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BEST OF THE BEST

Below are the most interesting Breeders' Cup runners with comments from each expert.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

JEREMY PLONK (3rd Race—Marathon)

Cloudy's Knight comes back on just 15 days' rest after winning the Sycamore at Keeneland like he never drew a deep breath.

JEFF SIEGEL (4th Race—Juvenile Fillies Turf)

Lillie Langtry, quoted as low as 7-1 by some British bookmakers for the 2009 English 1000 Guineas, appears to outclass her American rivals.

DICK JERARDI (6th Race—Filly & Mare Turf)

Jonathan Sheppard is having one of the best years in his Hall of Fame career and I want to see if he can finish it off with a repeat win by **Forever Together** in the Filly & Mare Turf.

STEVE BYK (7th Race—Filly & Mare Sprint)

It's difficult not to root for a big day from ailing Hall of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel, one of the greatest ever (Ventura).

JENNIE REES (7th Race—Filly & Mare Sprint)

Informed Decision taking on **Ventura**, **Sara Louise**, **Seventh Street** and **Game Face** in the F&M Sprint is must-see.

CATON BREDAR (7th Race—Filly & Mare Sprint)

Zenyatta is in her own category as the Best of the Best. **Informed Decision's** last win was nothing short of spectacular.

GARY WEST (8th Race—Ladies' Classic)

It's not apostasy to bet against a future Hall of Famer, not if her odds are 3-5, even if her name is **Zenyatta**. Yes, she's the most likely winner of the Ladies' Classic, but **Careless Jewel** could be the most inviting investment option.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

JEFF SIEGEL (3rd Race—Turf Sprint)

Possessing a devastating late turn of foot, **Cannonball** is fresh and ready to explode (sorry for the pun).

GARY WEST (5th Race—Juvenile)

Eskendereya took a huge step forward when he rallied to win the Pilgrim Stakes with a final quarter-mile in about :24.80.

CATON BREDAR (6th Race—Mile)

I'm sticking with **Goldikova**. Coming off a rare defeat makes her attempt at back-to-back BC victories more intriguing.

STEVE BYK (6th Race—Mile)

Bob and Janice McNair's **Cowboy Cal** is the last remaining Stonerside runner, and a win would be a great epitaph for the familiar white jacket with green "V".

JEREMY PLONK (8th Race—Turf)

What will the speed-pop mentality of **Presious Passion** do to the Europeans' canter-and-pounce style? How about an American exacta sweep like **Buck's Boy** over **Yagli**?

DICK JERARDI (9th Race—Classic)

Zenyatta's rally is one of the more thrilling scenes in modern racing. I want to see if she can pass them all at 10 furlongs for \$5 million in the Classic.

JENNIE REES (9th Race—Classic)

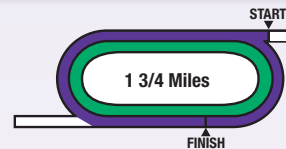
I can't wait to see how Ireland's **Rip Van Winkle** handles the Yankees after no longer having to face **Sea the Stars**; **Gio Ponti** back to 10F; **Einstein** back at Santa Anita; and **Summer Bird** and **Quality Road** first-time synthetic.

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FRIDAY

BREEDERS' CUP

Marathon

\$500,000



Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Daily Double, Pick 3,
Pick 6

Post-Time

3:35 pm EDT
2:35 pm CDT
12:35 pm PDT

THREE TURNS TO A TITLE

by Steve Byk

At the Races with Steve Byk (Sirius Satellite Radio)

ANALYSIS: The second year of this throwback event sees its trip lengthened to one and three-quarter miles. 2008 winner **Muhannak** is back to defend, and though obscure when the gates opened, he proved worthy of a Cup title.

MAIN CONTENDERS: St. Leger hero **Mastery** (Godolphin) and fourth-place finisher **Father Time** from Henry Cecil, both 3-year-olds, are clear horses to beat having led European ante-post wagering. Todd Pletcher may start 11 runners in Cup 2009, and could kick off brilliantly should **Nite Light**, America's best hope in the race, continue to progress. Defender **Muhannak** appears slightly off the form he brought here last year, but accomplished trainer Ralph Beckett believes he's ready for another corker.

VALUE PLAYS: Remarkable horseman Jonathan Sheppard may be in position to stage a coup should 9-year-old **Cloudy's Knight** continue to perform as he has in his recent Kentucky Cup and Sycamore scores. Aidan O'Brien's **Man of Iron**, out of legendary mare Better Than Honour (Jazil, Rags to Riches, Casino Drive), has yet to produce in serious company but owns requisite synthetic experience for a surprise, including a fourth behind Mastercraftsman on Irish Poly.

WAGERING STRATEGY (\$100):

- \$10 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **MASTERY** with **FATHER TIME** with **CLOUDY'S KNIGHT**, **MAN OF IRON**, **MUHANNAK**, **GANGBUSTER** and **NITE LIGHT** (\$50)
- \$6 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **MASTERY** with **CLOUDY'S KNIGHT**, **MAN OF IRON**, **MUHANNAK**, **GANGBUSTER** and **NITE LIGHT** with **FATHER TIME** (\$30)
- \$5 Exacta Key: **MASTERY** with **BLACK ASTOR**, **EDAAFER**, **ON FIRE** and **SIR DAVE** (\$20)

SELECTIONS:

1. MASTERY
2. FATHER TIME
3. CLOUDY'S KNIGHT
4. MAN OF IRON

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STATS & TRENDS:

Division Debut: 2008

Favorites: Win 0% In-The-Money 0%

Average Winning Payoffs

\$2 Win: \$26.80

\$1 Exacta: \$133.10

\$1 Trifecta: \$987.10

\$1 Superfecta: \$3,955.00

DIVISION HIGHLIGHT:

2008: European classics winner and 7-5 favorite **Sixties Icon** failed to fire, but the "other" English raider was up to the test as **Muhannak** pulled a 12-1 upset.

KNOW THIS:

Horses running 1-2-3 after the first mile of the inaugural **Marathon** wound up finishing last, next-to-last and third-last under the wire.

The six American-based horses in the '08 **Marathon** had just two previous wins at 1-1/2 miles on the main track (**Zappa** and **Delightful Kiss** one each).

