



# **2016 BREEDERS' CUP WAGERING GUIDE**

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# Breeders' Cup Welcome!

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This year Santa Anita will host the Breeders' Cup World Championship in Arcadia, California, on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

This year's Breeders' Cup will be highlighted by California Chrome, the richest race horse in North American history, as he tries to win the \$6,000,000, G1 Breeders' Cup Classic in front of his home fan in California. Also highlighting this year's Breeders' Cup will be the \$2,000,000, G1 Breeders' Cup Distaff as the likes of Songbird, Stellar Wind and Beholder all look to win.

But the Breeders' Cup is much more than just the Classic and Distaff. The two days are packed with the best racing and the best horses in the world facing off on the biggest stage in North American horse racing.

This guide will highlight all 13 World Championship races and provide the following:

1. **Top Contenders** - positives & negatives, analysis and notes including injuries on the top horses (with Morning Line odds listed next to each horse's name)
2. **Value Plays & Longshots** - analysis and notes on all the mid-range price to longshot horses and all of the entries for each race (with Morning Line odds listed next to each horse's name)
3. **Pace** - list of the early speed, stalkers & closers and analysis of the expected pace scenario. Horses are listed in order of expected early speed in each category. Expected field size is also listed here
4. **The Play** - analysis on ways to approach and wager on the race with details on all Pick 3, 4 & 6 guaranteed pools.
5. **Picks** - Picks from Racing Dudes Aaron Halterman and Jared Welch, Guaranteed Tip Sheet and Saratoga Slim, with consensus picks based on a 5-3-1 scoring system for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The races are listed in reverse chronological order and page numbers are given below for easy reference. Purse, distance, age restrictions and post times are listed for each race, too. *Note all of the horse notes, pace analysis and plays were written by Aaron Halterman.*

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# Breeders' Cup Classic



<b>Purse:</b>	\$6 Million
<b>Distance:</b>	1¼ miles (Dirt)
<b>Age:</b>	3 Year Old & Up
<b>Post Time:</b>	Sat., Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> – Race 12 – 8:35 p.m. (EST)



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#4 California Chrome (1/1)** – Has been nothing less than a beast this year in winning the Dubai World Cup in March, and then coming back to the states to reel off two G1's and a G2. Two races back he dominated the G1 Pacific Classic in an almost indescribable way. He's the horse the beat by a landslide.

**#10 Arrogate (5/2)** – Set the world on fire last time out when dominating what many thought was an evenly matched Travers Stakes. Extremely lightly raced so that could be a red flag, and will train up to the Classic just like American Pharoah did after last year's Travers. From a numbers standpoint he's California Chrome's only competition.

**#2 Frosted (5/1)** – As of now he's on the fence between this race and the Dirt Mile. He definitely would have a better chance in the Dirt Mile as his win in the G1 Met Mile at Belmont Park was one of the best performances at a mile we've seen in a long time. At the Classic distance there are still question marks.

**#6 Melatonin (12/1)** – Many have forgotten about him as we haven't seen the horse since his win in the G1 Gold Cup at Santa Anita. Has two wins over this track and at this distance as he also won the G1 Santa Anita Handicap in March. How he trains leading up to the race will be important as obviously he's coming off a long layoff.

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#9 Hoppertunity (15/1)** – Nice horse to play underneath as he always puts in a great effort no matter what race he's running in. Last time out he won the G1 Jockey Club Gold Cup over a suspect field in New York.

**#1 Effinex (15/1)** – Runner up of last year's Breeders' Cup Classic, but he hasn't run all that well this year. Last time out finished second to Hoppertunity in the G1 Jockey Club Gold Cup

**#3 Keen Ice (20/1)** – He could get the pace set up that he needs in here, but is he even close to being fast enough? I think not.

**Others:** **#8 Shaman Ghost (20/1)** won the G1 Woodward last time out over Frosted and is training well leading up to the Classic. **#5 Win the Space (30/1)** continues to run hard against the world's best, but hasn't proven he can run and win at that level. **#7 War Story (30-1)** might be one of the craziest Classic entries of all time.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** California Chrome, Arrogate
  - **Stalkers:** Shaman Ghost, Frosted, Melatonin, Effinex
  - **Closers:** Hoppertunity, Win the Space, Found, Keen Ice, War Story

**Field Size: 10**

There appears to be a ton of early speed up front here so **California Chrome's** ability to sit off the lead will be critical. He has been able to do this very well in the past so I don't see it being a problem. **Arrogate** might be the "speed of the speed" as he showed the ability to put up crazy fractions in the Travers Stakes. With a swift pace a horse like **Hoppertunity** or **Shaman Ghost** might be set up to pick off a lot of horses late and pick up a nice check.

**The Play:** He may be the chalky choice here, but there isn't much evidence that suggests **California Chrome** can be beaten against this field. **Arrogate** is the only horse that might have a shot, but I'm not a fan of his light resume heading into a race like this one. Much like last year the play is to put the heavy favorite on top and try to get prices underneath to round out exacta's and trifecta's. California Chrome over **Hoppertunity** and **Melatonin** makes sense.

## PICKS

	<b>Slim</b>	<b>Tip Sheet</b>	<b>Aaron</b>	<b>Jared</b>	<b>CONSENSUS</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
<b>Win</b>	Frosted	California Chrome	California Chrome	California Chrome	California Chrome	18
<b>Place</b>	California Chrome	Frosted	Hoppertunity	Arrogate	Frosted	8
<b>Show</b>	Arrogate	Hoppertunity	Arrogate	Hoppertunity	Arrogate/Hoppertunity	5

# Breeders' Cup Mile (Turf)



<b>Purse:</b>	\$2 million
<b>Distance:</b>	1 mile
<b>Age:</b>	3 year olds & up
<b>Post Time:</b>	Sat., Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> – Race 11 – 7:40 p.m. (EST)



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#8 Tepin (3/1)** – The queen of the turf was dethroned last time out as she lost for the first time in over a year in the G1 First Lady at Keeneland. Perhaps the trip over to Royal Ascot during the summer months took a little bit out of her as her two races since haven't been quite as strong. Will need to rebound to beat this stellar field.

**#9 Ironicus (8/1)** – Returned from injury last time out and was flying late in G1 Shadwell Mile, but ran out of room and finished a close second to Miss Temple City. Will most likely build on that race and run even better this time out. Expecting a huge closing effort once again.

