

JUAN LEYVA IN FULL FLIGHT FOR BREEDERS' CUP

by Steve Sherack



Flightline training beneath Juan Leyva at Keeneland | Coady

LEXINGTON, KY – Juan Leyva has a first-class 'Flight' for this year's Championships.

The assistant trainer to John Sadler and former Breeders' Cup winning-jockey is the regular morning partner of unbeaten sensation and 3-5 Classic morning-line favorite **Flightline** (Tapit). The **highest-rated racehorse in the world** has won his first five starts by an astounding combined margin of 62 3/4 lengths, led by a jaw-dropping 19 1/4-length win while making his two-turn debut in the GI Pacific Classic at Del Mar.

Getting the monster that is Flightline to harness some of that brilliant early speed, however, has been another story.

"With him, it's always like, 'How do you ride a hurricane?'" Sadler said **in these pages** ahead of Flightline's spectacular GI Hill 'n' Dale Met Mile win at Belmont Park in June. "Juan's been working with him and getting him to relax."

Well, how exactly does Leyva do it?

"In the beginning, he was always very keen to do more than what was wanted from him," Leyva said. "It's just been a work in progress with him every day trying to get him to settle down. If it were up to him, he'd go out there and just breeze every day."

Longtime Sadler client and Flightline co-owner Kosta Hronis echoes those same sentiments.

"He wanted to go full blast and run as hard as he could all of the time," said Hronis, who campaigns Flightline along with Siena Farm, breeder Summer Wind Equine, West Point Thoroughbreds and Woodford Racing.

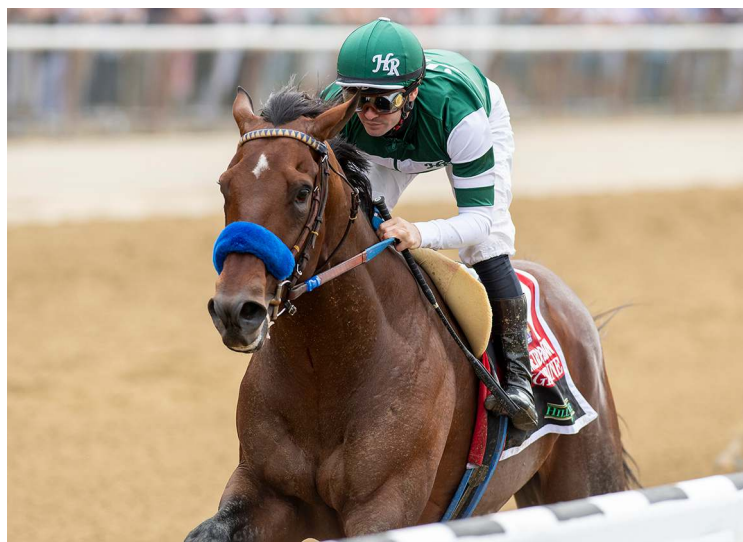
"I was watching the Pacific Classic replay on TVG and they were showing a Flightline work earlier in the year where he's just dragging Juan around the racetrack. Juan looks like he has both feet on the brakes. But then you see his last workout before the Pacific Classic and he's turned Flightline into such a relaxed and professional horse to where he's push-button now. It's a blessing that Juan is getting some recognition for what he's done. Not only for Flightline, but for the barn in general. He's done a great job."

With a \$1-million pricetag as a Fasig-Tipton Saratoga yearling and a growing reputation that he could back it up coming off the farm--albeit a bit belatedly after suffering a nasty wound to his hind end as a youngster--the expectations were always sky high for Flightline upon joining the Sadler barn in December of his 2-year-old season.

"The first day that I sat on him, I thought, 'Wow, what an amazing animal,'" Leyva said. "Just the way he moves is so different from other horses. And I've been at this for quite a while now, so I draw from experience of being on some good horses in the past. And he was just something that I had never experienced."

Born in Mexico and raised in Riverside, California, Leyva, like so many, was introduced to the sport by his father. The 38-year-old didn't immediately envision racing as a potential career path though.

"I liked horses and I liked riding them, but I didn't think that I would be doing what I'm doing now," Leyva said. "When I was very young, my dad had some Quarter Horses and he would match race them. In those kind of races, you put up your own m



All Flightline in the GI Met Mile | Sarah Andrew

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oney. He didn't really trust the jockeys, so he told me, 'You're gonna be the jockey.'"

He continued, "I did it to please him, but when I won my first match race, it was just such an exhilarating feeling of joy and triumph that the bug just bit me. Once I got old enough, I quit school and focused all my energy on the horses."

Still just in his late teenage years, Leyva began making the rounds on the backstretch at Santa Anita and was eager to show off his handywork from riding in the match races for his old man.

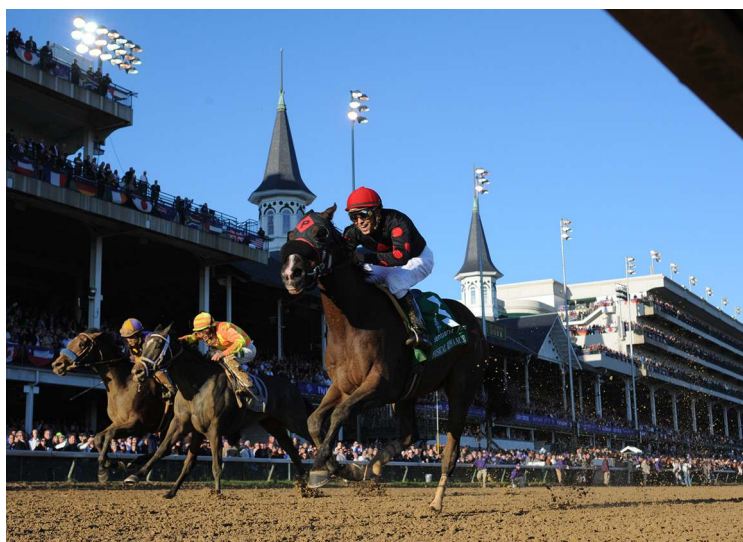
"My agent takes me to John's barn to work a horse," Leyva said. "And me being a young kid, I wanted to show John that I could switch sticks--hit right, hit left. So, that's exactly what I did."

As you can imagine, this did not go over well with the boss.

"I come back and John says, 'What the heck were you doing! We don't hit our horses in the mornings!' Leyva said. "And at that point, I thought I blew my chance at Santa Anita."


He didn't. Sadler gave Leyva another chance the following morning--he kept the stick in his back pocket this time, thankfully--and a friendship was beginning to take shape. Leyva launched his career as a jockey in 2000, and, before relocating to South Florida, Sadler offered him a job to work as an assistant. He declined. At least for the time being.

"I wanted to ride races, I wanted to pursue my dream," Leyva said. "I left, but through it all, we always stayed in contact. He always checked up on me."




Musical Romance & Leyva upset the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint at Churchill | Horsephotos

Leyva celebrated his biggest victory aboard 20-1 Musical Romance--ironically over the Sadler-trained Switch--in the 2011 GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint at Churchill Downs. He previously experienced the thrill of riding on the first Saturday in May in Louisville, piloting Storm in May to an unplaced finish in



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the 2007 GI Kentucky Derby. “I thought I had reached the top with Musical Romance, but I don't think I had even seen it until now with this horse [Flightline],” Leyva said.