Breeders' Cup Pick Six History

Year	Payoff	Tickets
2008	\$55K	30
2007	\$321K	6
2006	\$1.45M	2
2005	Cons. \$90K	0
2004	Cons. 56K	0
2003	\$2.68M	1
2002	Cons. \$43K	0
2001	\$262K	11
2000	\$45K	68
1999	\$3.05M	1
1998	\$34K	114
1997	\$12K	115

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FRIDAY

BREEDERS' CUP

Juvenile Fillies Turf

\$1 Million



Post-Time
 4:08 pm EDT
 3:08 pm CDT
 1:08 pm PDT

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
 Exacta, Trifecta,
 Superfecta,
 Daily Double, Pick 3

ENCORE, ENCORE

by Jeremy Plonk
 ESPN.com

ANALYSIS: The advice was simple in last year's Xpressbet Wagering Guide for this new-fangled division: Come up with an opinion and don't get too cute. It resulted in a \$100 straight win bet on Maram and a \$1,110 profit without a visit by the tax man. Since this year's two key domestic preps both were washed off the grass (the Jessamine and Miss Grillo), there's even less reason for cuteness in 2009. This remains a mystery division when trying to get a top-to-bottom feel.

MAIN CONTENDERS: Lillie Langtry likely goes favored for a Coolmore/O'Brien team that ran second in both juvy grass races a year ago. Her win in the Tattersalls Fillies 800 came over a maiden and a 66-1 outsider. Also, the filly she beat in the Debutante, **Elusive Galaxy**, was listless in her subsequent Canadian foray last month. Given what we know, and the likely skinny price, I'm passing on Lillie Langtry on top.

House of Grace could not have been more impressive in her debut on grass, and came back to validate that when storming home to beat the highly respected pair of **Smart Seattle** and **Hatheer** in the Jessamine on Keeneland's Polytrack. Regardless of surface, this race rates highly legit.

VALUE PLAYS: Quality speed can be dangerous, and **Champagne d'Oro** was absolutely one of the best 2-year-old fillies seen at Del Mar this summer. At a flat mile, if she draws well, she can hang for a share at double digits. Meanwhile, the presence of rank-and-file rider Mike Luzzi aboard **House of Grace** should help hold that price steady, if not inflate it.

WAGERING STRATEGY (\$100):

- \$75 Win: **HOUSE OF GRACE** (\$75)
- \$25 Place: **HOUSE OF GRACE** (\$25)

SELECTIONS:

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. HOUSE OF GRACE | 3. HATHEER |
| 2. SMART SEATTLE | 4. LILLIE LANGTRY |

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STATS & TRENDS:

Division Debut: 2008

Favorites: Win 0% In-The-Money 100%

Average Winning Payoffs

\$2 Win: \$24.20

\$1 Exacta: \$175.10

\$1 Trifecta: \$898.90

\$1 Superfecta: \$5,796.30

DIVISION HIGHLIGHT:

2008: Favorite **Laragh** opened a daylight lead in mid-stretch, but was collared late by double-digit longshots **Maram** and **Heart Shaped**.

KNOW THIS:

The three European entrants in the inaugural **Juvenile Fillies Turf** finished second (**Heart Shaped**), next-to-last (**April Pride**) and last (**Beyond Our Reach**).

Only 3 of the 12 entrants in the '08 **Juvenile Fillies Turf** were bet to odds below 10-1.

Most BC Victories by Active Jockeys

<u>Wins</u>	<u>Jockey</u>
12	Mike Smith
8	Frankie Dettori
	Garrett Gomez
7	Corey Nakatani
	Patrick Valenzuela
	John Velazquez
4	Cornelio Velasquez
3	Kent Desormeaux
	David Flores
	Mick Kinane
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FRIDAY

GREY GOOSE - BREEDERS' CUP

Juvenile Fillies

\$2 Million



Post-Time

4:45 pm EDT
 3:45 pm CDT
 1:45 pm PDT

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
 Exacta, Trifecta,
 Superfecta,
 Daily Double, Pick 3,
 Pick 4

SOUND REASONS FOR BLIND LUCK

by Gary West
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ANALYSIS: Only a length or so separates seven of these and so the advantage has to go to those who are most likely to improve and get a favorable trip. Like Stardom Bound a year ago, **Blind Luck** enters this event after an impressive victory in the Oak Leaf Stakes that marks her as the one to beat.

MAIN CONTENDERS: **Negligee** impressed in her Alcibiades victory at Keeneland, where she had to wait in traffic but then finished full of run when clear. **Beautician** finished fifth in the Alcibiades, raced three-to-four wide in both turns, was blocked behind the slow pace and then got bumped around between horses in mid-stretch. When finally clear, she was finishing just as strongly as the winner. **Devil May Care**, who bobbed at the start but rallied to win the Frizette, could threaten.

VALUE PLAYS: **Connie and Michael** might be good enough. Her chances could depend on how much pace pressure she feels from **Always a Princess**, who led the way for much of the Oak Leaf despite a somewhat hesitant start, and **Champagne d'Oro**, who took on the "boys" in the Del Mar Futurity. She could improve. And if the pace gets super-heated, **Zilva**, who was far back early in the Alcibiades, could benefit sufficiently to complete a multi-horse investment.

WAGERING STRATEGY (\$100):

- \$5 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **BLIND LUCK** and **BEAUTICIAN** with **BLIND LUCK** and **BEAUTICIAN** with **NEGLIGEE**, **DEVIL MAY CARE**, **CONNIE AND MICHAEL**, **ALWAYS A PRINCESS**, **SHE BE WILD** and **SILVA** (\$60)
- \$3 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **BLIND LUCK** and **BEAUTICIAN** with **NEGLIGEE**, **DEVIL MAY CARE**, **CONNIE AND MICHAEL**, **ALWAYS A PRINCESS**, **SHE BE WILD** and **SILVA** with **BLIND LUCK** and **BEAUTICIAN** (\$36)

SELECTIONS:

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| 1. BLIND LUCK | 3. NEGLIGEE |
| 2. BEAUTICIAN | 4. CONNIE AND MICHAEL |

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STATS & TRENDS:

Division Debut: 1984
Favorites: Win 60% In-The-Money 80%
Average Winning Payoffs
\$2 Win: \$16.71
\$1 Exacta: \$71.96
\$1 Trifecta: \$915.84
\$1 Superfecta: \$2,180.17

DIVISION HIGHLIGHT:

2001: Del Mar Debutante winner **Tempera** returned from a two-month respite to score at Belmont. It also started a west-coast run in the **Juvenile Fillies** that has seen 5 of the last 8 editions won by California-based fillies.