**#2 Alice Springs (4/1)** – Must respect anything Aidan O'Brien ships over here. Has been ultra-impressive this year, and was a winner once again last time out in the G1 Sun Chariot. This will be her second U.S. start as she finished second in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf last year.

**#13 Midnight Storm (12/1)** – Comes into this race in outstanding form winning three straight races including a G1 and two G2's. Hasn't run since August so that is a concern, but does show a couple of solid recent workouts. Will be in the toughest race he's ever been in as this field is loaded.

**#11 Ring Weekend (20/1)** – Won a G2 at Saratoga two races back, but struggled at Keeneland last time out in a G1. Will need to really rebound here.

**#10 Limato (7/2)** – Yet another strong European invader that has won two G1 races this year. This horse prefers a firm surface so that could be a major factor in his favor. Also was in consideration for the Turf Sprint but opted for this spot.

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#4 Miss Temple City (12/1)** – Fantastic win at Keeneland in the G1 Shadwell Mile to beat the boys there for the second time this year. Might just be a tad better at Keeneland than anywhere else as her two standout races have come there. However, she is always competitive anywhere she goes.

**#5 Tourist (15/1)** – Dangerous threat here as he always brings his game. Didn't run as well as you would think he would have last time out, but will enjoy the Santa Anita turf course. Classy horse who like Miss Temple City is always competitive.

**#12 Hit it a Bomb (20-1)** – Won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf last year at Keeneland. Has ran in three races since and hasn't been better than third.

**#7 Dutch Connection (20/1)** – Won a G3 two races back, but has failed to hit the board in two G1's since that win. Could like the American style of racing as he ran here once and didn't do too bad.

**#6 Photo Call (15/1)** – Took down Tepin in wire to wire fashion last time out at Keeneland in the G1 First Lady Stakes. Probably won't get that kind of trip this time.

**Others:** **#1 What a View (20/1)** won four races in a row until finishing eighth in a G1 last time out. **#3 Spectre (20/1)** finished second in a G1 at Chantilly last time out. **#14 Cougar Mountain (20-1)** was a G2 winner at Newmarket two races back.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** Midnight Storm, Photo Call, What a View
  - **Stalkers:** Tepin, Alice Springs, Limato, Miss Temple City, Tourist, Spectre
  - **Closers:** Ironicus, Ring Weekend, Hit it a Bomb, Dutch Connection, Cougar Mountain

**Field Size: 14**

With **Photo Call** and **Midnight Storm** in the race we are now guaranteed to have a pretty swift pace up front. Photo Call showed us last time out that she is really tough on the lead. **What a View** will also play a roll on the front end as well. With this kind of pace it makes me feel even better about my pick of **Ironicus**.

**The Play:** I've made the decision of trying to beat **Tepin** for the win with **Ironicus**, and I feel like his price is going to be good enough to bet a nice win ticket. In the Pick 4 you still should use Tepin, along with **Limato** and **Alice Springs**.

## PICKS

	Slim	Tip Sheet	Aaron	Jared	CONSENSUS	Pts.
<b>Win</b>	Ironicus	Tepin	Ironicus	Tepin	Tepin/Ironicus	14
<b>Place</b>	Alice Springs	Ironicus	Tepin	Alice Springs	Alice Springs	6
<b>Show</b>	Tepin	Midnight Storm	Limato	Ironicus	Midnight Storm/Limato	1

## Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint



<b>Purse:</b>	\$1 million
<b>Distance:</b>	7 furlongs
<b>Age:</b>	Fillies & Mares 3 years old & up
<b>Post Time:</b>	Sat., Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> – Race 10 – 7:01 p.m. (EST)



### TOP CONTENDERS

**#6 By the Moon (8/1)** – Winner of the G3 Bed o'Roses Handicap two races back at Belmont Park. Last time out was a very close second to Haveyougoneaway in the G1 Ballerina Stakes. Will be training up to this race as we haven't seen her since August.

**#8 Carina Mia (7/2)** – Tried going two turns a couple of times lately and finished second both times to Songbrid so there is no disgrace in that. Her races around one turn have been huge aside from just a so-so effort two races back in the G1 Ballerina Stakes at Saratoga. Has a much better shot here than she does in the Distaff.

**#2 Haveyougoneaway (3/1)** – Won a G2 two races back, and last time out won the G1 Ballerina Stakes at Saratoga. Beat several rivals that she'll be up against today. Will have every chance to win, but will not have a prep race so comes into this one off a bit of a layoff.

### VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#11 Irish Jasper (10/1)** – Took down Stonetastic last time out at Keeneland. Coming into the Breeders' Cup hot just like Chad Brown's winner last year: Wavell Avenue.

**#9 Paulassilverlining (10/1)** – Always puts in a solid effort, and has ran in tough races all year. Deserves a chance to compete in a race like this once again.

**#3 Tara's Tango (8/1)** – Another that will cut back in distance after not being able to compete against the giants in the Distaff. Ran really well at six and half furlongs two races back so this is a live longshot.

**#7 Gloryzapper (15-1)** – Won the G3 LA Woman Stakes last time out at Santa Anita over a decent field. Love that she won the local prep for this one.

**Others:** **#10 Wavell Avenue (6/1)** won this race last year, but hasn't been the same this year. **#1 Paola Queen (20/1)** won the Test at Saratoga in a major upset. **#4 Gomo (20/1)** has done her best running on the turf. **#5 Wonder Gal (30-1)** ran well two races back, but may have bounced last time out. **#12 Finest City (12-1)** was a G3 winner three races back. **#13 Spelling Again (20-1)** has had trouble against the top filly's in this group all year long.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** Carina Mia, Paulassilverlining, Gloryzapper
  - **Stalkers:** By the Moon, Gomo, Wonder Gal, Finest City, Spelling Again
  - **Closers:** Haveyougoneaway, Irish Jasper, Tara's Tango, Wavell Avenue, Paola Queen

**Field Size: 13**

**Carina Mia** and **Paulassilverlining** should ensure a hot pace, with several horses drafting in behind them. Going 7 furlongs it should play to the closer in this race as the extra furlong will mean extra time to make up ground. With several strong finishing horses in the field it might be tough for the front runners to hold on.