Sadler once again “checked up” on Leyva a year or two following his victory at the Championships. He wasn't ready to hang up the reins just yet though.

“At the time, I still had some business and I was doing OK,” Leyva said. “I told him that I didn't want to quit riding yet. I was still enjoying it.”

Battling weight issues and suffering from a decline in business following the retirement of Musical Romance and Storm in May's trainer Bill Kaplan, Leyva decided to call it quits in 2017. In all, Leyva won 803 races for a total of \$22,942,868 in earnings. Trainer David Fawkes was the first to offer him a job as an assistant in South Florida, but Leyva had other ideas.

“After talking it over with my wife, I called John and said, 'I'm ready to come home,'" Leyva said.

Immediately thrown into the deep end, Leyva was put in charge of Sadler's 20-horse string at Los Alamitos. Not exactly what he had in mind when agreeing to return to the West Coast to serve as his assistant.

“I basically got a crash course in being a trainer,” Leyva said. “I went from riding races the past week to having 20 horses and trying to manage a set list, riders and grooms, etc. Little by little, I started doing my thing. But I didn't come to California to be at Los Al. I came to California to learn how to train horses from John.”



Juan Leyva all smiles aboard Flightline | Sarah Andrew

Fast forward six months and school was officially in session at the 'Great Race Place.'

“When he brought me to Santa Anita, it was like going from elementary school to high school--now you're in with the big dogs,” Leyva said with a laugh.



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Leyva rode champion Accelerate (Lookin At Lucky) ahead of his win in the 2018 GI Breeders' Cup Classic, which emphatically put an end to Sadler's well-documented 0-for-44 winless mark at the Championships. Leyva also began working with Sadler-trained standouts such as Hronis Racing's MGSW Catalina Cruiser (Union Rags) and Woodford Racing's MGSW and GI Breeders' Cup Mile runner-up Catapult (Kitten's Joy).

“I was very lucky that from the beginning when I went to Santa Anita, John had a lot of nice horses,” Leyva said. “I was able to work alongside them and really recognize what it takes to get to those kind of big races.

“Once I got to Santa Anita, that's where I really started soaking everything in that John was doing. And the great thing about John is that when we're doing something with the horses, he always takes time to explain to me *why* we're doing things. He's a very good teacher.”

As Flightline puts his unblemished record on the line in Saturday's \$6-million centerpiece at Keeneland, Hronis summed it up best.

“Juan's been a great student of John's,” Hronis said. “And Flightline has been a great student of Juan's.”

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BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF (G1)

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Racing/Broodmare Prospect (hip 260)

BLUE STRIPE (ARG)

Racing/Broodmare Prospect (hip 316)

SECRET OATH

Racing/Broodmare Prospect (hip 231)

BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE (G1)

CYBERKNIFE

Dam **Awesome Flower** – I/F **Gun Runner** (hip 261)
Weanling half-brother by **Authentic** (hip 125)

SIMPLIFICATION

Dam **Simply Confection** – I/F **Not This Time** (hip 236)
Weanling half-sister by **Union Rags** (hip 78)

GUNITE

Full sister **Surprise Attack** (R/BMP) (hip 241)

BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE SPRINT (G1)

CHI TOWN LADY

Weanling half-sister by **Game Winner** (hip 105)

LADY ROCKET

Racing/Broodmare Prospect (hip 195)

BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE TURF (G1)

ABOVE THE CURVE

Full sister **Thinking of You** – I/F **Justify** (hip 245)

FAMILY WAY

Racing/Broodmare Prospect (hip 287)

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Racing/Broodmare Prospect (hip 293)

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE (G1)

BLAZING SEVENS

Dam **Trophy Girl** – I/F **Essential Quality** (hip 302)

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES (G1)

CHOCOLATE GELATO

Dam **Special Treat** – I/F **Silver State** (hip 303)
Weanling half-sister by **Outwork** (hip 304)

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Racing/Broodmare Prospect (hip 298)

BREEDERS' JUVENILE TURF SPRINT (G1)

LADY HOLLYWOOD (GB)

Racing/Broodmare Prospect (hip 317)

SPEED BOAT BEACH

Dam **Sophia Mia** – I/F **Army Mule** (hip 312)

BREEDERS' CUP MILE (G1)

KING CAUSE

Half-sister **Bell's the One** (BP) (hip 267)

BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT (G1)

JACKIE'S WARRIOR

Half-sister **Lenni Girl** – I/F **Charlatan** (hip 198)

BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT (G1)

CAMPANELLE (IRE)

Racing/Broodmare Prospect (hip 272)

CASA CREED

Weanling half-sister by **Authentic** (hip 117)



LONGINES BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC



Flightline | Benoit

Few horses have commanded the superlatives that undefeated **Flightline** (Tapit) has over the course of his career. When the 4-year-old lines up for this weekend's GI Breeders' Cup Classic, many will confidently put their money on the colt to do exactly what he has done in the past--win. Standing in his way, however, is **Life Is Good** (Into Mischief), who in any other year

might have entered the Classic as the resounding favorite himself.

Campaigned by a partnership consisting of Hronis Racing, Siena Farm, Summer Wind, West Point Thoroughbreds and Woodford Racing, Flightline hasn't put a foot wrong since launching his career in the spring of 2021. Earning **TDN Rising Stardom** when scoring by 13 1/4 lengths in his career debut at Santa Anita in March of 2021, the striking bay was equally impressive when taking the next step up at Del Mar later that summer in an optional claimer. Rounding out his sophomore season with a win while facing stakes company for the first time in the GI Runhappy Malibu S. in December, he was forced to the sidelines for the early part of 2022 with a strained right hock. Patiently brought along by trainer John Sadler, he kicked off his 4-year-old campaign with a six-length tally over the re-opposing **Happy Saver** (Super Saver) in the GI Hill 'N' Dale Metropolitan H. June 11. Going farther than a mile for the first time in this summer's GI TVG Pacific Classic at Del Mar, the colt set a new standard, even for himself, with a tour-de-force 19 1/4-length victory.

