

\$150,000 Qatar Golden Mile Stakes

Race 1 Wagers | #1 to Win | Exacta Box Key 1 w 4,5,8

Multi-Race Wagers | Must Use: 1 | Price-Dependent Fringe Adds: 5 - 8 - 4

ACE OF CLUBS	POST POSITION: 1 4/1 WEIGHT: 120 LAST RACE: 26 DAYS	Tightening dirt spreads catch the eye going +5h / +2h / -1 in the dirt campaign, a progression that typically bodes well for the dynamics of both turf and distance. Switched to both with a local spin at 69/72h and I fully expect a move forward here to carve out at least a board-hitting trip if not minor upset.
UNCHARTED	POST POSITION: 2 15/1 WEIGHT: 120 LAST RACE: 26 DAYS	Optimistic spot here first time going two turns and still a maiden while others here are 2 steps ahead having already beat winners.
LORD BULLINGTON	POST POSITION: 3 6/1 WEIGHT: 120 LAST RACE: 27 DAYS	Always good to see a PLOW pattern triggered early for turf runners. It's a sign of future turf success but here's the deal for me. While a lot of Form Cycle Patterns are next-out indicators, the PLOW is a bit more of the long-game type play. It signals a horse that is figuring out the dynamics of turf racing and what you'll see is some next out winners, a lot of 2nd off the PLOW winners, and the bulk of the rest getting it done 3rd off. That said, this makes him one to watch but it also brings into question if 6/1 is enough value to ask him to spring the improvement right here and now as a maiden taking on several winners of winners. Gotta offer me a better price.
ULTRA POWER	POST POSITION: 4 3/1 WEIGHT: 120 LAST RACE: 40 DAYS	The romp on dirt in last fits perfectly for the "key race" theory. The place and show finishers he powered away from in there both broke their maidens on turf next out running 64/70h and 63/70.
GO WITH GUSTO	POST POSITION: 5 5/2 WEIGHT: 117 LAST RACE: 48 DAYS	Woodbine invader flexed grass smarts on debut with big +14 turf spread then no disgrace having to pick up the pace to 60h/69h in a Grade I with the two rivals to best her headed to BC divisions.
MO FOX GIVIN	POST POSITION: 6 6/1 WEIGHT: 117 LAST RACE: 35 DAYS	Textbook start to career as not only 2 for 2, but also developmentally by putting up the PLOW pattern 2nd out, a telltale sign of future turf success. Sometimes changes in regimen and handling are needed to get racehorses onto a better path. For example, everyone knows "1st off the claim" can be a hot winning angle for runners. However, when it goes in reverse, and we've got a runner that was already on a good trajectory, that form can sometimes be derailed with new handling. Cheap runner switches barns and goes here with one published work after the PLOW. I'm feeling a bit scared off about this situation for 6/1 as I've seen it not work well in the past.
CHARGE FOR GOLD	POST POSITION: 7 12/1 WEIGHT: 120 LAST RACE: 27 DAYS	I suppose there's a possibility he could appreciate the easier pace flow of a flat mile rather than being forced to push out 5 short furlongs, but tough to find evidence that'll be the case. Omaha Beach foals have won a few turf sprints but their 0/12 in routes. Barn's strike rate on all variables that apply to this race are low across the board (5-7% winners amongst categories of Turf, Routes, Sprint/Route, and 2YO).
ASEAN (IRE)	POST POSITION: 8 4/1 WEIGHT: 117 LAST RACE: 21 DAYS	Her style of running on from the back on European courses would typically translate to having even more work to do when replicated over here. Her two worst performances came over soft ground and she much preferred good-rated going. Perhaps the fast and firm will be an upgrade for her with the improved friction to accelerate on. I typically expect European runners to want to use European jockeys so find it interesting they throw T-Gaff aboard instead. Wouldn't be surprised if this indicates there's a sale pending and she's staying over here.

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Race 2 Wagers | #6 to Win | Trifecta Box [1,3,6,11]
 Multi-Race Wagers | Must Use: 6 - 11 | Frings Adds: 1 - 3