**The Play:** Bombs away in this one! I recommend three win bets if the odds are big in **Haveyougoneaway**, **Irish Jasper**, and **Tara's Tango**. Several of the favorites are worth a strong play against as the bigger prices have either ran better races or just flat out beat the shorter prices. Don't be afraid at all to play double digit prices all over the place in this one.

### PICKS

	Slim	Tip Sheet	Aaron	Jared	CONSENSUS	Pts.
<b>Win</b>	Tara's Tango	Carina Mia	Tara's Tango	Carina Mia	Tara's Tango	13
<b>Place</b>	Haveyougoneaway	Tara's Tango	Haveyougoneaway	Haveyougoneaway	Carina Mia	10
<b>Show</b>	Paulassilverlining	By The Moon	Irish Jasper	Paola Queen	Haveyougoneaway	9

## Breeders' Cup Turf



<b>Purse:</b>	\$4 Million
<b>Distance:</b>	1½ miles (Turf)
<b>Age:</b>	3 Year Old & Up
<b>Post Time:</b>	Sat., Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> – Race 9 – 6:22 p.m. (EST)



### TOP CONTENDERS

**#4 Flintshire (5/2)** – If you draw a line through his last start you realize this horse has been nothing short of dominant this year against the American competition as he's won two G1's and a G2. However, he hated the soft turf last time out Belmont Park and finished second, but we must remember the main reason they kept him in the US this year was to run on firm surfaces. He should rebound here.

**#10 Found (3/1)** – Flirted with the idea of going to the Classic, but opted for the much better choice here and went to the Turf. She won this race last year, and is coming off a win in the Arc last time out. Loaded and ready for another big race.

**#12 Highland Reel (3/1)** – International runner who finished second to Found in the G1 Arc last time out. Has one start in the United States which was a first place finish in the G1 Secretariat in 2015 at Arlington Park. When at his best he can beat nearly anyone in the world.

### VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#3 Ectot (8/1)** – Upset winner last time out over Flintshire in the G1 Joe Hirsch Turf Classic at Belmont Park. Runs best over a soft course though, which shouldn't be the case in this race.

**#7 Ulysses (12/1)** – Brings over average form from England, but sometimes a change in scenery does a horse well. Must respect these connections.

**#6 Mondialiste (15/1)** – Staying away from the Breeders' Cup Mile, and will take on this solid group. Won the Arlington Million two races back.

**#5 Ashleyvussugar (15/1)** – Big winner last time out at Santa Anita makes this an interesting entry. Has had a great year on the west coast, but this spot will be a challenge.

**#2 Da Big Hoss (20/1)** – Running better than ever this year, and is looking for that first big G1 victory. Will be hard pressed to win it here.

**Others:** **#13 Metaboss (30/1)** has been a tough luck loser in his last two, but has big closing kick. **#9 Money Multiplier (20/1)** ran well two back against Flintshire, but struggled on soft turf last time. **#1 Ralis (30/1)** is extremely overmatched here. **#8 Twilight Eclipse (30-1)** has seen his better days. **#11 Texas Ryano (30/1)** was second in a G2 last time out.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** Ectot, Ashleyvussugar
  - **Stalkers:** Money Multiplier, Da Big Hoss, Found, Highland Reel, Ulysses, Mondialiste
  - **Closers:** Flintshire, Metaboss, The Pizza Man, Ralis, Texas Ryano

**Field Size: 13**

This race rarely has a fast pace with the exception of last year when the rabbit Shining Copper was in the field. Usually they all are pretty tightly bunched and it's a big sprint to the finish once they turn for home. Look for horses with big finishing power like **Flintshire** or **Found**.

**The Play:** The international horses look too tough here so lean all of them in your Pick 4 plays. **Flintshire** will be a solid win bet if his odds stay at 2-1 or higher. Play exotics that lean heavily on **Flintshire**, **Found**, and **Highland Reel** in the top spots.

### PICKS

	<b>Slim</b>	<b>Tip Sheet</b>	<b>Aaron</b>	<b>Jared</b>	<b>CONSENSUS</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
<b>Win</b>	Flintshire	Flintshire	Flintshire	Flintshire	Flintshire	20
<b>Place</b>	Found	Ectot	Found	Found	Found	9
<b>Show</b>	Da Big Hoss	Highland Reel	Highland Reel	Highland Reel	Highland Reel/Ectot	3

# Breeders' Cup Juvenile



<b>Purse:</b>	\$2 million
<b>Distance:</b>	1 <sup>1/16</sup> miles
<b>Age:</b>	2 year olds
<b>Post Time:</b>	Sat., Nov 5 <sup>th</sup> – Race 8 – 5:43 p.m. (EST)



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#5 Classic Empire (4/1)** – Aside from the disaster of the G1 Hopeful Stakes where he dumped the jockey at the start this horse has been outstanding. Last time out he captured the G1 Breeders’ Futurity at Keeneland in stylish fashion showing the incident at Saratoga could have been a fluke. Looking forward to seeing this horse progress as his pedigree is top notch.

**#10 Not This Time (7/2)** – Winner of the G3 Iroquois Stakes last time out at Churchill Downs by many lengths as he dominated the field. His breeding (half to Liam’s Map) is impeccable, but the big question mark is what kind of form he’ll be in once the race gets here. We have not seen him since mid-September.

**#7 Gormley (5-1)** – Wire to wire winner last time out in the G1 Frontrunner Stakes at Santa Anita which is a race that has been a major producer of Breeders’ Cup success. It’s not likely that he’ll get an easy set up this time like he got in that race so that will be the major question mark. Has the talent if he can relax.

**#1 Klimt (6/1)** – Conquered Del Mar over the summer with a win in a G2 and a G1. Came to Santa Anita as the top ranked two year old, but had some trouble at the start of the Frontrunner and got too far behind early. With a better trip he could turn the tables on Gormley this time, and could easily win this race.

**#9 Practical Joke (6/1)** – Was absolutely awesome last time out as he broke poorly in the G1 Champagne Stakes, but was still able to catch the speedy Syndergaard right at the wire for the victory. The win was his second G1 victory as he took home the Hopeful Stakes at Saratoga earlier in the year. Dangerous off the pace presence.