KNOW THIS:

Every **Juvenile Fillies** edition held in California has had at least two fillies in the superfecta finish whose last prep was at Santa Anita.

The favorite has won the **Juvenile Fillies** in each of the past seven renewals, the longest reign of chalk in any Breeders' Cup event in history.

D. Wayne Lukas leads all trainers with **18 BC** wins. Shug McGaughey is second among active trainers with **9** wins. Bob Baffert (**7**) is third. Robert Frankel, Neil Drysdale and Richard Mandella have **6** wins each.

1993 Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita

Winning Prep Races: 5-SA; 1-Bel, Fra.
Favorites: 7: 3-1-1

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FRIDAY

EMIRATE AIRLINES - BREEDERS' CUP

Filly & Mare Turf

\$2 Million

**Post-Time**

5:23 pm EDT

4:23 pm CDT

2:23 pm PDT

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Daily Double, Pick 3,
Pick 4

CHAMP HAS ONE FILLY TO FEAR

by Caton Bredar
ESPN / WAVE

ANALYSIS: In 10 F&M Turf editions, eight of the winners were bred in Europe, and while just four winners came directly from European prep races, six of the 10 campaigned at some point pre-Breeders' Cup outside the U.S. And while only one mare, the great *Ouija Board*, has been able to win two editions of the event, it's important to take repeat performers seriously as they consistently hit the board.

MAIN CONTENDERS: Cross-entered for the Turf, *Dar Re Mi* appears the strongest possible challenger to defending race champ *Forever Together* by virtue of three straight Group 1 wins in Europe over three courses. While her win at Longchamp resulted in a disqualification, that DQ was questionable at best. Ultra-consistent *Forever Together* may not be quite as great as she was a year ago, but she may not have to be.

VALUE PLAYS: Bred and campaigned at one point in Great Britain, *Visit* has yet to win in the U.S., but may be sitting on her best race yet. Fourth in this race last year at 17-1, she'll offer great value.

WAGERING STRATEGY (\$100):

- \$2 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **DAR RE MI** over **FOREVER TOGETHER** over **ALL** (\$16)
- \$2 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **DAR RE MI** over **ALL** over **FOREVER TOGETHER** (\$16)
- \$1 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **FOREVER TOGETHER** over **DAR RE MI** over **ALL** (\$8)
- \$1 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **FOREVER TOGETHER** over **ALL** over **DAR RE MI** (\$8)
- \$2 Trifecta Box: **DAR RE MI**, **FOREVER TOGETHER** and **VISIT** (\$12)
- \$10 Exacta Part-Wheel Box: **DAR RE MI** and **FOREVER TOGETHER** with **VISIT** (\$40)

SELECTIONS:

1. DAR RE MI
2. VISIT
3. FOREVER TOGETHER
4. MAGICAL FANTASY

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STATS & TRENDS:**Division Debut:** 1999**Favorites:** Win 30% In-The-Money 80%**Average Winning Payoffs****\$2 Win:** \$14.94**\$1 Exacta:** \$92.88**\$1 Trifecta:** \$872.38**\$1 Superfecta:** \$7,386.78**DIVISION HIGHLIGHT:**

2006: While all eyes were on winner *Ouija Board*, runner-up *Film Maker* also was making history of her own. Those two stars joined Sprint legend *Kona Gold* as the only horses to place three years in a row in the same BC event.

KNOW THIS:

Seven of the past eight *Filly & Mare Turf* winners were bred in Europe — five hailed from England and one each from France and Ireland.

Three-year-old fillies are 40: 2-1-4 all-time in the *Filly & Mare Turf*, with *Ouija Board* and *Banks Hill* posting wins. No American-based sophomore has ever finished in the exacta.

The favorite has finished in the *Filly & Mare Turf* superfecta in six of the last seven years.

Horses who prepped in California are 0-for-18 all-time in the *Filly & Mare Turf*, with only 2002 runner-up *Banks Hill* and 2008 third-place finisher *Wait a While* finishing in the money.

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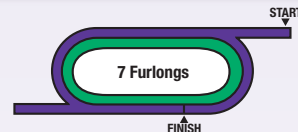
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FRIDAY

SENTIENT JET - BREEDERS' CUP

Filly & Mare Sprint

\$1 Million



Post-Time

6:02 pm EDT
5:02 pm CDT
3:02 pm PDT

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Daily Double, Pick 3

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT PART I

by Jeff Siegel
HRTV

ANALYSIS: Ventura is the defending champion and she approaches this race with very much the same pattern that produced her thoroughly dominating performance in 2008. Last year she finished second in the Woodbine Mile in her final BC prep and then exploded over the pro-closers Pro-Ride surface to win this event by four widening lengths. This year, all indications are that the Bobby Frankel-trained mare is even fresher and sharper. Her come-from-behind victory in the recent Woodbine Mile earned a career-top 108 Beyer figure, and given identical conditions in 2009, there's no reason to believe she won't perform up to her highest standards once again.

MAIN CONTENDERS: While Ventura may be the defending champ and a synthetic track specialist, she has nothing on **Informed Decision**, who is a perfect six-for-six in races on all-weather surfaces and she is nearly so (five-for-six) in races at seven furlongs. Furthermore, **Informed Decision** has more tactical speed than Ventura and that edge could come into play in a race that seems likely to unfold with soft, comfortable early fractions.

VALUE PLAYS: Sara Louise is the last filly to beat Rachel Alexandra, doing it almost a year ago. And it wasn't a fluke. Granted, Rachel Alexandra has left that form far behind, but so has Sara Louise, who in two starts for Godolphin this year shows a victory in the Victory Ride at Saratoga and a nose defeat to Indian Blessing in the Gallant Bloom. If she takes to the Pro-Ride surface, look out.