Top Ranked Figures

Average 4F - Mirinda	Average Final - Mirinda	Last 4F - Satellite Heart	Last Final - Mirinda	Top Lifetime Final - Mirinda
RECALCITRANT POST POSITION: 1 10/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 167 DAYS 2ND TIME BLINKERS		NEG/DTOP combo to kick off career and now having to find the stamina to stretch out off the break don't add up to a very appealing spot. One positive I could get on board with is trying blinkers appeared to work well for focus, and she'll be going 2nd time with them here. Give her slight chance to pop off saving ground and steal this race with the 85 2F Figure from last being a strong point of call compared to rivals but would much prefer she remains up at double-digits on the board.		
BORTNSTOSTAYTHIRSTY POST POSITION: 2 20/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 48 DAYS		Already sustained through 3 DTOPs in young career without laying off indicating exceptional durability. At the same time, it can also indicate she's closing in fast on the ceiling of this campaign now. Took her 5 tries to break maiden and now goes to winners.		
SATELLITE HEART POST POSITION: 3 12/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 14 DAYS		Entered back quickly off a 78h/67h DTOP, perhaps runner is experiencing new and exciting form for a barn that doesn't typically run them back this quick nor enters stakes level competition often. Yes, at face value, DTOPs are regressive patterns as they often require rest and recovery to run off of. However, juveniles are allowed some leeway since their true ceiling of ability is unknown and they can break through DTOPs much easier than older horses can.		
PETIT FILET POST POSITION: 4 20/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 34 DAYS		NEG dirt debut on a wet fast track for a \$1,500 purchase and a QH trainer looks like a hard one to buy in this.		
MIRINDA POST POSITION: 5 8/5 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 54 DAYS		Logical to be a short favorite here as her Final Figure holds a stout advantage on these. Obstacle will now be pairing up against a more honest pace set-up with 4 runners off 4F Figures within 1 point of each other. She'll also be in a spot where a long backstretch will give some of the more compressed runners a chance to work themselves into position to make an honest run at her if she's able to push onto the lead out of the first flight. Could understand anyone who singles based on Final Figure advantage alone, but appears to be plenty of gettable value in going against her with several rivals looking to be on the uptick here.		
PRANCINGTHRUPARIS POST POSITION: 6 8/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 60 DAYS		She's the lone COMP designation in here, and that's a big deal type of Form Cycle Pattern when we're dealing with juveniles. The heavy favorite is the only rival whose running line begs this one to step forward significantly so rates as big value here.		
GRAND SLAM SMILE POST POSITION: 7 5/2 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 89 DAYS		NEG/DTOP combo to start then a lack of a move forward in 3rd start prompted a 3-month break. Been training fast for return but up on the Tapeta. Tough one to read for return. Inclined to lean toward leaving out as I like rivals in here with more recency enough to be well-covered in win chances outside the ML favorite.		
MADISON RAE POST POSITION: 8 12/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 26 DAYS		Moved forward 2nd out to 74/65 NPT, one of few in here off positive Form Cycle Patterns. Tough spot for her though with a running line that's caught in the middle of having rivals who have sustained faster paces in front and other rivals who own more compression from behind.		
FLY A FANTASY POST POSITION: 9 20/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 60 DAYS 1ST TIME BLINKERS		Tightening spreads but with Final Figures a good notch below this field indicate she might be a good horse to Stable Watch for a stretch-out to routing.		
PUTT FOR DOUGH POST POSITION: 10 20/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 26 DAYS		Non-competitive running lines in multiple tries while tough to find any indications she'll magically wake up today.		
CRAZY HOT POST POSITION: 11 5/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 60 DAYS		Quickly tightening spreads indicate excellent progression in energy distribution. Could like routing similar to the #9 but she also has been getting up for more competitive Final Figure off that compression so could be one to fear in the lane here if the race flow allows.		

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Race 3 Wagers | #7 to Win | Exacta 2 - 7
 Multi-Race Wagers | Must Use: 2 - 7

STOIC LUNA	POST POSITION: 1 20/1 WEIGHT: 126 LAST RACE: 27 DAYS	Suddenly cutting back here after seeing a campaign of growing turf spreads is a bit of a reversal and not sure it fits quite right.
WHITE MOONLIGHT	POST POSITION: 2 3/1 WEIGHT: 126 LAST RACE: 93 DAYS	Lone Euro shipper is entered for serious connections and given respect on the ML as such. It can be a big ask to send runners to the tricky configuration of Santa Anita's Downhill Course for the first time which typically favors horses and jockeys that have experience on the hill. That said, we aren't dealing with your typical American runner that's looking to adapt off traditional ovals. This shipper is already plenty accustomed to nuanced bumps, bends, and elevation changes having campaigned the unique courses of Great Britain. Unfortunately, we don't have data available on Euro runners to make any Form Cycle assessments, but I wouldn't be surprised at all if this one put on a master class for the locals.
HONEY PANTS	POST POSITION: 3 8/1 WEIGHT: 124 LAST RACE: 63 DAYS	5-year old has scene race entries start to space out a bit compared to previous campaigns. The +4.4 turf spread on this course is a little bigger than others indicating she could have a shot late, but she'll also need to bump the Final Figure up a couple points in the process while likely needing to get through traffic. I'd prefer double-digit odds for sure before considering.
ELM DRIVE	POST POSITION: 4 6/1 WEIGHT: 126 LAST RACE: 35 DAYS	Mainly a main track charge, she does own a 73h/76 victory when trying this course out of the blue. In that cycle though, she was coming off a win with a +7 dirt spread and now enters off a forward-spent +15 dirt spread that translates to success here much less the time. This is a good spot to consider that when you're looking at past pacelines to gauge the ability of a runner at a trip, don't forget to take into account that variables such as current condition and form cycle that were present then may not be present now. The bullets in the work pattern look pretty but I don't trust her here.
EDDIE'S NEW DREAM	POST POSITION: 5 12/1 WEIGHT: 126 LAST RACE: 25 DAYS	Consistent type runner hasn't swayed too far up or down with his 4F, Final, or Turf Spreads in some time and looks like a very methodical type turfer. Re-visits this course from time to time with the most recent being a 79/77 place finish in January and a 75/75 victory last year. Looks to be a runner you can count on to give you an honest go at this trip. Last out appeared a slight regression from his norm but maybe needed one after being away from races a little longer than he was used to during the summer campaign. I feel okay about her value vs ability to hit the board if she's 12/1.
UNBRIDLED MARY	POST POSITION: 6 10/1 WEIGHT: 126 LAST RACE: 25 DAYS	She was pretty forwardly spent for a turf horse posting a -3 turf spread when geared up off the break. To be fair, she had mostly been busting out 5 furlong races beforehand so perhaps wasn't mentally prepared to go the flat mile in that one. Last couple at this trip look pretty good with a 75h/78 victory and 76h/78 place finish, both against allowance company. There's some back ability present but I prefer to watch one here off that -3 turf spread to start campaign.
BENEDICT CANYON	POST POSITION: 7 15/1 WEIGHT: 124 LAST RACE: 28 DAYS	Sprinter has been quickly tightening up going -8 to -3 to +0.4 for turf spreads over last 3. If she can adapt to this unique trip, that turf spread progression screams value for a stretchout try. Upset look.
WET MY BEAK	POST POSITION: 8 20/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 28 DAYS	Versatile look to have your 2 wins be a dirt route and a turf sprint. Versatility a must to handle this downhill course but that's probably too broad of an attribute to give her support here. Hasn't seen stakes competition yet so tough test here.
CAN'T BUY LOVE	POST POSITION: 9 6/1 WEIGHT: 126 LAST RACE: 89 DAYS	Cashed a lot of checks stringing together turf sprints in her career. Mixed feelings that 6/1 is good enough to ask a runner to take on a new track and unique course off a break, although she's proven several times she can win when fresh.
BRANDON'SMYLAWYER	POST POSITION: 10 10/1 WEIGHT: 124 LAST RACE: 63 DAYS	Good speed consistently pumping out 80+ 4F Figures but hasn't drawn ideal here in a spot where she could end up strung along around a sweeping bend having to cover a good amount more ground than inside rivals.
FREEDOM FLYER	POST POSITION: 11 8/1 WEIGHT: 126 LAST RACE: 25 DAYS	Lots of experience on this course but with plenty of sub-par running lines outside one big blowout where she was feeling great one day at 83h/83h.
PLAYLIST	POST POSITION: 12 4/1 WEIGHT: 120 LAST RACE: 55 DAYS	Nice string of wins this summer but that stretch felt like it came out of nowhere. The sophomore had to switch to synthetic to break her maiden after three failed turf tries then all of a sudden was a Grade 2 turf sprinter come September. Quick progressing condition like that can often go just as easily as it came. We're already sold on a Top Contender in this race so I see no reason to trust this one and invest.
ROSE MADDOX	POST POSITION: 13 8/1 WEIGHT: 126 LAST RACE: 20 DAYS *ALSO-ELIGIBLE*	Nice year developmentally with a TDL triggered on turf and DPT/NPT conditioning in the dirt form. Things culminated in a last out win over this course at 80h/83h. If she draws in, should be a threat right back but will also require decent enough odds to support the need for a clean trip and good race flow from this marooned post.