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#2 Syndergaard (6/1)** – No doubt he’s the speed of the speed here, but how far does this horse want to go? Ran huge in the G1 Champagne to just miss the win, but was caught going a mile and this one is a mile and one sixteenth.

**#6 Three Rules (8/1)** – Has won all five of his starts in dominating fashion. However, the competition is going to be a lot harder at the Breeders’ Cup than what he’s ever seen.

**#11 Lookin at Lee (20/1)** – Matched up with Classic Empire last time out in the G1 Breeders’ Futurity at Keeneland and finished second. Had a huge closing kick that made up several lengths.

**#4 Theory (12/1)** – Probably the most impressive maiden special weight winner a Saratoga this Summer. Came back after a small injury to win just two weeks ago at Belmont Park in a stakes race.

**Others:** **#3 Term of Art (30/1)** is a recent maiden special weight winner at Santa Anita. **#8 Star Empire (30/1)** finished second to Theory at Belmont Park last time out.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** Gormley, Syndergaard, Three Rules, Star Empire
  - **Stalkers:** Classic Empire, Not This Time, Klimt, Midnight Pleasure, Term of Art
  - **Closers:** Practical Joke, Looking at Lee

**Field Size: 11**

There is no question **Syndergaard** and **Gormley** are going to set the pace in this one, and most likely it’s going to be hot. There are several very solid closers in the race so this could end up being a race where the closers are flying home late.

**The Play:** No matter who you like here you are going to get a price worth playing. **Classic Empire** will be a good win bet, while boxing him, **Practical Joke**, and **Klimt** would be a nice return. Try to beat **Not This Time** and **Gormley**, and perhaps sprinkle in **Lookin at Lee** underneath.

## PICKS

	<b>Slim</b>	<b>Tip Sheet</b>	<b>Aaron</b>	<b>Jared</b>	<b>CONSENSUS</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
<b>Win</b>	Classic Empire	Not This Time	Classic Empire	Classic Empire	Classic Empire	15
<b>Place</b>	Not This Time	Klimt	Practical Joke	Theory	Not This Time	8
<b>Show</b>	Theory	Gormley	Klimt	Klimt	Klimt	5

# Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint



<b>Purse:</b>	\$1 million
<b>Distance:</b>	6½ furlongs (Downhill Turf)
<b>Age:</b>	3 years old & up
<b>Post Time:</b>	Sat., Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> – Race 7 – 5:05 p.m. (EST)



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#10 Ambitious Brew (10/1)** – Nice winner of the G3 Eddie D Stakes last time out. That win was his first graded stakes, however a win on the downhill turf course means a lot. This race will prove to be much tougher though.

**#2 Obviously (6-1)** – Extremely fast horse that will be shortening up in distance. Front end speed on the downhill turf can be very dangerous, and his inside draw will give him the shortest way down the hill. Big time player, and a very classy horse.

**#9 A Lot (6/1)** – Has ran well since cutting back in distance a bit. Last time out was a game second in the G1 Fourstardave at Saratoga. With Chad Brown on his side he can be dangerous in this spot.

**#3 Mongolian Saturday (12-1)** – Was the winner of this race last year at Keeneland. Went overseas to run for most of this year, but didn't fair to well. However, did return to the United States last time out and was a winner in her prep race for this one.

**#13 Holy Lute (10/1)** – Won the G3 Eddie D Stakes last time out. Has always ran well at Santa Anita, and last time he proved the downhill turf course is no problem at all. His early speed will be dangerous.

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#1 Pure Sensation (5/1)** – Running well as of late as he comes into this one on a three race winning streak. Last time out he won the Belmont Turf Sprint Invitational.

**#8 Washington DC (8/1)** – International shipper coming in for Aidan O'Brien. If the horse takes to the downhill course he could be a player.

**#4 Home of the Brave (12/1)** – G3 winner at Haydock three races back. Ran competitively in G2's since then.

**#5 Karar (15/1)** – Will be running in this one off a layoff as we haven't seen her since May. Has a ton of talent though if she's ready to go.

**Others:** **#6 Calgary Cat (20/1)** comes in from Canada, and must improve. **#7 Suedios (10/1)** comes in from overseas and must adapt to the downhill turf course. **#11 Undrafted (12/1)** always seems to make his run a little too late. **#12 Om (12/1)** has struggled this year. **#14 Celestine (15/1)** rounds out a very wide open field.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** Ambitious Brew, Holy Lute, Obviously, Celestine, Om
  - **Stalkers:** A Lot, Pure Sensation, Washington DC, Home of the Brave, Karar
  - **Closers:** Mongolian Saturday, Calgary Cat, Suedios, Undrafted

**Field Size: 14**

They are going to absolutely fly in the race as the open fractions are always low 21's and the half is always under 44 seconds. With the downhill turf course playing a factor sometimes that speed will hold though, so don't automatically think it will be the closers that come away with all the top honors here. However, last time the Turf Sprint was run here Bobby's Kitten was the winner and he came from way back to just get up in time to pick up the win.

**The Play:** This is probably the race where you want to go to the concession stand or go grab a beer. Pretty much anything can happen in this one. Don't be afraid to play the big prices here, as well as use multiple long shots in your multi race wagers. If you decide against wagering just come to the bar and we'll have a drink.

## PICKS

	Slim	Tip Sheet	Aaron	Jared	CONSENSUS	Pts.
<b>Win</b>	Obviously	Pure Sensation	Holy Lute	A Lot	Holy Lute/A Lot	8
<b>Place</b>	Celestine	A Lot	Washington DC	Holy Lute	Obviously/Pure Sensation	6
<b>Show</b>	Om	Ambitious Brew	Obviously	Pure Sensation	Washington DC/Celestine	3



# Breeders' Cup Sprint



<b>Purse:</b>	\$1.5 Million
<b>Distance:</b>	6 Furlongs (Dirt)
<b>Age:</b>	3 year olds & up
<b>Post Time:</b>	Sat., Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> – Race 6 – 4:21 p.m. (EST)



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#6 Lord Nelson (5/2)** – Has been dominant on the west coast this year in the sprint division. Last time out easily won the Santa Anita Sprint Championship, and two races back also easily won the G1 Bing Crosby at Del Mar. His tactical speed makes him extra dangerous in a field like this one. **SCRATCHED THURSDAY**

**#5 A. P. Indian (4/1)** – While Lord Nelson has dominated the west coast, A.P. Indian has dominated the east coast this year. Took home two G1's at Saratoga, and last time out went to Keeneland and won the Phoenix Stakes. Has been on a collision course with Lord Nelson all year.