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Dam Silent Candy (Hip 167) sells in foal to Not This Time

FLIGHTLINE

2.5% fractional interest in Flightline (Hip 1F)

HAPPY SAVER

Half-sister Smiling Cruise (Hip 922) sells in foal to Bolt d'Oro

Turf

WAR LIKE GODDESS

Dam Misty North (Hip 113) sells in foal to Curlin

Distaff

NEST

Dam Marion Ravenwood (Hip 187) sells in foal to Curlin

Mile

DREAMLOPER (IRE)

Sells as a racing or broodmare prospect (Hip 239)

IVAR (BRZ)

Half-sister Cupere (Hip 1892) sells as a racing or broodmare prospect

KING CAUSE

Half-sister Summer Mate (Hip 1354) sells as a broodmare prospect

Sprint

CZ ROCKET

Full sister City Success (Hip 1471) sells in foal to Speightstown

ELITE POWER

Half-sister Prevaricate (Hip 1282) sells in foal to Improbable

MANNY WAH

Half-sister Wow (Hip 995) sells in foal to Maclean's Music

Filly & Mare Turf

MOIRA

Weanling half-brother by Sir Prancealot (IRE) (Hip 716)

Dirt Mile

CYBERKNIFE

Half-sister Zia's Song (Hip 1) sells in foal to Gun Runner

SLOW DOWN ANDY

Half-sister Norma's Love (Hip 468) sells in foal to Nyquist

Turf Sprint

CARAVEL

Sells as a racing or broodmare prospect (Hip 224)

Filly & Mare Sprint

CHI TOWN LADY

Half-sister Gio's Lil Angel (Hip 1532) sells in foal to Dialed In; half-sister Trevice (Hip 972) sells as a broodmare prospect

EDGEWAY

Sells as a racing or broodmare prospect (Hip 156)

FRANK'S ROCKETTE

Half-sister Firewater Rocket (Hip 741) sells in foal to Bolt d'Oro

OBLIGATORY

Half-sister Napier (Hip 225) sells in foal to Maxfield

Juvenile Turf

GASLIGHT DANCER

Dam Raindrops Droptops (Hip 1682) sells in foal to McKinzie

MAJOR DUDE

Dam Mary Rita (Hip 230) sells in foal to Charlatan

Juvenile

LOST ARK

Dam Marion Ravenwood (Hip 187) sells in foal to Curlin

VERIFYING

Half-sister Midnight Bisou (Hip 235) sells in foal to Tapit; dam Diva Delite (Hip 182) sells in foal to Gun Runner

Juvenile Fillies Turf

XIGERA

Dam Argent Affair (Hip 1015) sells in foal to Street Boss

Juvenile Fillies

AMERICAN ROCKETTE

Half-sister Firewater Rocket (Hip 741) sells in foal to Bolt d'Oro

AND TELL ME NOLIES

Half-sister Tuff But Fair (Hip 2208) sells in foal to Tacitus

CHOP CHOP

Weanling half-sister by Constitution (Hip 374)

Juvenile Turf Sprint

AMERICAN APPLE

Sells as a racing or broodmare prospect (Hip 234)

SHARP AZA TACK

Weanling half-brother by Good Magic (Hip 880)

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Undefeated in his first three starts last season for trainer Bob Baffert, including a score in the GII San Felipe S., fellow **TDN Rising Star** Life Is Good was subsequently beaten a neck by Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music) in his debut for Todd Pletcher in the seven-furlong GI H. Allen Jerkens Memorial at Saratoga last term, but returned to winning ways in the GII Kelso H. before a scintillating victory in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile at Del Mar. Picking up in 2022 the way the previous season ended, he took the nine-furlong GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational in January, but failed to see out the trip when fourth in the G1 Dubai World Cup in March. Given plenty of time off following that taxing trip, the CHC Inc. and WinStar Farm representative rolled through his next three starts, including the GI Whitney S. Aug. 6 and most recently, the GI Woodward Oct. 1. Defeated in his sole start over the Classic's 1 1/4 mile distance, Life Is Good will have to show that he has the ability to handle the distance on U.S. soil.

Carrying the torch for this year's crop of 3-year-olds are GI Kentucky Derby winner **Rich Strike** (Keen Ice), GI Runhappy Santa Anita Derby and GI Pennsylvania Derby hero **Taiba** (Gun Runner) and **Epicenter** (Not This Time), victorious in the GI Runhappy Travers S. in his latest start. While all three have shown flashes of brilliance throughout the season, Epicenter has arguably demonstrated the greatest consistency and



Epicenter | Adam Coglianese

improvement as the year has progressed. Even in defeat, he proved he belonged with the best of his division. Victorious in a trio of graded stakes at the Fair Grounds this spring, highlighted by the GII Louisiana Derby, the Steve Asmussen trainee finished 3/4 of a length behind 80-1 shot Rich Strike as the favorite in the Run for the Roses and filled the same spot in the GI Preakness S.

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Taiba | Sarah Andrew

Freshened for a summer campaign, he came home a confident winner over the well-considered Zandon in the July 30 GII Jim Dandy S. before annexing Saratoga's marquee test for 3-year-olds, the Aug. 27 Travers.

Also worth a look here from the contingent of older runners are Grade I winners **Hot Rod Charlie** (Oxbow) and **Olympiad** (Speightstown). Most recently defeating Rich Strike in the GII Lukas Classic Oct. 1, Hot Rod Charlie is one of the most consistent horses in the field, rarely off the board in his career.

The well-bred Olympiad has proven 10 furlongs is well within his wheel house, scoring a decisive victory in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup Sept. 3.

With a championship almost certainly laying on the line for at least two divisions in this year's Classic, Flightline certainly appears to be the horse to beat. However, should he fail to produce his best effort, Epicenter just might offer a solid alternative having proven his ability to handle the distance as well as having established recency of form. Not to mention that bettors will get a much better price.--Christina Bossinakis

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	Classic runner	Date
GI Woodward S.	Life Is Good	Oct. 1
GII Lukas Classic	Hot Rod Charlie	Oct. 1
GI Pennsylvania Derby	Taiba	Sept. 24
GI Jockey Club Gold Cup	Olympiad	Sept. 3
GI TVG Pacific Classic	Flightline	Sept. 3
GI Runhappy Travers S.	Epicenter	Aug. 27
GII John A. Nerud S.	Life Is Good	July 2
GI Hill 'N' Dale Metropolitan H.	Flightline	June 11
GI Kentucky Derby	Rich Strike	May 7



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LONGINES BREEDERS' CUP TURF

If there is a Rodney Dangerfield horse in the mix at this year's Championships, Prince A A Faisal's **Mishriff (Ire)** (Make Believe {GB}) may just be the one as he bids farewell to the races in the G1 Longines Breeders' Cup Turf.



Mishriff | ScoopDyga

Last year's Saudi Cup winner, the 5-year-old possesses the single most-imposing piece of form over the 12 furlongs, having won a high-class renewal of the G1 Longines Dubai Sheema Classic in 2021. Sure, that was then and this is now, and the Mishriff we've seen this term appears not the same. But that doesn't mean he should be overlooked, even in the midst of a winless season in which he has some alibis.

A forgettable run in defense of the Saudi Cup was followed by a desperately unlucky second to fellow G1 Prix du Jockey Club hero Vadani (Fr) (Gleneagles {Ire}) in the 10-furlong G1 Coral Eclipse S. July 2. Third, having lost all chance, at the break of the G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth S. at Ascot three weeks later, he--like everything else--was left in the dust behind Baaeed (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) in the G1 Juddmonte International S. Aug. 17. If anything, his fourth in the G1 Irish Champion S. to the progressive Luxembourg (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) was fractionally disappointing and his down-the-field effort in the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe can be attributed mostly to the bottomless underfoot conditions. Frankie Dettori jumps aboard and blinkers go on for the Turf.