WAGERING STRATEGY (\$100):

- \$15 Trifecta Box: VENTURA, INFORMED DECISION and SARA LOUISE (\$90)
- \$10 Trifecta: VENTURA over INFORMED DECISION over SARA LOUISE (\$10)

SELECTIONS:

1. VENTURA
2. INFORMED DECISION
3. SARA LOUISE
4. SEVENTH STREET

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STATS & TRENDS:

Division Debut: 2007

Favorites: Win 0% In-The-Money 50%

Average Winning Payoffs

\$2 Win: \$12.80

\$1 Exacta: \$100.05

\$1 Trifecta: \$463.55

\$1 Superfecta: \$3,760.15

DIVISION HIGHLIGHT:

2008: Ventura's four-length Filly & Mare Sprint romp equaled the second-biggest blowout in Breeders' Cup history for a sprint race. In the six-furlong Sprint, only **Midnight Lute's** 4 3/4-length win in 2007 was by more real estate.

KNOW THIS:

Deep closers have won each of the first two renewals of this race. **Maryfield** rallied from seventh of 10 to win, while **Ventura** came from even farther back as she rolled from 10th of 13.

Three-year-olds are 0-for-5 in the Filly & Mare Sprint, though sophomores **Indian Blessing** and **Zaftig** ran second and third last fall.

The Filly & Mare Sprint pacesetter has finished off the board in both runnings. **Dream Rush** was fifth in 2007, while **Dearest Trickski** was 11th in 2008.

1986 Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita

Winning Prep Races:

2-SA, Bel; 1-Crc, Pha, Eng.

Favorites: 7: 2-1-0

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BREEDERS' CUP

Ladies' Classic

\$2 Million



Post-Time

6:45 pm EDT
5:45 pm CDT
3:45 pm PDT

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Ladies' Classic/
Classic Daily Double

MUSIC NOTE FIGURES TO BE ON KEY

by Jennie Rees
Louisville Courier-Journal

ANALYSIS: Does **Zenyatta** run or not? If she runs here, she's a prohibitive favorite. If she's in the Classic against the boys, the Ladies' Classic becomes a much better betting race. Either way, the pace scenario is unaffected, given that **Zenyatta** is a deep closer.

MAIN CONTENDERS: The 3-year-old **Careless Jewel**, whose only defeat was in her April debut, has romped in five straight races on dirt and synthetic. Her numbers improved on real dirt, but that also could be maturity. As the lone speed in the field, she'll get lots of play, **Zenyatta** or no. **Music Note** ran well to finish third here as a sophomore. She was very impressive in taking Saratoga's **Ballerina** and Belmont's **Beldame**.

VALUE PLAYS: **Proviso** ran very well when DQ'd from first in the **Spinster** in her U.S. and Polytrack debut, and she was having to contend with **Goldikova** in Europe. Juddmonte Farms expected big things from her when she was young. If you like her, you have to like **Spinster** winner **Mushka**, who is 2-for-2 on synthetics. Beware **Rainbow View**, making her synthetic debut for John Gosden.

WAGERING STRATEGY (\$100):

- \$5 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **MUSIC NOTE, PROVISO** and **RAINBOW VIEW** with **ZENYATTA** with **MUSIC NOTE, PROVISO, RAINBOW VIEW, CARELESS JEWEL** and **MUSHKA** (\$60).
- \$10 Exacta Part-Wheel: **MUSIC NOTE, PROVISO** and **RAINBOW VIEW** over **ZENYATTA** (\$30).
- \$10 Late Pick 3: Key **ZENYATTA**

STATS & TRENDS:

Division Debut: 1984
(Named Distaff 1984-2007)
Favorites: Win 44% In-The-Money 56%
Average Winning Payoffs
\$2 Win: \$18.74
\$1 Exacta: \$68.32
\$1 Trifecta: \$1,060.03
\$1 Superfecta: \$5,156.64

DIVISION HIGHLIGHT:

2008: **Zenyatta** joined the legendary **Personal Ensign** as the only undefeated winners of this event following her 1-1/2 length victory over the Godolphin pair of **Cocoa Beach** and **Music Note**.

KNOW THIS:

Locally-based fillies have won the **Ladies' Classic** on 3 of 4 occasions at Santa Anita, including 1-2-3 sweeps by local horses in 1993 and 2003.

19 of 25 **Ladies' Classic** renewals have seen at least one 3-year-old finish in the trifecta, and three times the sophomore set has swept the exacta (1991, 1997, 2000).

The **Spinster** has produced at least one superfecta finisher in each of the past five **Ladies' Classic** renewals, and a record nine winners all-time – most recently **Pleasant Home** in 2005.

Defending champs returning in the same BC event the next year are 38: 6-5-7. **Ouija Board** and **Da Hoss** won the same event in non-successive years.

SELECTIONS:

1. MUSIC NOTE
2. ZENYATTA
3. RAINBOW VIEW
4. CARELESS JEWEL

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SATURDAY

BREEDERS' CUP

Juvenile Turf

\$1 Million



Post-Time

1:45 pm EDT
12:45 pm CDT
10:45 am PDT

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Daily Double, Pick 3,
Pick 4

PLETCHER VS. THE WORLD

by Caton Bredar
ESPN / WAVE

ANALYSIS: As short on history as it is on form, the Juvenile Turf is a relative mystery. If any generalizations can be made off just two previous runnings, Europeans, not surprisingly, must be respected having accounted for three of the top four spots in the last two years. Horses finishing in the money in the two previous events prepped at locations like Doncaster, Newmarket, Del Mar, Keeneland, Ascot and Belmont.

MAIN CONTENDERS: As visually impressive as **Interactif** looked winning the Bourbon on soft ground for Todd Pletcher, he looked even better on firm ground a month earlier winning the With Anticipation. A winner in 3 of 4 starts, the colt will put his unbeaten turf record on the line facing the likes of **Buzzword** and **Pounced**, the second and third-place finishers, respectively, of the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere. They are perhaps two of the stronger European invaders, along with **Viscount Nelson**, runner-up in the Champagne Stakes for the powerful Aidan O'Brien.

VALUE PLAYS: Pletcher's "other" horse, **Eskendereya**, may fly under the radar as far as odds go; off his victory in the rained-off-the-turf Pilgrim, he may be worth playing.