**#7 Masochistic (2/1)** – Lightly raced horse to be sure, but also a very talented horse to be sure. He only has two races under his belt for 2016, but both of those were dominating wins. Would like to have seen another prep race out of him as the last time we saw him was in August.

**#2 Drefong (7/2)** – Shipped to Saratoga for his last race to run in the G1 King's Bishop, and smoked what was thought to be a very tough and evenly matched field. He's another that I would have liked to see a prep race before this one as he is lightly raced and is coming in off a layoff since August. Baffert knows how to have them ready though.

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#3 Delta Bluesman (15/1)** – Very dangerous connections here as Navarro knows how to win with sprinters. Won a G2 this year in the Smile Stakes at Gulfstream, but finished fourth at Saratoga in his only G1 attempt.

**#9 Limousine Liberal (15/1)** – Just barely missed out on upsetting A. P. Indian last time out at Keeneland. Seems to always just miss.

**#8 Noholdingbackbear (15/1)** – Winner of the G3 Gallant Bob Stakes last time out. Also finished third in the G1 King's Bishop two races back.

**Others: #1 Mind Your Biscuits (20/1)** – Was an upset winner of the G2 Amsterdam Stakes three races back.

- Pace:**
- Early Speed:** Masochistic, Drefong, Delta Bluesman, Limousine Liberal
  - Stalkers:** Lord Nelson, A. P. Indian
  - Closers:** Noholdingbackbear, Mind Your Biscuits

**Field Size: 7**

Tactical speed is always critical in this race as you can bet they'll cut some crazy fractions on the front end. **A. P. Indian** should sit the perfect trip behind that speed with the main front runners likely to be fairly tired. Expecting 21 and change for the opening quarter.

**The Play:** I've been calling this a two-horse race for weeks between **Lord Nelson** and **A. P. Indian** but now we just get the one with the scratch of Lord Nelson. I'm wavering on that a little bit now after reviewing the race more carefully, and will probably go a little deeper than those two in the multi race wagers. **Limousine Liberal** and **Drefong** are two more horses to consider. I'm against **Masochistic** at this short price. A. P. Indian is the play but tread lightly.

## PICKS

	Slim	Tip Sheet	Aaron	Jared	CONSENSUS	Pts.
<b>Win</b>	Drefong	A. P. Indian	A. P. Indian	A. P. Indian	A. P. Indian	18
<b>Place</b>	A. P. Indian	Drefong	Drefong	Masochistic	Drefong	11
<b>Show</b>	Masochistic	Masochistic	Noholdingbackbear	Limousine Liberal	Masochistic	5

## Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf



<b>Purse:</b>	\$2 million
<b>Distance:</b>	1 1/4 miles
<b>Age:</b>	Fillies & Mares 3 years old & up
<b>Post Time:</b>	Sat., Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> – Race 5 – 3:43 p.m. (EST)



### TOP CONTENDERS

**#3 Seventh Heaven (3/1)** – Very dangerous Aidan O’Brien shipper. Has won two G1 races in a row overseas, as well as a listed stake earlier in the year. With that kind of resume and these types of connections it could be hard to beat her in this race.

**#8 Lady Eli (5/2)** – America’s favorite turf horse was a G1 winner last time out in the Flower Bowl at Belmont Park. After recovering from laminitis she’s a heartwarming story. She might be ready for a career best race, and let’s not forget she loved the Santa Anita turf course two years ago when she won the Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf.

**#11 Queen’s Trust (6/1)** – It’s been awhile since she has won, but she has hit the board in three straight G1 races overseas. Is going to have to run faster than she ever has to compete in this group, however she will be one of the classiest horses in the field.

**#1 Sea Calisi (8/1)** – Has put together a nice 2016 with graded stakes win at Belmont Park and Arlington Park. However, last time out in the G1 Flower Bowl she was beaten soundly by Lady Eli. May not be up to this level just yet.

### VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#7 Sentiero Italia (12/1)** – Has banged heads against the nation’s best all year long. Deserves a shot in this field and won’t embarrass herself.

**#4 Avenge (15/1)** – Loves this Santa Anita turf course, and is having a solid 2016. With this race being at Santa Anita it gives her a chance.

**#2 Catch a Glimpse (12/1)** – Ran poorly last time out at Keeneland so there is cause for concern. Has been a solid bet all year long, but might be time to stay away from her in this spot.

**#5 Al’s Gal (15/1)** – Likely a cut below the best horses in this division. The mile and one quarter distance might make her a player though.

**Others:** **#9 Ryans Charm (30/1)** is a qualifier from Peru where she is a star. **#10 Kitcat (20/1)** ran at Santa Anita last time in a prep for this and finished second. **#12 Pretty Perfect (15/1)** has struggled against tough overseas company.

**#6 Zipessa (20/1)** was second to Avenge last time out at Santa Anita, **#13 Nuovo Record (12/1)**

**Pace:**

- **Early Speed:** Avenge, Alice Springs, Zipessa, Catch a Glimpse, Kitcat
- **Stalkers:** Seventh Heaven, Lady Eli, So Mi Dar, Sea Calisi, Sentiero Italia, Ryans Charm
- **Closers:** Al’s Gal, Queen’s Trust, Prett Perfect, Nuovo Record

**Field Size: 13**

**Avenge** might be the fastest of the bunch and will most likely be the main pace setter. The pace should be swift with her in the race which should set it up for stalkers and closers to have success. Post position will be important here as several horses like to stalk so positioning will be important. This could very well turn into a rider’s race.

**The Play:** Playing **Lady Eli** as a win bet on top, but this field is fairly wide open so will be using several horses in the multi race wagering. **Seventh Heaven** and **Avenge** are horses to use on the exotic tickets. One horse to play underneath is **Sea Calisi** who could get a piece of things but probably can’t win.