Godolphin/Sheikh Mohammed go in search of a seventh win in the Turf and second straight as they send out morning-line favorite **Rebel's Romance (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) and 3-year-old **Nation's Pride (Ire)** (Teofilo {Ire}). The former was on a G1 Dubai World Cup trajectory early this year, but was nowhere in a pair of starts on the dirt at Meydan over the winter and was moved

to the grass. Since then, he is four-for-four, including the G1 Grosser Preis von Berlin Aug. 14 and a defeat of G1 Deutsches Derby hero Sammarco (Ire) (Camelot {GB}) in the G1 Preis von Europa last time. Nation's Pride takes the same route into the Turf as did last year's winner Yibir (GB) (Dubawi {Ire}), having thrashed his rivals in the GIII Jockey Club Derby at Aqueduct last time. William Buick lands here, while James Doyle has the steer aboard Rebel's Romance.

No American-trained female has managed to beat the boys in the Turf, but **War Like Goddess** (English Channel) will have her fair share of backers to make history Saturday. Third after leading late in last year's GI Filly & Mare Turf, the rags-to-riches 5-year-old is a perfect two-for-two over this course and distance, with consecutive wins in the GIII Bewitch S. and followed her title defense Apr. 29 with a defeat of recent GIII Dowager S. heroine Temple City Terror (Temple City) in the GII Glens Falls S. at Saratoga. Perhaps too confidently ridden by Joel Rosario when a neck second to FM Turf runner Virginia Joy (Ger) (Soldier Hollow {GB}) in the GII Flower Bowl S. Aug. 6, she defeated a suspect group including the reopposing **Bye Bye Melvin** (Uncle Mo) in the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic at Aqueduct Oct. 8.

Broome (Ire) (Australia {GB}), impressive in winning the G2 Hardwicke S. at Royal Ascot in June, looks to improve on his runner-up effort in this 12 months ago.

Wild Card...

He looks well and truly overmatched on paper, but if hunting for something north of 20-1 for vertical wagers, consider **Gold Phoenix (Ire)** (Belardo {Ire}). The chestnut capped Flavien Prat's monumental GI Pacific Classic day with a barnstorming finish in the 11-furlong GII Del Mar H. that carried him to a head success over the in-form **Master Piece (Chi)** (Mastercraftsman {Ire}). He found some trouble in his latest when beaten a neck into third in the GII John Henry Turf Championship over a mile and a quarter, but should appreciate the extra real estate Saturday. And one can do worse than having Prat back in the boot. --Alan Carasso

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	Turf Runners	Date
GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic S.	War Like Goddess	Oct. 8
G1 Preis von Europa	Rebel's Romance	Sept. 25
G1 Irish Champion S.	Mishriff, Stone Age, Broome	Sept. 10
GII Del Mar H.	Gold Phoenix	Sept. 3
G1 Coral Eclipse S.	Mishriff	July 10
GIII Bewitch S.	War Like Goddess	Apr. 29

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LONGINES BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF



Nest (outside) and Malathaat | Coady

Although four other Grade I winners will beg to differ, the story coming out of the GI Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff when the dust settles is most likely to be a Todd Pletcher-trained exacta, a Stonestreet-bred exacta, and/or a Curlin over A.P. Indy trifecta. The Distaff field is arguably the strongest of Breeders' Cup weekend apart from the GI Classic. All but one of the fillies and mares are Grade I winners, all have faced other members of the field previously, and most would be deserving favorites just about any other year.

Front and center are Pletcher's dynamic duo of **Nest** (Curlin) and **Malathaat** (Curlin). The Hall of Famer's leading ladies make a powerful pair. Nest--owned by a partnership of Repole Stable, Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, and Michael House--may be the slight favorite after winning three straight, including the GI Coaching Club America Oaks at the Distaff distance. But for pesky runner-up finishes against the boys in the GI Belmont S. and behind fellow Distaffer **Secret Oath** (Arrogate) in the GI Kentucky Oaks, she'd be on an eight-race win streak. She's the real deal.

Ready for a showdown is her stablemate, Shadwell Stables' Malathaat, who has been a bonafide star in her own right. A year older than Nest, the Eclipse winner is coming off a spectacular win over track and trip in the GI Juddmonte Spinster S. and is undefeated in three graded tries at Keeneland. The **'TDN Rising Star'** owns the most Grade Is of anyone in the field with five, as well as the co-highest Beyer Speed Figure of 106. Pletcher has said the Stonestreet-bred 4-year-old tends to idle when she makes the lead, but she blew the doors off the competition by 5 1/4 lengths in the Spinster.

Nest and Malathaat have never faced each other in a race,

although they have worked together.

The other Stonestreet-bred runner is **Clairiere** (Curlin), who beat Malathaat fair and square in both the GI Ogden Phipps S. and GI Shuvee S. this summer before an off-day stemming from a false start when Malathaat turned the tables in the GI Personal Ensign S. Racing as a homebred under Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen's tutelage, she shares that field-high 106 Beyer with Malathaat and is the only member of the field to beat Malathaat--something she's done twice, although Malathaat definitely holds the advantage, having finished in front of Clairiere in their five other meetings. The 106 Beyer shared by Clairiere and Malathaat is the highest by a mare this year.



Clairiere (left) and Malathaat | Sarah Andrew

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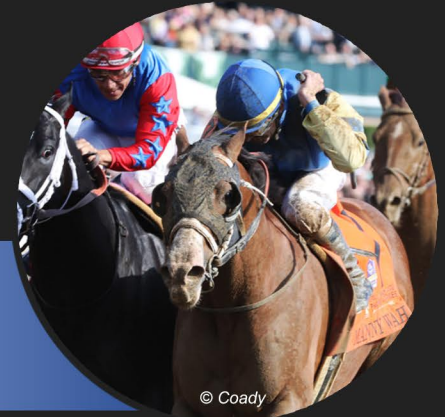
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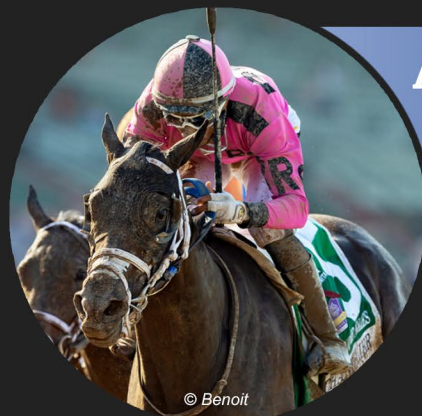
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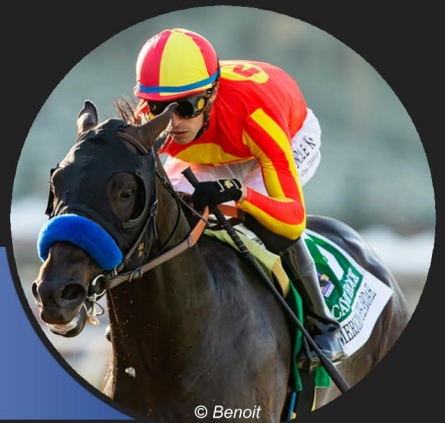
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Nest, Malathaat, and Clairiere are all bred on the identical cross, being by super sire Curlin and out of A.P. Indy-line mares. Both Nest and Malathaat are directly out of daughters of that great sire, while Clairiere is out of a mare by the stellar broodmare sire Bernardini, a son of A.P. Indy.