WAGERING STRATEGY (\$100):

- \$1 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **INTERACTIF**, **BUZZWORD** and **POUNCED** with **INTERACTIF**, **BUZZWORD** and **POUNCED** with **ALL** (\$72)
- \$2 Exacta Wheel: **ALL** over **INTERACTIF** (\$26)

STATS & TRENDS:

Division Debut: 2007

Favorites: Win 0% In-The-Money 100%

Average Winning Payoffs

\$2 Win: \$20.40

\$1 Exacta: \$56.80

\$1 Trifecta: \$735.45

\$1 Superfecta: \$5,677.20

DIVISION HIGHLIGHT:

2007: Rising star jockey Julien Leparoux posted his first career Breeders' Cup success with the late-running **Nownownow** in the inaugural running of the **Juvenile Turf**. He added his second BC victory last fall with **Forever Together** in the Filly & Mare Turf.

KNOW THIS:

Of the six trifecta placings available in the first two renewals of the **Juvenile Turf**, the Europeans and Americans have split the duties 3-3.

The duo of trainer Aidan O'Brien and jockey Johnny Murtagh have teamed on the beaten favorite in both editions of this race – **Westphalia** (2008) and **Achill Island** (2007) finished second.

Foreign-bred competitors have taken three of the four exacta placings in the **Juvenile Turf's** short history.

Sadler's Wells leads all sires with six offspring who have won BC events. **Danzig** and **Kris S.** have sired five winners each.

SELECTIONS:

1. POUNCED

3. BUZZWORD

2. INTERACTIF

4. ESKENDEREYA

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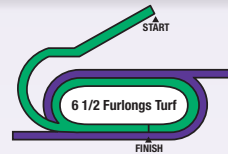
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SATURDAY

BREEDERS' CUP

Turf Sprint

\$1 Million



Post-Time

2:23 pm EDT
1:23 pm CDT
11:23 am PDT

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Daily Double, Pick 3

PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC

by Jennie Rees
Louisville Courier-Journal

ANALYSIS: Santa Anita's unique down-hill course (sharp turn, crossing over Pro-Ride main track) gives a big edge to horses and riders who have raced over it – like **Desert Code** at 36-1 last year. The 6-1/2-furlong distance also trips up some horses used to shorter grass sprints back East.

MAIN CONTENDERS: **Desert Code** will make his second start off a layoff and hasn't been in top form. But he's 5-for-9 over the downhill course. If two-time Morvich winner **California Flag** can just slow down to a :22-flat first quarter – not the :20-3/5 that killed him last year – he can win. The British filly **Fleeting Spirit** is back after running a decent fourth as the favorite last year. Seven fillies and mares pre-entered the race, headed by New York star **Diamondrella** and **Gotta Have Her**, who is 4-for-4 on the course.

VALUE PLAYS: **Gotta Have Her** and **Noble Court** could be overlooked in betting and have nice closing styles. If **Cannonball** can go to Royal Ascot and nearly win a Group 1, he should adapt here. Find a horse you like and bet \$20 across the board, because you'll get a good price. I'll take course specialist **Get Funky**. Use the rest on 10-cent supers.

WAGERING STRATEGY (\$100):

- \$20 Win, Place and Show: **GET FUNKY** (\$60)
- \$.10 Superfecta Part-Wheel: **GET FUNKY, NOBLE COURT, CANNONBALL, DESERT CODE** and **FLEETING SPIRIT** in all spots; **GOTTA HAVE HER** in second, third and fourth; **CALIFORNIA FLAG** only on top (\$42 – borrow two bucks).

STATS & TRENDS:

Division Debut: 2008

Favorites: Win 0% In-The-Money 0%

Average Winning Payoffs

\$2 Win: \$75.00

\$1 Exacta: \$393.10

\$1 Trifecta: \$6,184.50

\$1 Superfecta: \$29,663.30

DIVISION HIGHLIGHT:

2008: **Desert Code's** improbable score at 36-1 resulted in a \$75 return for a \$2 win ticket, highest for any Breeders' Cup grass race since **Miss Alleged** upset the '91 turf at \$86.20.

KNOW THIS:

Santa Anita's Morvich Stakes provided 4 of the 14 starters in the inaugural **Turf Sprint**, including winner **Desert Code**. Other Morvich graduates, however, finished 8th, 9th and 10th.

Of the four eventual superfecta finishers in the inaugural **Turf Sprint**, three of them rallied from 10th or worse after the opening half-mile.

The European entrants in the inaugural **Turf Sprint** finished second (**Diabolical**, an ex-patriot), fourth (**Fleeting Spirit**, the lukewarm 4-1 favorite) and last (**Only Answer**).

Miesque's Approval ('06 Mile); **Elmhurst** ('97 Sprint) and **Cardmania** ('93 Sprint) are the oldest winners of BC races at age 7. Seven 6-year-old performers have won BC races.

SELECTIONS:

1. GET FUNKY
2. NOBLE COURT
3. CANNONBALL
4. FLEETING SPIRIT

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SATURDAY

SENTIENT JET - BREEDERS' CUP

Sprint

\$2 Million



Post-Time

3:10 pm EDT
2:10 pm CDT
12:10 pm PDT

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Daily Double, Pick 3,
Pick 6

TOSS THE SPRINT CHALK

by Dick Jerardi
Philadelphia Daily News

ANALYSIS: The most shocking element here is how little early speed will be in the starting gate. The early speed of **Zensational**, unbeaten in five sprint races, and **Fatal Bullet**, a synthetic freak (9-for-11 and second in last year's Sprint) looks a lot better under that circumstance than it would in a race with six speed types that promised only meltdown. **Fatal Bullet** can win from the top or pass one or two, if necessary. **Zensational** will get no free lunch in this spot.

MAIN CONTENDERS: The records of **Zensational** and **Fatal Bullet** need little analysis and they will get bet accordingly. **Gayego** is proven on the surface and the barn (Godolphin) is in the midst of a legendary run, starting at Saratoga and showing no signs of abating. **Kodiak Cowboy** and **Capt. Candyman Can** might be better at seven furlongs, but they will be coming hard in the stretch. **Crown of Thorns** was second to **Gayego** in the Ancient Title, and, stabled in Hall of Famer Richard Mandella's barn, will have home-track advantage. **Fleeting Spirit** appears to have the speed to get good position and has won more than \$1 million sprinting in England and France.