### PICKS

	<b>Slim</b>	<b>Tip Sheet</b>	<b>Aaron</b>	<b>Jared</b>	<b>CONSENSUS</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
<b>Win</b>	Lady Eli	Seventh Heaven	Lady Eli	Lady Eli	Lady Eli	18
<b>Place</b>	Queen’s Trust	Lady Eli	Seventh Heaven	Avenge	Seventh Heaven	8
<b>Show</b>	Sentiero Italia	Sentiero Italia	Avenge	Sentiero Italia	Avenge	4

## Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies



<b>Purse:</b>	\$2 million
<b>Distance:</b>	1 1/16 miles
<b>Age:</b>	2 year old fillies
<b>Post Time:</b>	Sat., Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup> – Race 4 – 3:05 p.m. (EST)



### TOP CONTENDERS

**#9 Union Strike (6/1)** – Won the G1 Del Mar Debutante in her last race over a solid field. That race was on Labor Day so I'm not a big fan of the time between races as most of her counterparts have ran since then. Still, she holds a win over most of horses from California that will take money in this field.

**#10 Noted and Quoted (9/2)** – Woke up in a big way stretching out to two turns last time out in the G1 Chandelier Stakes at Santa Anita. If she runs that kind of race she will be tough. Must turn the tables on Union Strike who beat her at Del Mar two races back.

**#2 With Honors (10/1)** – Made her first start on dirt last time out in the G1 Chandelier Stakes. Finished second in that race to Noted and Quoted so it looks like the dirt might suit her well. Will have a big chance here is she can repeat her last effort.

### VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#8 Dancing Rags (12/1)** – Winner of the G1 Alcibiades Stakes last time out at Keeneland. Flying under the radar, and is a logical longshot play.

**#5 Sweet Loretta (6/1)** – Dead heated in the G1 Spinaway last time out, but like Union Strike hasn't ran since that day in September. Not sure she wants to go this far.

**#4 Yellow Agate (8/1)** – Big winner last time out in the G1 Frizette Stakes. Now two for two on her career, and might be the best east coast filly coming over for this one.

**#7 Jamyson 'N Ginger (8/1)** – She's ran the fastest race of any of the entries so that is the good news. The bad news is she did it over a sloppy track, and her dry track efforts haven't been great.

**#12 American Gal (6/1)** – Winner of a small stakes just 13 days ago so this is a quick turnaround. Stretching out in distance for the first time as well.

**#11 Daddy's Lil Darling (12/1)** – Winner of a stakes at Churchill Downs two races back, and finished second in the G1 Alcibiades Stakes last time out.

**Others:** **#1 Colorful Charades (30/1)** was a well beaten third in the Frizette last time out. **#6 Champagne Room (20/1)** has been a consistent runner in California all year. **#3 Valadorna (5/1)** was a big time maiden winner at Keeneland last time out.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** With Honors, Colorful Charades, American Gal
  - **Stalkers:** Dancing Rags, Noted and Quoted, Sweet Loretta, Champagne Room, Valadorna, Jamyson 'N Ginger
  - **Closers:** Daddy's Lil Darling, Union Strike, Yellow Agate

**Field Size: 12**

Usually races like this produce a fast pace, and this race is setting up to do more of the same with three fast horses signed on in this one in **With Honors**, **Colorful Charades**, and **American Gal**. If the pace does set up for closers, look for **Yellow Agate** and **Union Strike** to come running late as well as **Noted and Quoted** who could sit in a nice stalking position.

**The Play:** You have to play most of the field in multi race wagers here as this one is completely wide open. **Noted and Quoted** will be a good enough price to play a win ticket, and **Sweet Loretta** is one I'd play against that might be a shorter price. Probably need to play as many as six horses: **Noted and Quoted**, **Yellow Agate**, **Champagne Room**, **Dancing Rags**, **Union Strike**, and **With Honors** in the pick 4.

### PICKS

	<b>Slim</b>	<b>Tip Sheet</b>	<b>Aaron</b>	<b>Jared</b>	<b>CONSENSUS</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
<b>Win</b>	With Honors	Union Strike	Noted and Quoted	American Gal	With Honors	8
<b>Place</b>	Yellow Agate	With Honors	Yellow Agate	Sweet Loretta	Yellow Agate	7
<b>Show</b>	Daddy's Lil Darling	Yellow Agate	Champagne Room	Noted and Quoted	Noted and Quoted	6

# Breeders' Cup Distaff



<b>Purse:</b>	\$2 million
<b>Distance:</b>	1 1/8 miles (Dirt)
<b>Age:</b>	Fillies & Mares 3 years old & up
<b>Post Time:</b>	Fri. Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup> – Race 9 – 7:35 p.m. (EST)



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#1 Songbird (6/5)**- Has captivated the horse racing world as she's now a perfect 11 for 11 heading into the toughest test of her career. Last year she was the easiest of winner in the G1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Winning this race would put her in elite company.

**#5 Stellar Wind (5/2)** – Now has beaten the queen of California two races in a row. Last year this was a good horse, but not a great horse. With back to back victories over Beholder while running triple digit beyers she is now certainly a great horse.

**#8 Beholder (5/2)** – How unbelievable is it that she has now lost THREE races in a row? After going on a dominating run she now heads into this race reeling a bit. Has been conquered by Stellar Wind twice now, and must take on Songbird in this one. It's not getting any easier for her in this race.

**#3 Curalina (12/1)** – Most years she would be a strong contender to win a race like this, however she's up against three monsters in this spot. Has run some fantastic races this year, but also has run a couple of duds. Hard to know what to make of her off this layoff, but she's ran well off the bench in the past.

**#7 I'm A Chatterbox (12/1)** – Big winner of the G1 Spinster at Keeneland in her last start, and won the G1 Delaware Handicap earlier in the year. Unsure whether she can match up with the top horses in this field. Could be running for the minor awards.

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#6 Forever Unbridled (12/1)** – If she's near the estimated odds of 12/1 she'll be a must play underneath. Has a ton of quality, but not sure she's fast enough to match up with the top three in this field.

**#4 Corona Del Inca (30/1)** – Certainly the stranger of the group as she's a foreign invader. She better be really good to compete here.

**#2 Land Over Sea (30/1)** – Will be up against it here in a big way. Hasn't ran all that well against the three year olds this year and now tackles these monsters.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** Songbird, Beholder, Curalina
  - **Stalkers:** I'm a Chatterbox, Stellar Wind, Corona Del Inca
  - **Closers:** Forever Unbridled, Land Over Sea

**Field Size: 8**

**Songbird** or **Beholder**...who will make the lead in this race? With the current field you'd think it would be one of the two will, and it will most likely be Songbird as she's drawn the rail. Whoever goes to the front don't expect them to set a blazing pace. Each of them are smart enough not to get into a speed duel. Closers might be up against here as you will have to sit close to make a winning move on these type of horses.