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Race 4 Wagers | #11 to Win | Super Key 11 / 1,2,4,5,10 | Trifecta 2,4,5 / 11 / 1,2,4,5,10
 Multi-Race Wagers | Must Use: 11 | Fringe Adds: 10 - 2 - 1 | Deep: 5 - 4

DR. NO NO	POST POSITION: 1 7/2 WEIGHT: 124 LAST RACE: 56 DAYS	Consistent string of races to kick off career and plenty capable of unlimited ceiling off a SOFT/NPT combo here as one of the only positive form cycle patterns of the field to really stand out.
STAY ON THE FENCE	POST POSITION: 2 12/1 WEIGHT: 120 LAST RACE: 27 DAYS	We can forgive DTOPs for runners still in development, but consecutive DTOPs prompted tighten that ability to forgive as regression becomes a bit more likely than further improvement. That said, double-digits offered is a solid proposition coming off the 2nd best Final Figure of local runners.
JUST A GUESS	POST POSITION: 3 12/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 13 DAYS	Interesting barn is eager to get him back to the main track in short turnaround off the turf route, but doesn't seem there's much to buy-in with that as barn is 1/50 with <15-day lay-offs. Our only main track gauge here is a slow 65h/59 NEG.
SHADY APPEAL	POST POSITION: 4 15/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 56 DAYS	Making some slight progress with energy distribution but dirt spreads are still quite forwardly-spent. Maybe a slight chance he can wake up and steal this one on the heels of fast 2F/4F Figures, but this isn't looking like much of a spread race for me so doubt I'm able to work him into any tickets.
SALSATION	POST POSITION: 5 8/1 WEIGHT: 120 LAST RACE: 20 DAYS	Big DTOP showing but that also came on a glib ALB track that threw out some inflated figures. So-Cal form includes a solid debut where he just missed triggering a COMP but then folded up against the pace demands of some of today's rivals. Quickly rebounded with a compressed 66h/65 at DMR to show resiliency. Exotics shot but prefer odds hold.
PRIVATE GEM	POST POSITION: 6 8/1 WEIGHT: 120 LAST RACE: 14 DAYS	73h/66 NEG debut as a claimer. Not the usable type at single-digits for us. We often give credit to NEG runners that are on the borderline of the parameters or only earn a NEG because they didn't need urged, but in this case we have neither. There is a subset within the NEG pattern where runners within the 7-10 point range are extra risky propositions 2nd time out.
MR. SUDS	POST POSITION: 7 12/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 13 DAYS	72/63h NEG going short on debut then immediately laid up. Took a needed race on turf to return and now back here on the main track, looks like one we want to just watch for now.
1ST TIME BLINKERS		
GOING MOBILE	POST POSITION: 8 12/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 13 DAYS	73/64 NEG winner on debut serves as a good example of watching out for that +7 to +10 dirt spread range on debut we mentioned we like to fade. Next out, he expectedly threw a dud against winners. Appreciated the switch to grass to start new campaign but nothing in particular there looked like it should translate over to today. Just watching on this one as well.
TIGER IN MY TANK	POST POSITION: 9 15/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 83 DAYS	Yet another who debuted to a NEG in the 7-10pt range and followed it up with a dud.
2ND TIME BLINKERS		
LAST CALL LONDON	POST POSITION: 10 4/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 56 DAYS	Regressed last out to 72/65h but that could be expected by some coming out of that big DTOP. Now fresh, he's eligible to run back to potential, and with the new "equipment change" (gelded), improved focus is often expected. Plenty usable here.
MAGIC SPOON	POST POSITION: 11 6/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 27 DAYS	Big debut overcoming trouble to notch a comeout win at 76/70 NEG. Most runners move forward 2nd out so simply on the premise of owning the only 70+ Final Figure of the local spins, I'd have to consider him more deserving of favoritism than a 6/1 ML.
MIC'S EXPRESS	POST POSITION: 12 5/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 26 DAYS	Most experienced runner in field I would have hoped to see a bit more progression across his sheet by now. 5/1 feels an underlaid offering given the slower improvement compared to less experienced rivals.

Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint

Grade I \$1,000,000



Race 5 | Turf | 5 Furlongs | 2YO's | Post Time 2:00 PM PT

Race 5 Wagers | Exacta Box 1,2,5

Multi-Race Wagers | Must Use: 2 - 1 - 5 | Fringe Adds: 9 - 11 | Deep: 3 - 6

CRIMSON ADVOCATE POST POSITION: 1 4/1 WEIGHT: 119 LAST RACE: 135 DAYS	Owns the fastest Last 4F Figure and 2nd fastest Last Final Figure of the field. Flashed a ton of staying power over at Ascot with only 1 of 25 rivals posing any real threat to her despite contributing to a fast pace on a typically closer's track. She's tough not to like here with the only possible question mark being lack of recency as the most laid off runner of the field. The way they've worked stablemate No Nay Mets has me wondering if she'll cede the front and attempt to tail him saving ground. In any case, she's shown visual burst and staying ability to be considered a contender here with any tactics.
NO NAY METS (IRE) POST POSITION: 2 4/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 55 DAYS	Bred in Ireland but began career with maiden breaker at Gulfstream Park before being sold for a notch over \$1 million in June. At first glance, I feel I could slot him my logical ML favorite given the lone "E8" of the American charges has never trailed stateside while drawing inside here with a chance to get first jump on this field. May not be quite that easy with the runner owning the highest Last 4F Figure drawing the rail inside him, and the shipper to his outside claiming to be ready to go early here as well. Outlasting true duels throughout a spin would be new to this one as he's had his 3 wins wrapped up by stretch time. Not an ideal situation for taking short odds so I'm hoping the tote can somehow hold the 4/1 line. The concern about the rivals drawn to each side was mentionable but also not a certain problem. #1 is a friendly that could very well let him fire and resign to take up stalking behind while the #3's gate speed claims come from the connections, not from my perspective. Draw a line through the Ascot race which appeared to contain valid excuses.
TIGER BELLE (IRE) POST POSITION: 3 15/1 WEIGHT: 119 LAST RACE: 64 DAYS	Off a pair of wins on soft ground, the filly will see much different conditions moving to the fast and firm footing of California. The connections claim she wants firmer ground and will relish the Santa Anita surface while being plenty pleased with the low post draw. The question here though for a runner that was facing much softer than she'll see now, was the soft ground which typically aids frontrunners on turf the reason she was holding on to win?...Or was it truly holding her back from beating those fields by open lengths as the connections seem to suggest? She'll have plenty of rooting interests on-track as about 50 members of the ownership group are making the trip over. For me, even if the scenario is correct that firm ground will upgrade her, I have to think she'll be dealing with early velocity and traffic she hasn't experienced before so even with the moral support of her syndicate ownership willing her on, I'm not convinced to follow. If she starts floating up to a big number 30/1+ then I might re-consider and jump on the wagon.
BIG EVS (IRE) POST POSITION: 4 3/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 49 DAYS	Impressive gate speed and staying power to keep the field at bay in last at Doncaster. We're going to draw a line through the 14th placing at York. Although we can't know for sure, that 16 barrier on the farside fence can be known to be a disadvantage, and it really did look that way as Big Evans was plenty clear of any stress but uncharacteristically just couldn't get into sport mode at all. The Molecomb Stakes run held both positive and negative looks in my opinion. It was good to see him respond and fight off a rival to win the photo when getting looked in the eye late, but on the flipside he was on a downhill course which should have helped him keep a more comfortable lead throughout. End of the day, runner looked impressive in the race before and this barn ships to win so I do see him in my top quarter of contenders, but there's enough obstacles here I'm not sold on favoritism. He'll be trying a turn for the first time as he's only gone on straight courses so far and you have to figure moving from softer ground to the firm green of Santa Anita will expose him to likely dealing with more traffic early than he's used to. If bettors happen to take that 14th placing for more than I think it was and scoff him up to 8/1 or so, my interest is definitely peaked, but it's far more likely I'll be looking to beat as a prospective co-favorite.
GIVEMETHEBEATBOYS (IRE) POST POSITION: 5 15/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 34 DAYS	No wins since selling at auction for \$1.41 million in June, but I do like the conditioning of the route he took to get here nonetheless. Wasn't ideal in last to see him race in a pack of 4 and have those 3 go by him, but then again he was 20/1 in that group and that show finisher is the ML favorite in the Juvenile Turf Division. On the flipside, loved to see him outbattling a targeted rival to steal 3rd at Curragh the race before, a course with a long uphill stretch that tests stamina. 3-back looked stellar through 5 of 6 panels at Ascot in June before settling for 4th. The cutback here feels like a positive move after a juvenile season of going longer on stamina-testing courses against good competition. Very intrigued if we get the double-digit odds offering.