Pletcher isn't the only one with a shot for the winning exacta here. Asmussen also has a strong hand, with a second filly, the improving sophomore **Society** (Gun Runner), who won the GI Cotillion S. in her last outing. The Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds homebred has five wins in six career starts, is on a two-race win streak and triple-digit Beyer streak, and has only been beaten once, in her first Grade I try against Nest this summer in the CCA Oaks.

The aforementioned Secret Oath, a Briland Farm homebred, can't be counted out either, although she hasn't won since taking the Oaks in May. However, if anyone knows how to get to the winner's circle in the Breeders' Cup, it's her legendary Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas, who has won the Distaff four times. Pozo De Luna Inc.'s **Blue Stripe (Arg)** (Equal Stripes {Arg}), a half-sister to 2019 Distaff winner Blue Prize (Arg) (Pure Prize), has made a favorable impression in the mornings after her win in the GI Clement L. Hirsch S. Win or lose, the Marcelo Polanco trainee heads to the Fasig-Tipton 'Night of the Stars' sale

Sunday, as does Secret Oath.

Wild Card...

Chad Brown's hard-trying **Search Results** (Flatter), who ran a half-length shy of Malathaat in the Personal Ensign in her last out, has never been off the board and her Beyers stack up nicely with a career-high of 104. The Klaravich Stables runner has faced Malathaat three times and has always finished just behind her, but she's got a nice stalking style that might prove effective at Keeneland.

--Jill Williams

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	Runner	Date
GI Spinster S.	Malathaat	Oct. 9
GII Beldame S.	Nest	Oct. 9
GI Cotillion S.	Society	Sept. 24
GI Personal Ensign S.	Malathaat	Aug. 27
GI Alabama S.	Nest	Aug. 20
GI Clement L. Hirsch S.	Blue Stripe (Arg)	Aug. 6
GII Shuvee S.	Clairiere	July 24



Nest galloping at Keeneland Wednesday morning | Christie DeBernadis

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FANDUEL BREEDERS' CUP MILE



Modern Games | Michael Burns

Of all the races this weekend, the FanDuel Mile has the most robust European participation, with six of the 14 horses based across the pond, all of which have the look of contenders. At the top of that list is narrow morning-line favorite **Modern Games (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}), who looks for his second consecutive Breeders' Cup success after last year's controversial GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf score as a purse-money-only runner.

Laid up for over six months after that triumph, the chestnut returned May 15 at Longchamp to capture the G1 French 2000 Guineas, but disappointed somewhat when finishing third in the G1 Prix du Jockey Club and fifth in the G1 Prix Jean Prat, both times as the favorite. He's turned it on since then, however, following up a strong second to superstar Baaeed (GB) (Sea The Stars {Ire}) with a 5 1/4-length domination of the GI Ricoh Woodbine Mile S., good for a 112 Beyer, the biggest turf figure



Dreamloper | Scoop Dyga

earned in North America this year. If he runs back to that number, he'll be tough.

Even a slight step back from that, however, leaves it wide open to an array of other contenders. From the Euro contingent, **Dreamloper (Ire)** (Lope de Vega {Ire}) is scary if she runs back to her last race, a 5 1/2-length romp in the G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp. That represented her second Group 1 tally against males this year after a two-length conquest of the Prix d'Ispehan in May.

The most progressive amongst the Euros, however, is Marcstown Thoroughbreds' **Kinross (GB)** (Kingman {GB}). A respectable Group 2 winner through his first two seasons, the gelding has turned the corner this year at five, starting a four-race winning streak in the G2 City of York S. this August that's also included victories in the G2 Park S., G1 Prix de la Foret and



Order of Australia | Coady

G1 British Champions Sprint S. Whether or not he's better going shorter and the wide 13-post draw are concerns, but any of his last three efforts make him a major contender.

Order of Australia (Ire) (Australia {GB}) isn't the most consistent sort, scoring just twice in 13 starts since his 73-1 shocker in this race over this course in 2020, but perhaps his third in the GI Coolmore Turf Mile S. here Oct. 8 signals a return to top form.

From the American participants, 3-year-old Coolmore Turf Mile hero **Annapolis** (War Front) and star mare **Regal Glory** (Animal Kingdom) loom largest. Yet to be out of the exacta in seven starts, Annapolis proved his bona fides against elders in that local score and has shown to be versatile enough to adapt to a variety of pace scenarios.

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MALAVATH, trained in France by Francis-Henri Graffard, runs in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile on Saturday

Bonne Chance in the Breeders' Cup

FRENCH-BRED RUNNERS:

BRAN (Turf Sprint)

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Breeder: Charles Fipke

Trainer: W.P. Browne

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Trainer: John Quinn

ROUGIR (F&M Turf)

Owner: Peter M. Brant and Michael Tabor

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Trainer: Chad C. Brown

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Regal Glory | *Christie DeBernardis*

Regal Glory, in the exacta 18 times out of 21 tries, captured the GI Jenny Wiley S. over this course in the spring and followed that up by stopping the clock in 1:32 flat in capturing the GI Longines Just A Game S.

Wild Card...

Without a doubt, the wild card is **Domestic Spending (GB)** (Kingman {GB}), who would represent one of trainer Chad Brown's greatest training jobs should he prevail. A three-time Grade I winner and the clear-cut best American turf horse heading into last year's Breeders' Cup, he was forced to scratch the week of the race and now hasn't been seen for over 14 months. He returns with a trio of bullet works on the local turf for this ambitious attempt, and is good enough to win on his best day, but wasn't done any favors at the draw, pulling the widest-out 14-post. --*Joe Bianca*

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	Mile Runner	Date
G1 British Champions Sprint S.	Kinross (GB)	Oct. 15
G1 Coolmore Turf Mile S.	Annapolis	Oct. 8
G1 Prix de la Foret	Kinross (GB)	Oct. 2
G1 Ricoh Woodbine Mile S.	Modern Games (GB)	Sept. 17
G1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp	Dreamloper (Ire)	Sept. 4
G1 Longines Just A Game S.	Regal Glory	June 11



