does come into play in the 1 ¼-miles test of class and endurance, though it is not a prerequisite. And that

has been especially true at Churchill as much as any venue that has hosted on multiple occasions.

Every Classic winner to date has been 3, 4 or 5 years in age. (Classic hopeful and 2014 runner-up Toast of New York is the only potential starter not qualifying, being a seven-year-old gelding).

An amazing fact about the Classic is no stallion has sired a pair of individual Classic winners. Tiznow, the lone back-to-back winner of the race, makes Cee's Tizzy the lone stud responsible for two Classic wins.

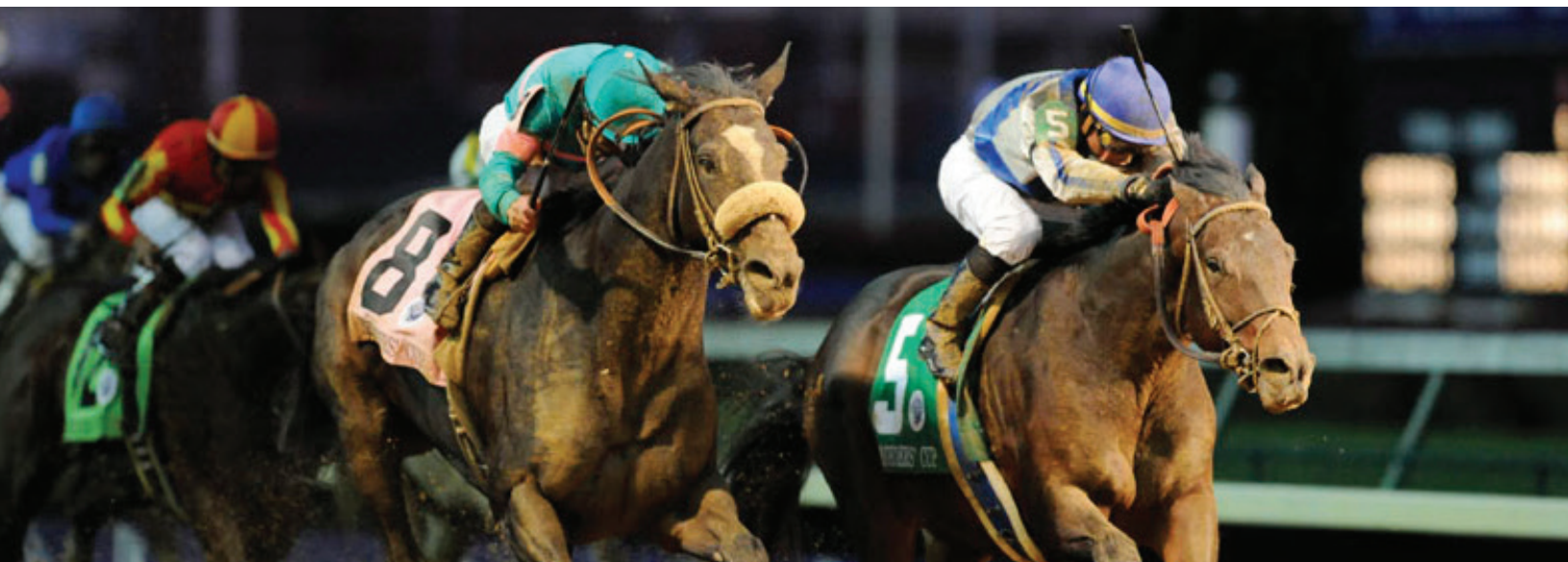
Bravazo, by Awesome Again, is the lone contender with a sire already responsible for a Classic victor (Ghostzapper in 2004).

Winning a Grade/Group 1 race on both dirt and turf is a fine accomplishment that is not attained by many race horses. The class and versatility needed to pull off the feat is a rare trait.

In the deep 2018 Classic three contenders have done so – Yoshida, Thunder Snow and Catholic Boy.

The Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) has been an important prep for the Classic since 2008. Interestingly no Gold Cup winner has parlayed that success into Classic glory, though three have used defeats in the Belmont event to go on to win the big one (Fort Larned, Blame, Drosselmeyer).

There is no set pedigree, running style, human connections or prep schedule when it comes to predicting a Breeders' Cup Classic winner. Which is why the most lucrative race of the weekend is also its' most fascinating!





# BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC, DISTAFF FAVORITES HAVE HISTORICAL ANGLES TO OVERCOME

by Kellie Reilly

In the build-up to Breeders' Cup, looking at historical patterns can offer fresh perspective on the top contenders. If it's not advisable to be doctrinaire about any tool, it's still helpful to spot trends that cut against the favorite.

The Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) is a case in point.

Early favorite Accelerate offers a compelling resume after sweeping Southern California's marquee events in the older male division. But those races haven't been producing the Breeders' Cup Classic winner.

No Pacific Classic (G1) winner has turned the double in the same calendar year. The Santa Anita H. (G1) had an impact in its glory days, but not recently. You have to go back to Saint Liam (2005) to find any eventual Breeders' Cup Classic winner who even ran in the Big 'Cap (sixth), and Tiznow (2001) was the last to win both. The Gold Cup at Santa Anita (G1), the erstwhile Hollywood Gold Cup, has fared even worse, with none since Cigar (1995) graduating to Classic victory.

Accelerate's final prep, the Awesome Again (G1) over West Coast, presents a similar picture of late. Over the last decade, Mucho Macho Man (2013) is the lone Classic winner to use it as a stepping stone, significantly at the Breeders' Cup host track of Santa Anita. And he had a more potent angle in his favor: a prior race at Saratoga.

In fact, the last eight straight Classic winners competed at Saratoga. And over the past dozen years, the single race that has yielded more Classic winners than any other is the Whitney (G1). The Spa's feature served as the penultimate prep for Gun Runner (2017), Mucho Macho Man (who was third), Fort Larned (2012), Blame (2010), and Saint Liam, and the final stepping stone for Invador (2006).

Thus six of the last 13 Classic winners (and six of the last seven older males who won the Classic) all appeared in the Whitney. Mind Your Biscuits and Discreet Lover are the only contenders representing that trend line, albeit imperfectly, as they were respectively second and third in the Whitney.

How about the Distaff?

The Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) furnishes another type of favorite, Monomoy Girl, who doesn't fit an historical pattern. In her case, it's not only that she's a three-year-old, but more so the fact that she has yet to race outside of her own division.

Of the 10 sophomores who prevailed in the 34-year history of the Distaff, nine had already ventured outside three-year-old filly company. The lone exception is Hall of Famer Ashado (2004). All the rest had faced a fresh challenge along the way. Untapable (2014) was fifth versus the boys in the Haskell Invitational

(G1), while Dance Smartly (1991) drubbed males repeatedly in Canada, and Beholder (2013), Royal Delta (2011), Unbridled Elaine (2001), Spain (2000), Ajina (1997), Hollywood Wildcat (1993), and Sacahuista (1987) had all mixed it up versus elders.

The most productive Distaff prep in the last 12 years has been the Beldame (G1), with its alumnae taking five editions in this time span, including the past three held at Churchill. Royal Delta placed in the Beldame before winning her first Distaff, and turned the double in 2012, a feat that Wow Cat will try to emulate. Unrivaled Belle (2010), Ginger Punch (2007), and Round Pond (2006) all moved forward from a Beldame placing.

The Zenyatta (former Lady's Secret) (G1) is the next-most productive, but its four Distaff winners in the last 10 years – Beholder (2013 and 2016), Life Is Sweet (2009), and Zenyatta (2008) – all followed up in Breeders' Cups over the same Santa Anita track.

That's not a knock on Abel Tasman, who before her Zenyatta flop had landed the Personal Ensign (G1), a Saratoga feature on the itinerary of three of the last six Distaff winners. Wow Cat, third in the Personal Ensign, sports the same emerging trend line.

Accelerate and Monomoy Girl could well defy the historical headwinds, but the overall patterns suggest it's better to have back-up in both the Classic and Distaff.





# HISTORICAL TRENDS BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE

by Kellie Reilly

One of two key Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) trends will likely be defied in the November 2 renewal. The question is, which one?

For a race that had been a haven for favorites in its early years, the Juvenile has turned into unfriendly territory for the top betting choice. In the past 10 years, only two favorites have won, Shanghai Bobby (2012) and Uncle Mo (2010). The same pattern held for the prior decade, with only War Pass (2007) and Answer Lively (1998) obliging, making a grand total of four favorites prevailing in 20 years. Game Winner is positioned to make it five, but the temptation is to look for alternatives in case the trend holds.