STARLUST (GB) POST POSITION: 6 20/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 34 DAYS	Ran alongside Givemethebeatboys in last for much of the race but was repelled and drawn off on by that rival. Has a nice string of habitually hitting the exacta all summer on both turf and synthetic but unsure how stiff that competition was given he was 3/2 to 9/2 every race then once given the class hike to a Group 1, saw half the field accelerate home better. For a positive, one box we can check with him that we can't with some other Euros is we've seen him negotiate bends with his all-weather races showing the ability to sit under and inside cover around a turn then push between horses when the stretch opens up. Appears to be an outsider for win chances based on that last race. If the odds float up to long bomb level, usable in bottom of exotics with the good post draw, turn experience, and luring of Dettori.
SHARDS POST POSITION: 7 15/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 26 DAYS	Really nice finish in last outpacing a couple of today's rivals in late speed with the -5.5 turf spread being one of the tighter figures you'll find in this field. The tough look to it though is his slow gate speed leaves him a bit out of position to likely threaten sprinters of this caliber. He likely needs a meltdown in front of him to find the upset. This BC division's short history favors speed including 4 of 5 eventual winners being the leader at both the 3/8 and stretch calls. Has the late acceleration to be in consideration for Tri/Super tickets as a reverse key perhaps but I'd surely want 20/1+ to even mess with structuring those.
CHERRY BLOSSOM POST POSITION: 8 12/1 WEIGHT: 119 LAST RACE: 34 DAYS	Moves out of a respectable enough string of races including nice durability shown with a couple short breaks in there, but visually lacked the needed burst to put rivals away even when guided well into position to make the move. She goes for connections that can certainly get runners to suddenly give an uptick in this kind of spot, but that's also probably part of her being assigned odds I don't feel she's worth. More of a 20/1+ by my eye so as they say...if she beats me, she beats me.
AMIDST WAVES POST POSITION: 9 8/1 WEIGHT: 119 LAST RACE: 26 DAYS	Run that Indian Summer race back a handful of times, and she may be your photo finish winner more often than not. Closely matched splits with today's rival Committee Of One in there but was a bit stymied in stretch then when getting kicking clear made that rival look like he was slowing down when it was really just delayed burst from Amidst Waves. Will need to find a cleaner trip this time around, but I take her seriously being she could easily be riding a 4-win streak here while entered for a barn that has put a bulleseye on this race with a trio of soft entries all single digits on the ML.
VALIANT FORCE POST POSITION: 10 12/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 75 DAYS	Main knock would be that the lone win screams of a biased race. 6 of Top 7 finishers in the Norfolk S. came from the farside group including a 150/1 bomb (that would be Valiant Force of course) while the nearside group as a whole struggled to get anything going. In the Sumbe Prix Morny, tracked from the back but then when going to make a move, the first flight drew off pretty easy and he was the best of the second fighters, nothing too impressive in my opinion. This 12/1 ML looks like a huge underlay to me and I don't feel I have much interest at all in this one after watching the resume. The only variable that scares me here is win machine Buick taking the mount.
SLIDER POST POSITION: 11 8/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 27 DAYS	He's a 2-surface athlete going dirt win to turf win and owns the "horse for the course" angle as the only entrant that didn't have to make travel plans. He's been consistent in his running style as one that breaks well, settles into cruise around the turn, then kicks against rivals from the top of the stretch. Unlikely to see the same smooth trips he's been enjoying but it might not be a terrible switch-up either. He blew the turn his first turf try before kicking back on so perhaps he'll appreciate to some extent rounding the bend a few paths wider this time giving him less inertia to negotiate. This one might be a gametime decision depending on what the odds board looks like with mixed feelings on this runner.
COMMITTEE OF ONE POST POSITION: 12 8/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 26 DAYS	Figures to take the long way around from the outside draw with a trip similar to last when he fanned widest of them all. Even though he got the job done in photo fashion, my knock would be once the stretch run was under way and the real racing started, he enjoyed building acceleration out in the clear while two of today's rivals had to emerge from traffic with belated bursts and would have caught him had the wire been placed a few strides later. 8/1 doesn't feel anywhere near where I'm at on this one.

Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies



Grade I \$2,000,000

Race 6 | Dirt | 8.5 Furlongs | 2YO Fillies | Post Time 2:40 PM PT

Race 6 Wagers | Exacta Box 1,4,9

Multi-Race Wagers | Must Use: 1 - 9 | Fringe Adds: 4 | Deep: 10 - 13

The last 5 winners of the event took the way of going dirt sprint to dirt route before the BC Juvenile Fillies. Runners taking that path this year are the:
1 / 3 / 6 / 9 / 12 / 13

The last 4 winners were Saratoga sprinters before moving to route preps for this event. Can a local horse interrupt the trend this year?

The last 3 winners tightened up their dirt spreads significantly when going sprint to route which put them on a trajectory to compress even further in the winning Breeders' Cup spins.