VALUE PLAYS: **Fleeting Spirit** has been right there with all the best Euro sprinters and we know from last year that turf form and Pro-Ride form often are synonymous.

WAGERING STRATEGY (\$100):

- \$1 Superfecta Key: **FATAL BULLET** over **GAYEGO, KODIAK KOWBOY, DANCING IN SILKS, CROWN OF THORNS** and **FLEETING SPIRIT** (\$60)
- \$20 Exacta Box: **FATAL BULLET** and **FLEETING SPIRIT** (\$40)

STATS & TRENDS:

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 24% In-The-Money 44%

Average Winning Payoffs

\$2 Win: \$20.84

\$1 Exacta: \$167.38

\$1 Trifecta: \$1,559.90

\$1 Superfecta: \$18,429.78

DIVISION HIGHLIGHT:

2006: Longshot **Thor's Echo** led an improbable trifecta sweep at Churchill Downs, resulting in the first time in **Sprint** history where the top three finishers all were 15-1 or more odds. That has only happened twice before in BC history ('91 Mile and '99 Classic).

KNOW THIS:

The "home team" has only scored two of the four **Sprint** renewals held at Santa Anita, that being 1993 champ **Cardmania** and 2008 winner **Midnight Lute**.

Midnight Lute in 2008 became the first **Sprint** winner in 18 years to be victorious after finishing out of the money in his final Breeders' Cup prep.

The rail post has produced only two winners (**Smile** and **Thor's Echo**) in the 25-year history of the **Sprint**.

The **Sprint** has had more longshot winners paying \$20 or more – 12 – than any race on the Breeders' Cup card. The Classic is second with 9.

SELECTIONS:

1. FATAL BULLET
2. FLEETING SPIRIT
3. GAYEGO
4. DANCING IN SILKS

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SATURDAY

GREY GOOSE - BREEDERS' CUP

Juvenile

\$2 Million



Post-Time

3:49 pm EDT
2:49 pm CDT
12:49 pm PDT

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Daily Double, Pick 3

IN THE BONE-CRUSHERS' CORNER

by Jeremy Plonk
ESPN.com

ANALYSIS: This is an east-west heavyweight bout that I'm not sure will even make it out of the first round. Flashy, untested and highly-praised, **D' Funnybone** travels west to meet hard-working, proven and often maligned **Lookin At Lucky**.

MAIN CONTENDERS: You won't find a more criticized undefeated 2-year-old with a pair of Grade 1 wins among his first four starts than **Lookin At Lucky**. The wise guys say he's not fast enough and downright overrated for beating up playground nerds. Few mention that his Del Mar Futurity win was only about two lengths slower than stablemate Zensational's previous day win in the Pat O'Brien. Critics instead prefer to focus on the fact that the race was 19 points inferior on the Beyer scale. **Lookin At Lucky's** Norfolk stretch-out around two turns was a playground tour—he virtually eased up at the eighth pole before getting back to work without an anxious moment. Meanwhile, fleet **D' Funnybone** has ransacked New York sprint stakes, a formula that's historically littered the Juvenile with a pile of losing tickets (think Dehere, Whywhywhy, Cuvee etc.) Showdown? I'm calling it a mismatch.

VALUE PLAYS: California's 2-year-olds historically dominate Breeders' Cup baby races held on the west coast, so start your price shopping there with Norfolk pursuers like **Dave in Dixie** and **Pulsion**. Of the eastern raiders, fear **Aspire** most. Sire Tale of the Cat has been exceptional on all-weather surfaces.

WAGERING STRATEGY (\$100):

- \$1 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** with **DAVE IN DIXIE**, **PULSION** and **APSIRE** with **ALL** (\$36)
- \$1 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** with **ALL** with **DAVE IN DIXIE**, **PULSION** and **APSIRE** (\$36)
- \$14 Exacta Part-Wheel: **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** over **DAVE IN DIXIE** and **PULSION** (\$28)

SELECTIONS:

1. LOOKIN AT LUCKY
2. DAVE IN DIXIE
3. PULSION
4. ASPIRE

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STATS & TRENDS:

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 36% In-The-Money 64%

Average Winning Payoffs

\$2 Win: \$16.04

\$1 Exacta: \$95.44

\$1 Trifecta: \$699.39

\$1 Superfecta: \$8,380.92

DIVISION HIGHLIGHT:

1986: Capote rocked the Juvenile field wire-to-wire as the favorite, kicking off a trend that still holds true today: California-based and prepped babies have won all 4 Juvenile editions held at Santa Anita, culminating with **Midshipman** a year ago.

KNOW THIS:

Horses prepped at Belmont own a 10: 0-0-2 mark in Juvenile events held in California, including beaten favorites **Cuvee**, **Dehere** and **Tejano**.

After an eight-year run of double-digit Juvenile payoffs, **War Pass** (\$6.60) and **Midshipman** (\$9.20) have returned the event to some predictability the past two seasons.

Europeans in SA-hosted Breeders' Cups

Overall: 70: 10-7-3

Turf: 47: 7-6-3

(Won F&M Turf, Juvenile Turf, Turf twice and Mile three times)

Dirt: 14: 1-0-0

(Won Classic)

Pro-Ride: 9: 2-1-0

(Won Classic, Marathon)

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SATURDAY

TVG - BREEDERS' CUP

Mile
\$2 Million



Post-Time

4:28 pm EDT
3:28 pm CDT
1:28 pm PDT

**Wagering
Menu**

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Daily Double, Pick 3,
Pick 4

REPEAT BID TOUGHER FOR GOLDIKOVA

by Steve Byk

At the Races with Steve Byk (Sirius Satellite Radio)

ANALYSIS: Goldikova was an explosive winner as favorite a year ago, but the 4-year-old daughter of Anabaa saw her reputation sullied when beaten by solid Varenar and Sweet Hearth a month ago at Longchamp.

MAIN CONTENDERS: Goldikova has been anxious behind the gate and headstrong in recent starts, lending her an air of vulnerability at low odds. She faces a much more talented cast in this year's renewal than in 2008, and is a bad 'key' this time. **Delegator** has accounted himself famously all season with his lone failing coming in the Irish Guineas over heavy sod. He owns ideal stalker cruising speed that wins many editions of this event, and is one of the day's most likely winners under Frankie Dettori.