The obvious alternative, Complexity, is flying smack dab against a different historical angle. Seven of the past 10 winners had experience around two turns, or going a mile in Europe in the case of Vale of York (2009). In the previous decade, the trend was even more pronounced. Excluding the 2001 and 2005 Juveniles held around one turn at Belmont, there were eight editions contested around two turns, and seven went to horses with routing experience. I'm counting international shipper Wilko (2004) in this category, as he had negotiated a stiff mile in Europe.

Complexity has yet to stretch out beyond one turn, but there is a counterpoint in his favor: he won the Champagne (G1), the same launching pad for the four remaining Juvenile winners in this time frame, Good Magic (2017), Shanghai Bobby, Uncle Mo, and War Pass.

One historical pattern is in the process of evolving, illustrating the general shift toward racing less often. In the 10 most recent runnings, four winners entered with just two lifetime starts – Good Magic, New Year's Day (2013), Hansen (2011), and Uncle Mo. Contrast that with the first 24 editions, when only three winners had such a limited record.

An enduring trend across the decades, however, is in favor of horses who won last out. All told, 22 of 34 Juvenile heroes were exiting wins. Ten more were coming off good placings in stakes, and only two winners in Juvenile history – Unbridled's Song (1995) and Success Express (1987) – were moving forward off a fourth.

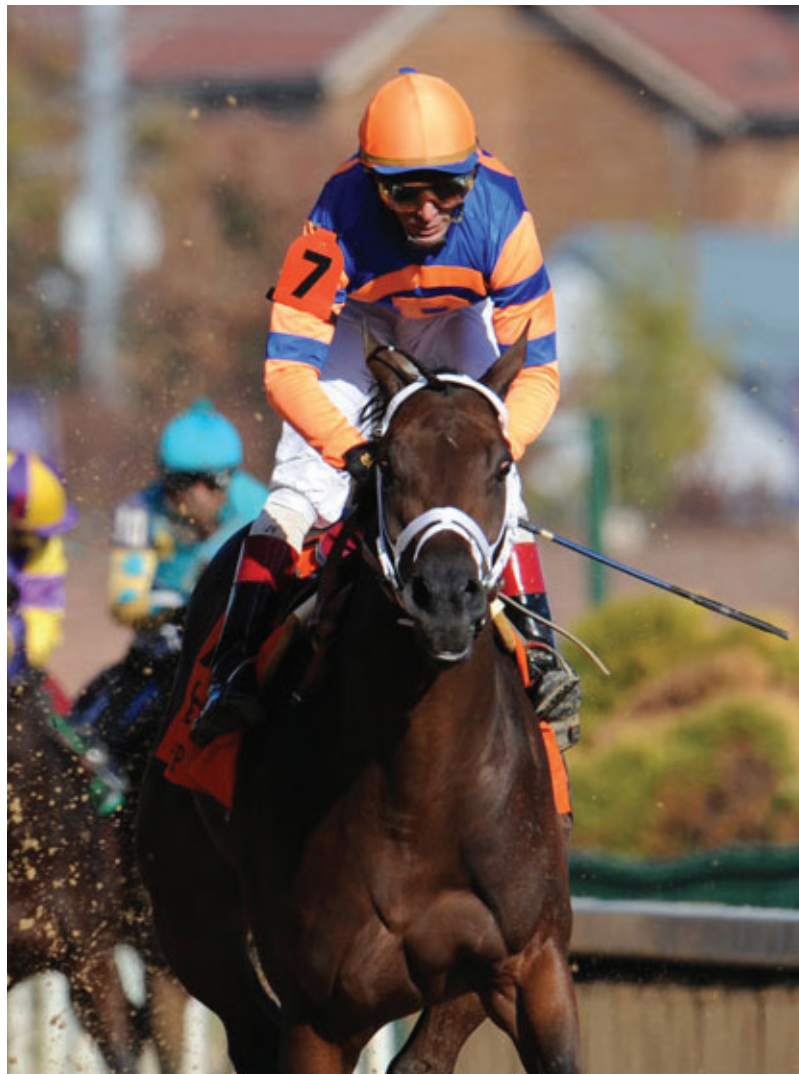
Unbridled's Song and Success Express were beaten in the major preps on their respective coasts. While Unbridled's Song was the last Juvenile winner to lose the Champagne until Good Magic came along, both Rhythm (1989) and Is It True (1988) had achieved the same rebound, giving hope for Code of Honor.