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HORSE	RACE
DRAMATISED (IRE)	Juvenile Turf Sprint
LOVE REIGNS (IRE)	Juvenile Turf Sprint
MISCHIEF MAGIC (IRE)	Juvenile Turf Sprint
PERSIAN FORCE (IRE)	Juvenile Turf Sprint
THE PLATINUM QUEEN (IRE)	Juvenile Turf Sprint
BASIL MARTINI (IRE)	Juvenile Fillies Turf
BE YOUR BEST (IRE)	Juvenile Fillies Turf
COMANCHE COUNTRY (IRE)	Juvenile Fillies Turf
MANHATTAN JUNGLE (IRE)	Juvenile Fillies Turf
MEDITATE (IRE)	Juvenile Fillies Turf
MIDNIGHT MILE (IRE)	Juvenile Fillies Turf
VICTORIA ROAD (IRE)	Juvenile Turf
CAMPANELLE (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint
CREATIVE FORCE (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint
FLOTUS (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint
GO BEARS GO (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint
TOY (IRE)	Filly & Mare Turf
TUESDAY (IRE)	Filly & Mare Turf
DREAMLOPER (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Mile
MALAVATH (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Mile
MODERN GAMES (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Mile
ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Mile
POGO (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Mile
BROOME (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Turf
GOLD PHOENIX (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Turf
HIGHLAND CHIEF (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Turf
MISHRIFF (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Turf
NATIONS PRIDE (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Turf
REBEL'S ROMANCE (IRE)	Breeders' Cup Turf
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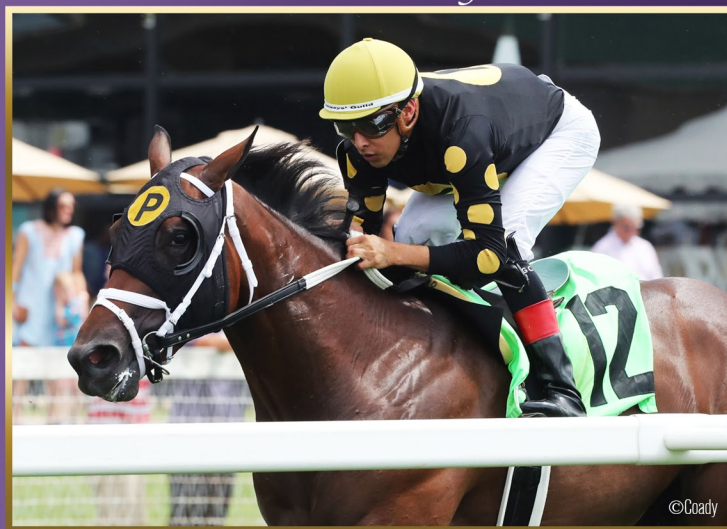
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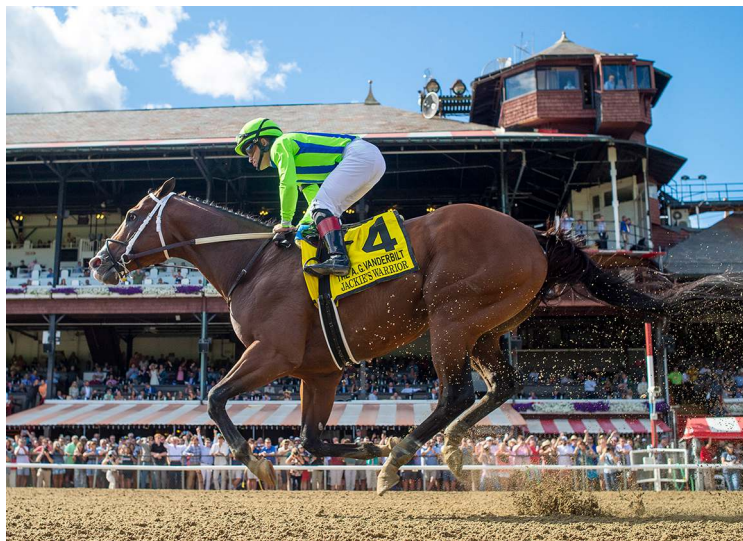


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QATAR RACING BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT



Jackie's Warrior | Sarah Andrew

Will the third time be the charm?

Champion **Jackie's Warrior** (Maclean's Music), beaten as the heavy favorite twice at the Championships, finishing fourth in the 2020 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile and sixth in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Sprint, will take one more crack at it in the Sprint before heading to the stallion barn at Spendthrift Farm.

After having a knee chip removed ahead of his 4-year-old campaign, the J. Kirk and Judy Robison colorbearer has enjoyed another brilliant season under Hall of Famer Steve Asmussen's tutelage, headed by jaw-dropping wins in the GI Churchill Downs S. May 7, GII True North S. June 10 and GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H. July 30. He made history in the latter, becoming the first horse to win Grade I races in three consecutive seasons at Saratoga. The \$95,000 KESEEP yearling lost little in defeat--his first loss in five trips to the post this season--finishing second with a gaudy 109 Beyer Speed Figure after dueling in the seven-furlong GI Forego S. most recently Aug. 27. Jackie's Warrior is the Sprint's 4-5 morning-line favorite.

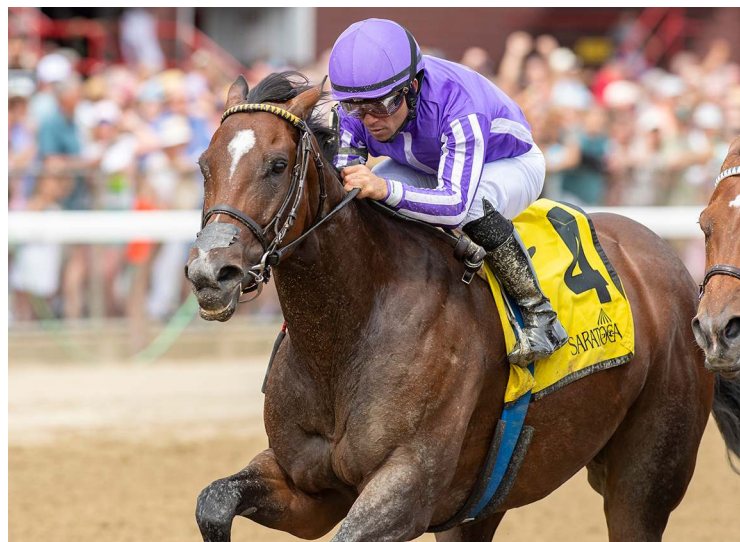
The in-form **Elite Power** (Curlin) looks for his fifth straight win after impressing in his stakes debut versus an overmatched field in the GII Vosburgh S. Oct. 8. The deep closer showed a new dimension that day, sitting right on the pace in a race lacking any true early speed.

Last year's 11-1 Sprint upsetter and future Mill Ridge stallion **Aloha West** (Hard Spun) has made only three starts this term, most recently getting back on track by narrowly securing Churchill's Kelly's Landing Overnight S. July 2. He was a well-beaten third while making his 2022 debut in Jackie's Warrior's Churchill Downs score. Aloha West has been firing bullets in Lexington for his title defense. Trainer Wayne Catalano will also saddle GII Stoll Keenon Ogden Phoenix S. longshot winner **Manny Wah** (Will Take Charge).

The turnback to sprints has certainly done the trick for **American Theorem** (American Pharoah), who put them back to back in the GII Triple Bend S. May 29 and GI Bing Crosby S. July 30. He was second best behind the very impressive Laurel River (Into Mischief) in the GII Pat O'Brien S. last time Aug. 27.

Wild Card...