WONDER WHEEL (2022)			ECHO ZULU (2021)			VEQUIST (2020)			BRITISH IDIOM (2019)		
W72.7	W73.5	69.8	W75.3	W75.5	W75.3	W79.7	74.0	W73.7	W63.6	W70.1	W70.4
70.4	76.7	69.9	72.0	76.5	83.6	74.6	72.5	80.4	72.5	72.9	73.6
-2	+3	0	-3	+1	+8	-5	-1	+7	+9	+3	+3
SOFT			SOFT		DTOP		REV		SOFT	SOFT	COMP
KEE	KEE	SAR	DMR	BEL	SAR	KEE	BEL	SAR	SAX	KEE	SAR
DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT
81/2	81/2	7	81/2	8	7	81/2	8	7	81/2	81/2	6
FAST	FAST	FAST	FAST	FAST	GOOD	FAST	FAST	FAST	FAST	FAST	FAST
11/04/22	10/07/22	09/04/22	11/05/21	10/03/21	09/05/21	11/06/20	10/10/20	09/06/20	11/01/19	10/04/19	08/15/19

Top Ranked Figures

LIFE TALK

POST POSITION: 11

20/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 27 DAYS

REV winner always a plus for first time routing. If you forgive the slop in last due to inexperience and put her on a heading to move forward, she's not so easy to throw out at 20/1, although still considered an outsider overall.

JUST F Y I

POST POSITION: 12

8/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 27 DAYS

NEG debut featured good pace velocity but fell in the danger zone of +10 spread for NEG's. If you figure she greatly benefited from an easy lead in slop, perhaps the previous expected regression will rear its head in this one instead.

ALYS BEACH

POST POSITION: 13

ALSO-ELIGIBLE

30/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 55 DAYS

Didn't wait for a route to trigger her REV so it would appear the more distance the better for this one. In pretty tough here but I'd grade her better than this 30/1 ML.

Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf

Grade I \$1,000,000



Race 7 | Turf | 8 Furlongs | 2YO Fillies | Post Time 3:20 PM PT

Race 7 Wagers | #14 to Win | Exacta Box [11,14]

[Trifecta 11 / 1,3,4,8 / 1,3,4,8] [Trifecta 14 / 3,4,7,8 / 2,3,4,6,7,8,10]

Multi-Race Wagers | Must Use: 14 - 11 | Fringe Adds: 4 - 8 - 3

	MEDITATE (IRE) (2022)	PIZZA BIANCA (2021)			AUNT PEARL (IRE) (2020)			SHARING (2019)		
F	W76.8	W78.0	71.9	W66.7	W75.8	W74.6	W71.9	W75.9	W73.3	W68.0
4F	61.8	68.5	60.4	49.6	69.4	71.5	65.5	69.4	60.7	68.8
F-4	+15	+9	+11	+17	+6	+3	+6	+6	+13	-1
P		SOFT								COMP
T	KEE	DMR	WOX	SAR	KEE	KEE	CDX	SAX	RL	SAR
S	TURF	TURF	TURF	TURF	TURF	TURF	TURF	TURF	TURF	DIRT
L	8	8	8	81/2	8	81/2	8	8	81/2	7
C	FIRM	FIRM	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	FIRM	GOOD	FIRM	FIRM	GOOD
D	11/04/22	11/05/21	09/19/21	07/22/21	11/06/20	10/07/20	09/01/20	11/01/19	09/21/19	08/18/19

Euro-based runners had gone winless in this event 2014-2021 but got back on track last year with 2/1 proposition Meditate (IRE).