Success Express had underperformed in the Santa Anita feature initially known as the Norfolk, subsequently the FrontRunner and now the American Pharoah (G1). It took another 12 years for Anees (1999) to do the same en route to Juvenile victory, but it's happened twice more recently. Texas Red (2014) and

Midshipman (2008) placed in that stakes before jumping up in the Juvenile, albeit when Santa Anita hosted the Breeders' Cup. That's an angle for fans of Gunmetal Gray.

Looking just at the past 10 years, the American Pharoah is tied with the Champagne for producing the most Juvenile winners (three). But Nyquist (2015) was the only one to turn the double in that span, and the first since Capote all the way back in 1986. Game Winner will try to up that total.

Wherever their final prep, Juvenile winners overwhelmingly have stakes experience. In the race's 34-year history, only three winners were making their stakes debut. Perhaps significantly, all were locally based in years the Breeders' Cup was staged at Santa Anita – New Year's Day, Action This Day (2003), and Brocco (1993).



# ENABLE LEADS CONTINGENT OF EUROPEAN STARS

by Kellie Reilly

While the Breeders' Cup historically attracts a notable international brigade, an exceptional squad is mustering for the 35th World Championships. All-conquering filly Enable leads the assault on the Breeders' Cup Turf (G1), top three-year-old colt Roaring Lion adds further intrigue to a stronger than usual European presence in the Classic (G1), and the Filly & Mare Turf (G1) appears ripe for plunder.

The 1 1/2-mile Turf has gone to Europe 21 times, including High Chaparral's dead-heat with Southern California's Johar in 2003, and the continent's dominance has only increased in the interim. Over the past 13 years, a European shipper has taken the trophy 10 times, the last three in a row.

Now an all-star invading party is descending upon a home team that looks vulnerable. Enable, fresh off her repeat victory in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1), will be met with the stat that no Arc winner has wheeled back successfully in the Breeders' Cup. Yet the John Gosden trainee has fewer miles on the clock than any other Arc winner turning up here, with the Turf being only the third start of her campaign.

The potent trend is in favor of Arc losers, 11 of whom have gone on to capture the Turf. Five of Aidan O'Brien's six Turf winners fit that profile, as does Capri. Two of Andre Fabre's three Turf winners also took the Arc path, so it's notable that his Waldgeist along with defending Turf champion Talismanic exit losses in Paris.

Four-time Turf winner Sir Michael Stoute charts a different course with Crystal Ocean, who prepped in the Champion S. (G1) as his Kalanisi (2000) did, also for Churchill Downs. Already on the premises is Brazil's Quarteto de Cordas, here courtesy of the "Win and You're In" Grande Premio Brasil (G1).

If Enable is the one to beat in the Turf, stablemate Roaring Lion is a far more speculative character in his Classic dirt debut. Gosden won the 2008 Classic with another sophomore coming off a Queen Elizabeth II (G1) victory, Raven's Pass – only he competed on Santa Anita's old synthetic track.

Fellow European contenders Thunder Snow, Mendelssohn, and Toast of New York are proven on dirt. Thunder Snow must overcome the stat against reigning Dubai World Cup (G1) winners in order to give Godolphin trainer Saeed bin Suroor his first Classic victory, and Coolmore's Mendelssohn strives to produce a similar breakthrough for O'Brien. Both horsemen have come agonizingly close in the past, as has Toast of New York, the 2014 Classic near-misser who's back after a biography worthy of a novel.

More surprisingly, O'Brien has yet to win the Filly & Mare Turf. Godolphin trainer Charlie Appleby denied him last year and now returns with Wild Illusion. O'Brien's Magic Wand, who has traded decisions with Wild Illusion, is arguably better suited to this 1 3/8-mile trip, and Magical has made a late pitch for inclusion after Champions Day. The Aga Khan's Eziyra sports solid form, but Peruvian "Win and You're In" beneficiary Smart Choice is in deep.