VALUE PLAYS: After six straight progressive performances, Kiaran McLaughlin's **Justenuffumor** was too bad to believe in the Shadwell Mile. If it was the boggy going that derailed the son of Distorted Humor, expect a rebound at a nice price here. Stonerside remnant **Cowboy Cal** has had an excellent campaign, two sharp preps, and will attempt front-end thievery.

WAGERING STRATEGY (\$100):

- \$3 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **DELEGATOR** with **ZACINTO**, **GOLDIKOVA**, **JUSTENUFFUMOR** with **ZACINTO**, **GOLDIKOVA**, **JUSTENUFFUMOR**, **COURT VISION**, **COWBOY CAL**, **FERNELEY**, **KARELIAN**, **MR. SIDNEY**, **WHATSTHESCRIP** (\$72)
- \$1 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **ZACINTO**, **GOLDIKOVA**, **JUSTENUFFUMOR** with **DELEGATOR** with **ZACINTO**, **GOLDIKOVA**, **JUSTENUFFUMOR**, **COURT VISION**, **COWBOY CAL**, **FERNELEY**, **KARELIAN**, **MR. SIDNEY**, **WHATSTHESCRIP** (\$24)
- \$1 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **DELEGATOR** with **ZACINTO**, **GOLDIKOVA**, **JUSTENUFFUMOR** with **GLADIATORUS** (\$3)
- \$1 Exacta: **DELEGATOR** with **GLADIATORUS** (\$1)

SELECTIONS:

1. DELEGATOR
2. ZACINTO
3. GOLDIKOVA
4. JUSTENUFFUMOR

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STATS & TRENDS:

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 32% In-The-Money 44%

Average Winning Payoffs

\$2 Win: \$19.87

\$1 Exacta: \$139.28

\$1 Trifecta: \$1,720.55

\$1 Superfecta: \$19,236.26

DIVISION HIGHLIGHT:

2008: Goldikova showed an explosive turn of foot to turn back the Americans and halt a four-year Yankee win streak in the **Mile**, which included scores by **Singletary**, **Artie Schiller**, **Miesque's Approval** and **Kip Deville**.

KNOW THIS:

Seven straight **Mile** trifectas have sported at least one horse who broke from post position No. 10 or higher.

Europeans have had great success in four Santa Anita-held **Mile** events, winning in 1986 (**Last Tycoon**, 35-1), 2003 (**Six Perfections**, 5-1), and 2008 (**Goldikova**, 8-5) and finishing second in 1993 (**Ski Paradise**, 18-1).

In 2008, **Goldikova** became the first favorite to win the **Mile** in eight years, dating back to **War Chant's** 2000 score.

2008 Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita

Winning Prep Races:

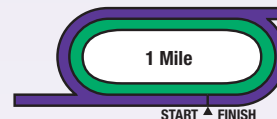
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Favorites: 14: 3-3-2

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SATURDAY

BREEDERS' CUP
Dirt Mile
\$1 Million



Post-Time
5:12 pm EDT
4:12 pm CDT
2:12 pm PDT

Wagering Menu
Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Daily Double, Pick 3,
Pick 4

HOT RACE, ICE-COLD EXACTA

by Dick Jerardi
Philadelphia Daily News

ANALYSIS: Love the Mile dirt race, but there are so few of them anymore it makes this race a bit of a mystery. Is it the good sprinter or the horse proven at nine furlongs that has the advantage? And how do you decide? No easy answers, but the most rational way to approach this race is to consider the distance, but don't get hung up on it. Just try to find a horse that can make a sustained run from the turn to the wire.

MAIN CONTENDERS: **Girolamo** is late to the party, but the brilliantly bred son of A.P. Indy out of Mr. Prospector's daughter, Get Lucky, looked like the real thing when he blew by multiple stakes winner Kensei in the Jerome Handicap at Belmont Park. The 3-year-old won in the midst of a wild roll by Godolphin, that, as October melted into November, showed no signs of ending. Last year's 2-year-old champion, **Midshipman**, won the BC Juvenile on this surface a year ago. **Mastercraftsman** would surprise me to run here, given Coolmore's pursuit of the Classic.

VALUE PLAYS: **Crown of Thorns**, who trains at Santa Anita, has the home-field advantage for Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella. If the colt can sustain the run he made when second to Sprint contender Gayego in the six-furlong Ancient Title, he could win this race at a fair price.

WAGERING STRATEGY (\$100):

• \$100 Exacta: **GIROLAMO** with **CROWN OF THORNS** (\$100)

*Stats & Trends and Know This information provided by
Jeremy Plonk (HorseplayerPro.com and ESPN.com).*

STATS & TRENDS:

Division Debut: 2007

Favorites: Win 0% In-The-Money 50%

Average Winning Payoffs

\$2 Win: \$12.00

\$1 Exacta: \$69.70

\$1 Trifecta: \$871.85

\$1 Superfecta: \$10,150.35

DIVISION HIGHLIGHT:

2007: **Corinthian's** 6 1/2-length victory in the inaugural **Dirt Mile** was the seventh-biggest blowout in Breeders' Cup history. **Inside Information** owns the record with her 13 1/2-length Distaff drubbing in 1995.

KNOW THIS:

Longshot pacesetters have held on for a share in both **Dirt Mile** editions to date, namely 7-1 runner-up **Gottcha Gold** in 2007 and 22-1 third-place finisher **Two Step Salsa** a year ago.

Heavy favorites have struggled in the **Dirt Mile**. **Discreet Cat** managed only third at 3-2 odds in the inaugural, while 6-5 chalk **Well Armed** languished in ninth place last fall.

Three-year-olds are 0-for-5 in the young history of the **Dirt Mile**, with **Two Step Salsa's** third-place run in 2008 the best finish.