BUTTERCREAM BABE POST POSITION: 1 30/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 26 DAYS	Nice advantage to have a local spin under belt as 1 of 3 in here out of the G3 Surfer Girl although I don't know a race is worth much when the 1-2-3 runners early gallop around to finish 1-2-3. The 61h/67 running line gives her a shot from this inside slot to be a part of the first flight while saving ground. If I wasn't already sold elsewhere on this race, she wouldn't make a bad long bomb try for a barn who's been pointing her here for a while now. I'll have to settle for having her on the bottom of some tickets as I've already assigned too much of this contest's win chances elsewhere to honestly entertain her getting this upset done.
FLATTERY POST POSITION: 2 20/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 26 DAYS	Nice 2 for 2 So-Cal start to career before prompting the PLOW pattern in local try. As mentioned, that was the 1-2-3 Surfer Girl where the race flow was obviously comfortable for all meaning she had about no chance to do any passing on rivals. May get a better shot here with a more honest set-up likely. Tough trip is a good possibility with plenty of crashers likely burying her in the field here.
BUCHU POST POSITION: 3 6/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 28 DAYS	Incremental upticks in both 4F/Final over last 3 turf spins. You'd really love to see the turf spreads also tick up but no problem seeing them remain steady at +11 since she was easily circling by fields and probably had the potential to do more if it was necessary. Scanning through year's past, there's several board hitters that were doing right around the +12 turf spread range coming in so any extra burst she hasn't shown yet could put her over the top here.
LAULNE (FR) POST POSITION: 4 15/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 48 DAYS	Gets handed off to So-Cal barn here for stateside debut which could go either way. The new regimen and handling could be just what she needs here facing firm ground for the first time, but it can also be known to "reset" a runner that's already been trained into a certain condition causing them to need a few races to work up a new campaign. Euro sprinters are typically downgraded to mid-packers when going distance for distance to the U.S. so this is a pretty typical move being given more ground as it should upgrade her early position. Has shown the ability to settle under cover then kick on once coming out. Enticing to have on tickets at double-digits.
CONTENT (IRE) POST POSITION: 5 15/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 27 DAYS	Has displayed good ability to settle in then grind away past rivals with a staying late kick. Watching her races though, I'm a bit skeptical the Santa Anita stretch will provide enough room for her to do her thing. Sure, O'Brien doesn't send them over here without a chance, but I'm still seeing others in here more attractive at this price range.
PORTA FORTUNA (IRE) POST POSITION: 6 5/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 34 DAYS	Comes out of a strong showing on good/firm ground and clearly possesses nice acceleration, a true turfer. The knock is going to be her career thus far has been powering away clear to run on straight courses which means she'll face a whole new configuration now having to negotiate a pair of turns plus possible traffic. Solid turf horse deserves this chance, but I'm only taking 5/1 when I see her fire out in the first flight. Unfortunately, it'll be too late to bet then so I'll be looking to beat given the obstacles faced here.
GALA BRAND POST POSITION: 7 12/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 30 DAYS	Massive 20+ turf spreads is her M.O. so fundamentally she fits the dynamics of turf racing very well. The question though is can she fit the dynamics of a flat mile against the best? The big late speed is there but at this trip, she's not tactical enough to just take this race by will so we'd need the rivals to offer her a good set-up. Could be tempting for consideration to run into exotics tickets as well as multi-race wagers since she can cover a certain scenario (in this case, meltdown), but I don't know that even 12/1 is good enough as she'll be disadvantaged by the short run-up to the first turn. Tough job pricing win chances on runners I think must get outside help in a race. There are other big turf spreads that can come running in here as well but have shown to be more tactical which is more attractive at this distance.
LIFE'S AN AUDIBLE POST POSITION: 8 15/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 30 DAYS	Moved fast developmentally to this point. A non-effort on dirt to get acquainted with the track gave way to a maiden-breaker sprinting on grass where she displayed much more compression at ~3 turf spread than you typically see for turf sprinters. This made it logical to get right to routing where she popped a big +19 turf spread showing more tactical speed than Gala Brand and more finish than Hard To Justify ultimately leaving her placed between them. Solid value in this 15/1 range as a board hitter.
CARLA'S WAY (IRE) POST POSITION: 9 6/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 35 DAYS	Enters off a massive performance at Newmarket where the juvenile flashed speed with strong staying power throughout putting rivals away even through the dips and bumps of the challenging course. I only wonder though where this sudden perfect fitness came from. She broke her maiden going straight on perhaps the easiest of the courses she's been on then was a badly failed favorite first against winners. Come back to Goodwood which should have favored her running style but was caught then we have this blowout win all of a sudden. Nervous we're looking at the turf version of a DTOP here and regression could be imminent. Sure, it's true juveniles are still under development and we give them leeway to spike new ceilings, but to go from 3 races where I would downgrade her performance to 1 run I consider a huge upgrade is an extra large jump. Couple that with a long ship and new obstacle of two tight turns she hasn't seen, I'm not much for accepting 6/1. Looks like one of those "if she beats me, she beats me" type of runners.

AUSTERE POST POSITION: 10 12/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 54 DAYS	Maiden breaker came back extra slow with just a 46 4F Figure which makes the +18 turf spread less impressive. Had to pump the running line up to 75/74 second out on a unique KDX course where her stride looked much the best so it would seem she's plenty adaptable to different configurations. That said, now we're back to a traditional oval where we haven't actually seen her take on any formidable rivals yet. I see potential but at the same time don't think you can yield any market support at all off the 12/1 ML for a runner unproven against today's paceline on a 2-turn oval.
SHE FEELS PRETTY POST POSITION: 11 4/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 48 DAYS	Looking quite tactical in two wins running them down at 5.5 furlongs on debut then taking the Grade I Natalma on a 62h/72 running line. Confidently ridden until late and when urged responded with big strides to romp. She can likely be prominently-placed here and get a nice jump on the closers turning for home. Big win chances.
HARD TO JUSTIFY POST POSITION: 12 6/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 30 DAYS	Given a perfect trip in the G2 Ms Grillo, her late kick was good but Life's An Audible was getting to her if the race was any longer. She'll have to settle into a new kind of trip today after saving all the ground in both starts so far. If you could lock ML's and I'm choosing between rivals that just faced each other, there's no way you're watching that race and taking her at 6/1 when the place horse is 15/1 today.
DREAMFYRE POST POSITION: 13 15/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 26 DAYS	Grade 3 dirt sprint winner to Grade 3 turf route winner. Pretty handy, huh? She was so fast early on debut, she came back with a PLUN pattern as part of a victory, rare to see. Earns a 62/67 on the turf route featuring a 4F Figure that puts right there with the likely pacemakers today. We've never seen her settle under cover so you have to assume she's either firing hard here (harder than she probably wants to) in order to clear all before the short run-up to the first turn, or she's just going to have to be hung wide. I don't like to throw around the term "out-posted" all that often but it's tough not to here. If this was another Grade 3 event, then sure, you can break from the 13 post and within 10 strides clear and move over making everyone that shouted "out-posted" look silly. This match-up is a whole nother level though and I don't see her overcoming this. What really cements it for me not to use her today is that she's already been given this local spin, with a good post, inherited the lead...and barely made it to the wire in time.
LES PAVOTS (IRE) POST POSITION: 14 8/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 33 DAYS	There's no firm ground on her resume, but typically softer ground is graded as not supplying turfiers enough friction to accelerate to their true potential so often you'll see horses that are more prominently-placed early finish better than deep closers. That notion really puts a spotlight on what she did 2-back at Deaville on a heavily-rated course where she absolutely flew by the field like they were standing still. If she appreciates the improved grip of a fast and firm track, sky's the limit on how ferocious her closing strides might be here. Marooned from the 14 post so plenty of chance rivals will get a well-advantaged slingshot for home before she starts doing her best running but looks impossible for me to leave out as I think there's big potential here.
GO WITH GUSTO POST POSITION: 15 *ALSO-ELIGIBLE* 15/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 48 DAYS	No rumours of likely deflections yet but if she does get in, she'll actually be facing other females for the first time. Figures a tough trip from out here obviously, but certainly noticeable she was professional enough to pop a +14 turf spread first time in competition. Keep note, just because she raced against the boys until now, this isn't by any means a "drop." She ran a 60h/69 in the open Grade I against males while #11 She Feels Pretty put up a 62h/72 in the fillies' Grade I same day and distance.
MO FOX GIVIN POST POSITION: 16 *ALSO-ELIGIBLE* 30/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 35 DAYS	Textbook start to career as not only 2 for 2, but also developmentally by putting up the PLOW pattern 2nd out, a telltale sign of future turf success. That said, switching barns going Allowance company to Breeders' Cup with one published work is an awkward spot to trust the forward trajectory stays on course here. Rough post and likely doesn't draw in anyways. Will be interesting to see how this hand-off goes. We'll likely be finding out in Race 1 where she's cross-entered.