The 5-year-old mare and 'TDN Rising Star' **Kimari** (Munnings), fourth in the GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint and seventh in last term's GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, will bypass the seven-furlong GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint and look to join the elite company of Very Subtle (1987), Safely Kept (1990) and Desert Stormer (1995) by defeating males at this preferred six-furlong trip in the Sprint. The bay, purchased by a Coolmore-led partnership for \$2.7 million at last year's Fasig-Tipton November sale, has taken her game to a new level in her last two in New York, posting career-high 105 and 106 Beyers in wins in the GII Honorable Miss H. July 27 and GII Gallant Bloom S. Sept. 25, respectively. She's two for two at this distance and also has a pair of wins at Keeneland--a 15-length debut tally as a juvenile and a victory in the 2021 GI Madison S. --*Steve Sherack*



Kimari | Sarah Andrew

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	Sprint Runner	Date
GII Vosburgh S.	Elite Power	Oct. 8
GII Gallant Bloom S.	Kimari	Sept. 25
GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt H.	Jackie's Warrior	July 30
GI Bing Crosby S.	American Theorem	July 30
Kelly's Landing S.	Aloha West	July 2
GI Churchill Downs S.	Jackie's Warrior	May 7

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In Italian | Sarah Andrew

Four-time GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf winning-trainer Chad Brown will saddle a trio, led by MGISW and 'TDN Rising Star' **In Italian (GB)** (Dubawi {Ire}), against a very deep European contingent of sophomores entered in this year's renewal.

Like Brown's 2014 Filly & Mare Turf heroine Dayatthespa (City

Zip), **In Italian** stretches out for the 1 3/16-mile affair after a win in Keeneland's one-mile GI First Lady S. Oct. 8. The Peter Brant colorbearer previously effectively stretched her speed up to 1 1/8 miles for a front-running tally in Saratoga's GI Diana S. July 16. Drawn wide in post 11, **In Italian** is the second choice on the Filly & Mare Turf morning line at 7-2. **In Italian's** sire Dubawi was represented by this race's 2017 winner Wuheida (GB).

The expected pacesetter **In Italian** figures to be kept company on the front end by two-time GI Rodeo Drive S. wire-to-winner **Going to Vegas (Goldencents)**. She faded to a distant 11th after setting the pace in last year's Filly & Mare Turf at Del Mar.

Brown will also be represented by two narrow last out winners--Michael Tabor and Brant's GI E. P. Taylor S. heroine **Rougir (Fr)** (Territories {Ire}) and Brant's GII Flower Bowl S. winner **Virginia Joy (Ger)** (Soldier Hollow {GB}). The runaway Queen's Plate winner **Moira** (Ghostzapper), a neck back in second as the E. P. Taylor favorite, was disqualified and placed eighth for interference that day.

They'll all have to beat the John Gosden-trained '**Rising Star**' **Nashwa (GB)** (Frankel {GB}), who is favored at 5-2 on the morning-line here. **Cont. p14**

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Partnered by the celebrated 25-year-old Hollie Doyle, the G1 Prix de Diane and G1 Nassau S. heroine was a valiant second and a nose ahead of G1 Prix Saint-Alary winner **Above the Curve** (American Pharoah) as the choice over unfavorable soft ground in the G1 Prix de l'Opera Oct. 2. Nashwa's resume also features a third-place finish behind the Aidan O'Brien-trained **Tuesday (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) in the G1 Epsom Oaks. Tuesday, however, has failed to get her picture taken in four efforts since that nose victory and was sixth in the Prix de l'Opera last time.

European 3-year-old fillies have a rich history in this race, including previous winners Banks Hill (GB) (2001); Ouija Board (GB) (2004); Midday (GB) (2009); Queen's Trust (GB) (2016); Wuheida (GB) (2017); and Iridessa (Ire) (2019). --Steve Sherack

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	F/M Turf Runner	Date
G1 First Lady S.	In Italian (GB)	Oct. 8
G1 E.P. Taylor S.	Rougir (Fr)	Oct. 8
G1 Rodeo Drive S.	Going to Vegas	Oct. 8
G1 Prix de l'Opera	Nashwa (GB) (2nd)	Oct. 3
GII Flower Bowl S.	Virginia Joy (Ger)	Sept. 3
G1 Diana S.	In Italian (GB)	July 16
G1 Prix de Diane	Nashwa (GB)	June 19

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Cazadero

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BIG ASS FANS BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE



Cyberknife (right) wins the GI TVG.com Haskell S. | Sarah Andrew

Trainer Brad Cox looks to take two of the last three runnings of the GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile Saturday after taking the 2020 edition with Horse of the Year Knicks Go (Paynter). Cox's 2022 entry, **Cyberknife** (Gun Runner), looks to put a stamp on a banner year for his sire by adding what would be a third Grade I

to his resume before retiring to stud at Spendthrift Farm. A close third last out behind GI Breeders' Cup Classic contender Taiba (Gun Runner) in the GI Pennsylvania Derby Sept. 24, with fellow Dirt Mile contender **Simplification** (Not This Time) one more place back, Cyberknife made a name for himself early on with a win in the GI Arkansas Derby. He failed to fire on the First Saturday in May, but rebounded with wins in the GIII Matt Winn S. and Monmouth's GI TVG.com Haskell Invitational S., a "Win and You're In" race for the Classic.

Irad Ortiz, Jr. will try to break out of a four-way tie for most wins in this race, including last year's victory with MGISW Life Is Good (Into Mischief), as he pilots **Laurel River** (Into Mischief) for owner/breeder Juddmonte Farm. The Bob Baffert pupil is on a three-race win streak, including a decisive last-out score in the GII Pat O'Brien S. Aug. 27 over GISW Speaker's Corner (Street Sense).

Steve Asmussen, unlucky in this race since Tapizar (Tapit) found the winner's circle 10 years ago in 2012, brings in another talented son of Gun Runner, **Gunite**, a homebred for his sire's connections, Winchell Thoroughbreds.

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With four wins and two seconds from six starts this year, Gunite enters off a win in the GII Amsterdam S. and a narrow defeat by Jack Christopher (Munnings) in the GI H. Allen Jerkens Memorial S. at Saratoga earlier this summer. Since then, he's posted back-to-back stakes wins in the Harrods Creek S. and, most recently, the Perryville S. Oct. 22. Jockey Tyler Gaffalione, aboard for all but one of Gunite's 2022 starts, looks to ride his first Dirt Mile winner.



Gunite takes the GII Amsterdam S. | Sarah Andrew

In what has become one of racing's best feel-good stories of the year, **Cody's Wish** (Curlin) makes his Breeders' Cup debut for owner/breeder Godolphin and trainer Bill Mott. After powering through the allowance ranks at Churchill Downs last fall, Cody's Wish made his graded-stakes debut a positive one, falling just a neck short in the GIII Michelob Ultra Challenger S. Mar. 12 before going on a three-race tear culminating in a last-out victory over champion Jackie's Warrior (Maclean's Music) in the GI Forego S. with **Pipeline** (Speightstown) third.

Wild Card...

Slow Down Andy (Nyquist) cuts back after a third last time out in the GI Awesome Again S. Missing this year's GI Kentucky Derby due to illness, he returned to the track with a pair of seconds in stakes company in California and captured the GII Del Mar Derby two back in his first try on the turf. --Stefanie Grimm

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	Dirt Mile Runner	Date
Perryville S.	Gunite	Oct. 22
GI Awesome Again S.	Slow Down Andy	Oct. 1
GI Pennsylvania Derby	Cyberknife	Sept. 24
GII Pat O'Brien S.	Laurel River	Aug. 27
GI Forego S.	Cody's Wish	Aug. 27

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BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT



Golden Pal | Horsephotos

Golden Pal (Uncle Mo), looking to cap his racing career with a third Breeders' Cup victory Saturday for trainer Wesley Ward before retiring to Coolmore's Ashford Stud, is coming off a dominant victory over the Keeneland lawn in the Oct. 8 GII Woodford S. The consistent bay, who is the 2-1 morning-line

favorite, won his first Breeders' Cup race at Keeneland when he captured the 2020 GII Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint and he is a perfect four-for-four over the Lexington oval's turf course.