2003 Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita

Winning Prep Races:

5-SA; 2-Fra; 1-TP, Ire. (includes dead-heat)

Favorites: 8: 2-1-0

SELECTIONS:

1. GIROLAMO

3. MIDSHIPMAN

2. CROWN OF THORNS

4. FURTHEST LAND

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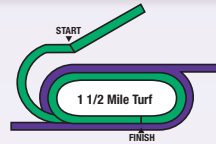
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SATURDAY

EMIRATES AIRLINE - BREEDERS' CUP

Turf

\$3 Million



Post-Time

5:57 pm EDT
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2:57 pm PDT

Wagering Menu

Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Daily Double, Pick 3

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT PART II

by Jeff Siegel
HRTV

ANALYSIS: Defending champ **Conduit** is back, only this time he won't be 5-1, as the evidence suggests he's even better now as a 4-year-old. By design, **Conduit** has raced only four times this season, but included in his portfolio is a victory in the 12-furlong King George VI and Queen Elizabeth at Ascot in July, a performance rated by *Racing Post* as the finest in his career. In his most recent outing, **Conduit** finished fourth, beaten two heads for second, behind Sea the Stars in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Nothing wrong with that.

MAIN CONTENDERS: If **Conduit** ran well in the Arc, then so did the filly **Dar Re Mi**, who wound up a length behind **Conduit**. **Dar Re Mi** is a two-time Group 1 winner in 2009 and it would have been three if not for a ticky-tack disqualification in the Prix Vermeille. Trainer John Gosden won two Breeders' Cup races last year, so **Dar Re Mi** is in top hands. The American contingent? Thoroughly unimpressive, arguably the weakest group ever of North American-based runners.

VALUE PLAYS: **Conduit's** stablemate, **Spanish Moon**, was banned in England for six months for poor gate behavior, but the talent is there if and when he chooses to use it. He's a winner of half of his 12 career starts and arrives fresh from winning the Prix Foy in September. On paper, he's not as accomplished as **Conduit** or **Dar Re Mi**, but he's not that far behind, either.

WAGERING STRATEGY (\$100):

- \$12 Trifecta Box: **CONDUIT**, **DAR RE MI** and **SPANISH MOON** (\$72)
- \$10 Exacta Box: **CONDUIT** and **DAR RE MI** (\$20)
- \$4 Exacta Box: **CONDUIT** and **SPANISH MOON** (\$8)

SELECTIONS:

1. CONDUIT
2. DAR RE MI
3. SPANISH MOON
4. PRESIOUS PASSION

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STATS & TRENDS:

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 32% In-The-Money 56%

Average Winning Payoffs

\$2 Win: \$21.96

\$1 Exacta: \$91.32

\$1 Trifecta: \$725.91

\$1 Superfecta: \$11,689.12

(\$4,345.47 minus 2000 payoff)

DIVISION HIGHLIGHT:

1998: Buck's Boy led every step of the 1-1/2 miles **Turf** in becoming the first and only wire-to-wire winner in the event's history. Jockey Shane Sellers orchestrated the theft.

KNOW THIS:

American-based horses have won or shared 3 of 4 **Turf** editions held at Santa Anita. **Manila** and **Kotashaan** took the top prize in 1986 and 1993, respectively, while **Johar** dead-heated with Irish raider **High Chaparral** in 2003.

At least one foreign-bred horse has been in the **Turf** trifecta in each of the past 10 years, including seven winners during that span.

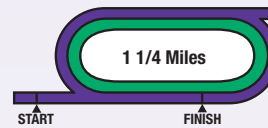
Odds-on favorites are merely 1-for-7 all-time in the **Turf**. **High Chaparral**, 4-5 in 2002, is the lone short-priced **Turf** success story.

Since 1995, only one horse prepped in California (2003 dead-heat winner **Johar**) has finished in the **Turf** trifecta.

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Race
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SATURDAY

BREEDERS' CUP
Classic
\$5 Million



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Wagering Menu
Win, Place, Show,
Exacta, Trifecta,
Superfecta,
Super High 5,
Daily Double

NO SLEEPING ON CLASSIC CHOICE

by Gary West
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ANALYSIS: The Classic field includes some of the best and most celebrated horses around. But in terms of proven talent, one horse stands out: **Rip Van Winkle** looks very much like last year's winner, Raven's Pass, if not a little better. Raven's Pass had never raced beyond a mile; but **Rip Van Winkle** gave one of his best performances when second to Sea The Stars in the 10-furlong Eclipse Stakes. And **Rip Van Winkle** is versatile, capable of stalking the leaders or launching a late charge. That versatility could serve him well if, as seems likely, the Classic unfolds with a moderate pace.

MAIN CONTENDERS: Although the runner-up, **Colonel John** gave a winning performance in the Goodwood, where he raced four-to-five wide; he's relatively fresh and obviously in top form. Unbeaten in 13 races, the great **Zenyatta** could take on "the boys" for the first time here, but a moderate pace and a crowded field would compromise her chances while her popularity will surely lower her odds. **Summer Bird** improved steadily over the summer, and he looked sharp in a recent work at Santa Anita.

VALUE PLAYS: **Twice Over** comes into the Classic in the best form of his career. A horse of conspicuous quality and the best turf horse to campaign this year in America, **Gio Ponti** has won on Pro-Ride. Whether he grabs the early advantage or stalks in moderate fractions, **Quality Road** could be an upset threat if he handles the surface.

WAGERING STRATEGY (\$100):

- \$5 Trifecta Part-Wheel: **RIP VAN WINKLE** with **COLONEL JOHN**, **TWICE OVER**, **EINSTEIN** and **GIO PONTI** with **COLONEL JOHN**, **TWICE OVER**, **EINSTEIN**, **GIO PONTI**, **QUALITY ROAD** and **SUMMER BIRD** (\$100).

SELECTIONS:

1. RIP VAN WINKLE
2. COLONEL JOHN
3. GIO PONTI
4. TWICE OVER

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STATS & TRENDS:

Division Debut: 1984

Favorites: Win 28% In-The-Money 64%

Average Winning Payoffs

\$2 Win: \$30.56

(\$20.62 minus 1993 payoff)

\$1 Exacta: \$113.49

\$1 Trifecta: \$2,045.61

(\$953.74 minus 1999 payoff)

\$1 Superfecta: \$64,200.88

(\$7,045.77 minus 1999 payoff)

DIVISION HIGHLIGHT:

1987: Kentucky Derby winners

Ferdinand and **Alysheba** put on a showstopper that saw Bill Shoemaker and **Ferdinand** prevail by a diminishing nose.

KNOW THIS:

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