The Mile (G1) has remained in American hands for six of the past seven years, and the home team again appears up to the task. Team Europe lacks a standout, but Polydream (trained by Freddie Head of Goldikova fame) and Stoute's Expert Eye have untapped potential, and veteran Lightning Spear brings plenty of experience.

European speedsters have yet to crack the Turf Sprint (G1) puzzle, and Havana Grey and El Astronaute have a point to prove. The new Juvenile Turf Sprint, however, may be a different matter entirely thanks to Soldier's Call, who almost beat older horses in the Prix de l'Abbaye (G1), and O'Brien's dashing Sergei Prokofiev.

O'Brien alone has furnished four of Europe's seven wins in the Juvenile Turf (G1), but the master of Ballydoyle hasn't claimed the Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1). Just Wonderful could be the one to fill that gap on his resume – if she can break the Chad Brown stranglehold.





# TWO TOP TRENDS TO KNOW FOR CHURCHILL DOWNS HANDICAPPING

by Vance Hanson

When the Breeders' Cup was first held at Churchill Downs in 1988 after three years in Southern California and one in New York, the site was widely considered "neutral ground" which would not tilt in favor of either West Coast runners or those from the East.

Fast forward three-plus decades and the results of eight previous Breeders' Cups held at the Louisville track have largely lived up to those expectations. The Matt Winn Turf Course has also been more than fair to both domestic hopes as well as raiders from Europe.

Aside from that cold, dark afternoon in 1988, Churchill has lucked out with seasonal and dry weather the other seven times it has played host. Sometimes, though, the turf has played softer and slower than its official designation following a spate of wet weather leading up to the big weekend. Keep tabs on the conditions in Louisville and the action on the turf in the days leading up to the two-day fixture for additional clues as to how wet or dry the course is and how it's playing.

Despite the small sample size, there are a pair of track trends worth noting.

They involve the Turf Sprint (G1), inaugurated in 2008, and the Dirt Mile (G1), which was added to the program in 2007.

In its first six years, the Turf Sprint was won by horses that had already won over the course and distance, either the about 6 1/2-furlong downhill run at Santa Anita or over five furlongs at Churchill. For example, both Chamberlain Bridge (2010) and Regally Ready (2011) had preceded their Churchill wins with scores in the TwinSpires Turf Sprint (G3).

That trend has relaxed somewhat in the last four years, but in all cases the winner had either a prior victory or placing over the host site's turf.

Things will be shaken up a bit this year as the Turf Sprint will be run over 5 1/2 furlongs for the first time, a distance only

experimented with briefly at Churchill last spring. Still, horses like Will Call and Buccheri, who ran one-three in the TwinSpires Turf Sprint on Kentucky Oaks Day, may be given extra consideration.

The Dirt Mile reverts to one turn for the first time since it was last held at Churchill in 2011. One-turn miles and two-turn miles can be quite different. For those that have watched enough editions of the Dirt Mile at Churchill, and New York races like the Met Mile (G1) and the Cigar Mile (G1), it's evident the one-turn variety tend to play like the elongated sprints that they are.

Aside from the two tour-de-forces turned in by Goldencents in the 2013-14 editions held at Santa Anita around two turns, the Dirt Mile has otherwise not been kind to speed. Front-runners and pressing types have held on for placings, but the swift tempos, especially at the two previously held at Churchill, ultimately favored those with the best late kick.

Being right on who benefits most in that regard paid off handsomely back in 2010 and 2011. In 2010, Dakota Phone, who had previously run exclusively on synthetic tracks and turf in Southern California, rallied from last of 12 to edge Morning Line by a head at odds of 37-1. The latter had contributed to early fractions of :22.41, :44.94, and 1:09.44.

A year later, Caleb's Posse rallied from near the back to pass Preakness (G1) hero Shackleford on his way to a four-length win at odds of 6-1. The fractions that day were also strong: :22.49, :45.36, and 1:09.52.

In both cases, longshots also rallied for third and fourth, further beefing up Trifecta and Superfecta payouts.

The Turf Sprint and Dirt Mile, both of which might be run fairly early on Breeders' Cup Saturday, could be prime opportunities to get the betting day off to a fast start if these trends happen to continue.





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