**The Play:** I've flipped-flopped between the top three in here long enough. All signs point to **Stellar Wind** for me in this race, and will be playing her to win. Obviously, you must use **Beholder** and **Songbird** as well in the multi race wagers. **Unbridled Forever** is the horse to play underneath in your supers and tri's.

## PICKS

	<b>Slim</b>	<b>Tip Sheet</b>	<b>Aaron</b>	<b>Jared</b>	<b>CONSENSUS</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
<b>Win</b>	Songbird	Songbird	Stellar Wind	Stellar Wind	Stellar Wind/Songbird	14
<b>Place</b>	Stellar Wind	Beholder	Beholder	Songbird	Beholder	7
<b>Show</b>	Forever Unbridled	Stellar Wind	Songbird	Beholder	Forever Unbridled	1

## Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf



<b>Purse:</b>	\$1 million
<b>Distance:</b>	1 mile (Turf)
<b>Age:</b>	2 year olds fillies
<b>Post Time:</b>	Fri. Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup> – Race 8 – 6:50 p.m. (EST)



### TOP CONTENDERS

**#7 Intricately (6/1)** – The son of Aidan O'Brien, Joseph O'Brien has a top-notch filly entered in this spot. Is a G1 winner, and looks like she could be a world class horse. Must respect these connections.

**#4 Spain Burg (5/1)** – Was a \$1.68-million-dollar purchase. Last time out won the Rockfel Stakes in England fairly easily.

**#14 La Coronel (9/2)** – Since moving to the turf she's turned into a different filly. Dominated in a maiden turf event two races back against future stakes winners New Money Honey, and then dominated again in the G3 Jessamine Stakes at Keeneleand. Strictly the one to beat.

### VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#13 Roly Poly (4/1)** – Aidan O'Brien European invader. Has won a G2 and G3 stakes this year overseas, and last time out finished second in a G1 at Newmarket. Like all of Aidan's shippers you must take her seriously.

**#1 Hydrangea (6/1)** – Has finished second in three straight races overseas. Stretches out to a mile again here, and two of those seconds were in G1 races.

**#8 Madam Dancealot (30/1)** – Winner of a G3 at Salisbury last time out. Doesn't have a flashy resume like some of the other overseas shippers, but could still be dangerous.

**#5 Victory to Victory (12/1)** – Just one for three in her career, but broke her maiden last time out in the G1 Natalma Stakes at Woodbine. Mark Casse's "other" entry.

**#3 New Money Honey (10/1)** – Broke her maiden last time out in the G3 Miss Grillo Stakes in only her second start. Finished second to La Coronel in her debut race.

**#2 Lull (15/1)** – Finished second last time out in the G3 Jessamine Stakes to La Coronel. Was no match for her, but did win a big stakes at Kentucky Downs the race prior to that one.

**#6 Coasted (20/1)** – Won the P. G. Johnson Stakes at Saratoga two races back. However, last time out finished third in the G3 Miss Grillo Stakes to New Money Honey.

**Others:** **#10 Happy Mesa (20/1)** was second in a 100k Stakes at Santa Anita last time out. **#9 Cavale Doree (15/1)** finished fifth in a G1 overseas las time out. **#11 Rymska (20/1)** was a runner up by over two lengths to New Money Honey in a G3 at Belmont Park. **#12 La Force (30/1)** was third in a 100k Stakes at Santa Anita last time out.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** Lull
  - **Stalkers:** Intricately, Spain Burg, La Coronel, Roly Poly, Hydrangea, Cavale Doree, Happy Mesa, Coasted, Rymska, La Force
  - **Closers:** Victory to Victory, New Money Honey, Madam Dancealot

**Field Size: 14**

With all the European invaders it's hard to get a read on what might take place from a pace standpoint, but it certainly looks as though **Lull** has a chance to be the lone speed. If that happens it gives her a shot, especially with the cut back to one mile. The Santa Anita turf course has played very favorable to speed as well so that is another factor in her favor. However, I'm banking on someone going with her early and keeping her honest.

**The Play:** Love **La Coronel** in this spot and will be betting him to win. Understandably you have to be worried about the Aidan O'Brien runner as he knows how to win these big races over here in a big time way. Play **Roly Poly** and La Coronel in multi race wagers, as well as on top in other exotics. Underneath **New Money Honey** and **Lull** looks like good longshot candidates.

### PICKS

	<b>Slim</b>	<b>Tip Sheet</b>	<b>Aaron</b>	<b>Jared</b>	<b>CONSENSUS</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
<b>Win</b>	La Coronel	Spain Burg	La Coronel	La Coronel	La Coronel	18
<b>Place</b>	Roly Poly	La Coronel	Roly Poly	Spain Burg	Spain Burg	8
<b>Show</b>	Lull	Hydrangea	New Money Honey	New Money Honey	Roly Poly	6

# Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile



<b>Purse:</b>	\$1 Million
<b>Distance:</b>	1 Mile (Dirt)
<b>Age:</b>	3 year olds & up
<b>Post Time:</b>	Fri., Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup> – Race 7 – 6:05 p.m. (EST)



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#3 Dortmund (6/5)** – Has been trying to beat California Chrome all year long so this is smart to opt for this race. Has hit the board in all three races he's been in this year, and two of those have been G1's and the other a G2. The cut back to a mile actually should suit him perfectly.

**#7 Runhappy (3/1)** – This horse at his best can match up with anyone...but he clearly wasn't at his best last time out as he returned off a long layoff. This is probably the wrong race for him as the Sprint might suit him better. Could surprise here and burn you, but afraid he's being mishandled.

**#1 Vyjack (10/1)** – Has always been a tough horse, and since moving to California he seems to have found some new life. Perfect race for him to run in and take a shot. Can he play spoiler to Dortmund?

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#9 Gun Runner (9/2)** – Considered Breeders' Cup Classic, however this was the race that gave him the best shot at winning. A cut back in distance will do him some good...he's been the most consistent three-year-old male.