Ward will also saddle **Campanelle (Ire)** (Kodiac {GB}) in the Turf Sprint ahead of the 4-year-old filly's engagement at the Fasig-Tipton November sale the next day. The bay won the Giant's Causeway S. over course and distance in April and is coming off a win in the GIII Ladies Sprint S. at Kentucky Downs Sept. 10.

Casa Creed (Jimmy Creed) tries the Turf Sprint after finishing off the board in the last two runnings of the GI Breeders' Cup Mile. After a trip overseas earlier this year, where he was a narrowly beaten second in the G3 Turf Sprint Cup in Saudi Arabia and fifth in the Mar. 26 G1 Al Quoz Sprint, the 6-year-old won the six-furlong GI Jaipur S. in June. He added the Aug. 13 GI Fourstardave H. and was fifth in the Oct. 8 GI Coolmore Turf S. last time out--likely confirming the decision to revert to sprinting for championship weekend.

Glass Slippers became the only overseas winner of the Turf Sprint when he won two years ago. The foreign entrants this year are led by **Highfield Princess (Fr)** (Night of Thunder {Ire}).

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Casa Creed | *Susie Raisher*

The 5-year-old mare brings a string of three straight Group 1 victories into championship weekend: she won the Aug. 7 G1 Prix Maurice de Gheest S., Aug. 19 G1 Nunthorpe S. and the Sept. 11 G1 Flying Five S.

Wild Card...

Mizzen Mast was responsible for two-time Turf Sprint winner Mizdirection, who captured the race in 2012 and 2013. The stallion could have another female winner of the race with **Caravel**, who is 20-1 on the morning line. The 5-year-old mare is coming off a course-and-trip win in the Oct. 16 GIII Franklin S.

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	Turf Sprint Runner	Date
Franklin S.-GIII	Caravel	Oct. 16
GII Woodford S.	Golden Pal	Oct. 8
Nearctic S.-GII	Cazadero	Oct. 8
Mint Ladies Sprint-GIII	Campanelle (Ire)	Sept. 10
Fanduel Turf Sprint-GII	Bran (Fr)	Sept. 10
Fourstardave H.-GI	Casa Creed	Aug. 13
Twin Spires Turf Sprint-GII	Arrest Me Red	May 6



Caravel on track Wednesday morning | *Christie DeBernardis*

BREEDERS' CUP FILLY AND MARE SPRINT

The GI Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint has seen its share of short-priced winners--none chalkier than the 11-10 returned by 'TDN Rising Star' Gamine (Into Mischief) at this historic venue two years ago--and plenty of long-odds scorers, including 10-1 Wavell Avenue (Harlington) when Keeneland hosted the Championships for the first time back in 2015 and the whopping 66-1 for Bar of Gold (Medaglia d'Oro) at Del Mar in 2017. In a 2022 renewal lacking a true standout on paper, shopping around for value seems the flavor of the afternoon Saturday.

Juddmonte Farms' Ventura (Chester House) took the second running of the Filly & Mare Sprint when it was run over the all-weather surface at Santa Anita in 2008 and the operation has claims this year with its homebred **Obligatory** (Curlin) in the first of the day's nine races. A last-to-first winner of the GII Eight Belles S. in her first try going seven-eighths last year, the gray filly was the easy winner of the GIII Hurricane Bertie S. in March, then bridged a double-digit deficit to earn a breakthrough Grade I in the Derby



Obligatory | Coady

City Distaff at Churchill Downs May 7. Her runner-up effort in the GII Bed O'Roses S. at Belmont the following month is dramatically better than it looks on paper--and her 99 Beyer looks strong enough--as she was forced to race atypically close to loose leader Bella Sofia (Awesome Patriot) in a four-horse affair and fought on very gamely to lose by just a half-length. Freshened for the GI Ballerina S. at Saratoga Aug. 28, Obligatory raced far back behind a generous pace, but just as she was commencing her rally about a quarter-mile from home, she was bothered badly by a lugging-out **Lady Rocket** (Tale of the Cat). She ran home gamely to be third and is a factor here on her best, but she can take some time to find top gear and she'll have a shorter

run to the wire than maybe she'd prefer.

The Brown-trained **Goodnight Olive** (Ghostzapper) was making her stakes debut in the Ballerina and had the perfect run in transit, stalking that strong early pace from up close before getting first run and shooting clear to score by 2 3/4 lengths.

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Ce Ce (Elusive Quality) took advantage of an off day for Gamine to best **Edgeway** (Competitive Edge) in last year's Filly & Mare Sprint at Del Mar. She has followed a similar preparation into her title defense, with a victory in the GII Princess Rooney S. ahead of what appears an excuse-free fifth in the Ballerina. She validated 3-10 favoritism in winning Santa Anita's GIII Chillingworth S. last time.

Shamrock Rose (First Dude) parlayed victory in Keeneland's GII Raven Run S. into a Filly & Mare Sprint upset at 25-1 in 2018, and **Wicked Halo** (Gun Runner) will look to follow suit Saturday. Owner of a four-race winning streak, the Winchell homebred outfinished **Sterling Silver** (Cupid) in the GII Prioress S. Sept. 2 before romping by four over course and distance two weeks ago. Winchell also races last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and Eclipse Award winner **Echo Zulu** (Gun Runner) in partnership with L & N Racing and she could not have looked better in dominating last year's Juvenile Fillies third Tarabi (First Samurai) by 5 1/4 lengths in the GIII Dogwood S. at Churchill Sept. 24.

Wild Card...

After winning two Breeders' Cup races last fall, Japan is represented by only **Chain of Love (Jpn)** (Heart's Cry {Jpn}) this time around. Just a three-time winner from 22 starts, the North Hills homebred was third to compatriot Dancing Prince (Jpn) (Pas de Trois {Jpn}) in the G3 Riyadh Dirt Sprint in February and a close fourth in the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen a month later. The chestnut exits a fast-finishing victory in the Listed Enif S. going this distance and should be running on. The 5-year-old hails from the family of 2012 Juvenile Turf hero George Vancouver (Henrythenavigator).--*Alan Carasso*

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	FM Sprint Runner(s)	Date
GII Raven Run S.	Wicked Halo	Oct. 22
GIII Chillingworth S.	Ce Ce	Oct. 2
GIII Dogwood S.	Echo Zulu	Sept. 24
Listed Enif S.	Chain of Love (PP 1)	Sept. 10
GI Ballerina S.	Goodnight Olive, Obligatory, Ce Ce, Lady Rocket	Aug. 28
GI Derby City Distaff	Obligatory, Edgeway	May 7



Ce Ce galloping at Keeneland Wednesday morning after the break | *Christie DeBernardis*

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