**#8 Tamarkuz (8/1)** – Usually runs as well as he can, but has made a habit of finishing close but not winning. Hard to see that changing here.

**#2 Tom's Ready (12/1)** – Has quietly had a great 2016 with a couple of big time wins including last time out in the G3 Ack Ack. Could be a player underneath.

**Others:** **#4 Point Piper (20/1)** was a winner in the G3 Longacres Mile two races back. **#6 Texas Chrome (20/1)** won the Oklahoma Derby last time out. **#5 Accelerate (20/1)** won a weak running of the Los Alamitos Derby last time out.

- Pace:**
- **Early Speed:** Dortmund, Runhappy, Accelerate
  - **Stalkers:** Vyjack, Gun Runner, Tamarkuz, Texas Chrome
  - **Closers:** Tom's Ready, Point Piper

**Field Size: 9**

**Dortmund** is going to control this race unless **Runhappy** shows up with his "A Game." If Runhappy can mess with Dortmund things will get interesting, but I don't have confidence that he can do it given his current state. If Dortmund is allowed to control things he can put this field to sleep. If a pace duel happens a horse like **Tom's Ready** could upset this field at a big time price. Also, **Gun Runner** should sit in a perfect spot as well.

**The Play:** **Dortmund** an easy choice on top. You may have to play one small "saver ticket" with **Runhappy** out of respect of his talents, but my thoughts are to let him beat you until he proves he's back. **Gun Runner** is interesting, but may not be able to match with up with Dortmund. Ride or die with Bob Baffert and the mammoth horse named Dortmund.

## PICKS

	<b>Slim</b>	<b>Tip Sheet</b>	<b>Aaron</b>	<b>Jared</b>	<b>CONSENSUS</b>	<b>Pts.</b>
<b>Win</b>	Dortmund	Dortmund	Dortmund	Dortmund	Dortmund	20
<b>Place</b>	Gun Runner	Vyjack	Gun Runner	Runhappy	Gun Runner	8
<b>Show</b>	Runhappy	Gun Runner	Runhappy	Gun Runner	Runhappy	5

# Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf



<b>Purse:</b>	\$1 million
<b>Distance:</b>	1 mile (Turf)
<b>Age:</b>	2 year olds
<b>Post Time:</b>	Fri., Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup> - Race 6 - 5:25 p.m. (EST)



## TOP CONTENDERS

**#11 Good Samaritan (9/2)** – Was ultra-impressive in winning the G2 Summer Stakes at Woodbine last time out over a solid field. Won on debut the race before for trainer Bill Mott who usually doesn't win with horses first time out. Could be a budding superstar and can confirm that status with a win.

**#13 Oscar Performance (4/1)** – Could be a freak as he's won his last two races by many lengths. Won the G3 Pilgrim Stakes over a decent field last time out at Belmont Park. Will have a big-time chance today and holds a pace advantage over my top choice.

**#6 Big Score (8/1)** – Has been the standout turf juvenile on the west coast. Won the Zuma Beach Stakes at Santa Anita last time out, so he has a win over the course. The competition gets deeper with all the quality east coast horses coming in.

**#1 Lancaster Bomber (6/1)** – International shipper for Aidan O'Brien who has a solid resume. Finished second last time out in G1 race at Newmarket. Will be stretching out to a mile after running at 7 furlongs in all of this other starts.

**#5 Made You Look (12/1)** – Very strong Todd Pletcher runner who won the G2 With Anticipation Stakes at Saratoga last time out. The only negative is he has not raced since late August. Would have liked to see a prep race out of him leading up to this race.

## VALUE PLAYS & LONGSHOTS

**#2 Keep Quiet (12/1)** – Was second to Made You Look in the G2 With Anticipation Stakes at Saratoga, and last time out won the G3 Bourbon Stakes at Keeneland.

**#14 Ticonderoga (15/1)** – Finished second last time out in the G3 Bourbon Stakes after a poor beginning. Also, barely lost a maiden race to Good Samaritan.

**#4 Favorable Outcome (15/1)** – Will try turf for the very first time here after running well on the dirt. Chad Brown is the trainer so he's dangerous.

**#3 Channel Marker (30/1)** – Was third last time out to Good Samaritan who is my top pick. He was only beaten three lengths in that race so he can compete in this spot.

**#7 J. S. Choice (20/1)** – Has been beaten by several of the top contenders in this race. Last time was second in a G3 to Oscar Performance.

**#8 Intelligence Cross (6/1)** – Another Aidan O'Brien shipper who was fourth last time out in a G1. Two races back he was a G3 winner, but all of his races have come at 6 furlongs.

**Others:** **#9 Wellabled (15/1)** is 3 for 4, but gets a major class test today. **#12 Rodaini (15/1)** is an international shipper coming off a poor outing last time out. **#10 Bowie's Hero (15/1)** disappointed last time out, but beat Big Score two races back.

- Pace:**
- Early Speed:** Oscar Performance, Keep Quiet, Wellabled, Favorable Outcome
  - Stalkers:** Made You Look, Ticonderoga, Lancaster Bomber, Channel Marker, J. S. Choice
  - Closers:** Good Samaritan, Big Score, Bowie's Hero, Intelligence, Rodaini

**Field Size: 14**

Expecting an honest pace in this one, but not one that will make it impossible for the front runners to win. All of the speed horses also look like ones that will be sit off the lead if they are asked to do so. If the pace does get hot up front the speed horses will be in trouble because there are several horses that have the ability to close in a great way.

**The Play:** There are five horses here I really like in **Good Samaritan, Keep Quiet, Ticonderoga, Big Score, and Oscar Performance**. The longshot of that bunch, Ticonderoga, looks like a horse with a world of talent if he grows up a little bit. If he can in time for this race he can light up the tote board. I'll play safe on the win end though with Good Samaritan, but will play the five I mentioned heavily in exotics.

## PICKS

	Slim	Tip Sheet	Aaron	Jared	CONSENSUS	Pts.
<b>Win</b>	Good Samaritan	Good Samaritan	Good Samaritan	Big Score	Good Samaritan	16
<b>Place</b>	Lancaster Bomber	Big Score	Big Score	Lancaster Bomber	Big Score	11
<b>Show</b>	Oscar Performance	Oscar Performance	Oscar Performance	Good Samaritan	Lancaster Bomber	6