Breeders' Cup Juvenile

Grade I \$2,000,000



Race 8 | Dirt | 8.5 Furlongs | 2YO Colts & Geldings | Post Time 4:00 PM PT

Race 8 Wagers | #8 to Win | Exacta Box 6,8,10 | Trifecta 6,8 w 6,8,10 w 3,6,8,9,10
Multi-Race Wagers | Must Use: 8 | Fringe Adds: 6 - 10

	F	FORTE (2022)			CORNICHE (2021)			ESSENTIAL QUALITY (2020)			STORM THE COURT (2019)		
4 of last 5 winners won both preceding races coming in. #6 Locked will be the only entrant here coming off a 2-win streak.	4F	W77.6	W75.3	W76.4	W74.6	W70.6	W75.4	W80.3	W74.4	W72.7	W68.1	64.2	69.8
2006's Street Sense and 2015's Nyquist are the only 2 winners of this race to go on to win the Kentucky Derby.	4-F	73.6	76.5	76.2	77.3	71.7	78.6	77.6	65.9	79.3	72.4	69.1	72.3
	P	-4	+1	0	+3	+1	+3	-3	-8	+7	+4	+5	+3
	T	KEE	KEE	SAR	DMR	SAX	DMR	KEE	KEE	CDX	SAX	SAX	DMR
	S	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT	DIRT
	L	81/2	81/2	7	81/2	81/2	51/2	81/2	81/2	6	81/2	81/2	51/2
	C	FAST	FAST	SLOPPY	FAST	FAST	FAST	FAST	FAST	FAST	FAST	FAST	FAST
	D	11/04/22	10/08/22	09/05/22	11/05/21	10/01/21	09/04/21	11/06/20	10/03/20	09/05/20	11/01/19	09/27/19	08/10/19

Top Ranked Figures

Average 4F - Fierceness

Average Final - Prince Of Monaco

Last 4F - General Partner

Last Final - Muth

Top Lifetime Final - Fierceness

THE WINE STEWARD POST POSITION: 1 8/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 27 DAYS	Perfect as a sprinter and nearly got the job done going this distance at 70/74 REV in last showing good duel grit through most of the stretch but ultimately rival #6 Locked pushed past on a 68/74h running line. Staying with the comparison to that rival, Locked was a 72h/72 COMP sprinter at SAR while The Wine Steward was more forward-spent at 75h/71h. Needs to improve while hoping rival doesn't, and we're only talking about a match race when we say that so win chances look tough when you throw in the rest of this deep field.
PRINCE OF MONACO POST POSITION: 2 4/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 54 DAYS	Also owns a spotless sprint record with the most impressive a DMR romp of 81/77 where he blew past stablemate Muth. However, that one went on to better prep for this stretching out while Prince Of Monaco stayed at 1 turn and regressed a bit as a 1/20 shot with a 79h/74 SOFT win. It's always tempting to visually perceive a closing sprinter as wanting more distance but that's just not how it pans out at times. Often instead, the naturally slower pace of longer spins aids front-runners and closing sprinters can no longer take the race for themselves late. Runner has also exhibited shorter stride lengths than typical distance runners resulting in the need for higher stride frequency and thus more energy exerted. I'm not comfortable with 4/1 here.
WINE ME UP POST POSITION: 3 15/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 27 DAYS	Ran about the reverse line of stablemate Muth in the local route try at 76/74. Think you'll find as we discuss this race, it appears the flow will set up better for others. He'll probably need to trigger a pretty square REV pattern to figure in here which is something others have already done so he may be a race behind everyone developmentally. Give him a slight chance to make that all up and hit exotics if price is right 20/1 but for the most part tossing.
TIMBERLAKE POST POSITION: 4 4/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 27 DAYS	Bit of an inconsistent type seeming like one that's always geared up and depending on the day, he can absorb the stress of high velocity fine and keep on striding such as 2nd out when he endured a 90 2F Figure and 85 4F Figure or he can call it quits such as 2-back when he regressed to an 82/69h off that DTOP. Last out's 78h/74 romp in the slop looks like a running line that would make me nervous he's a candidate to steal here, but I'm going to go out on a limb and say there's no way there's ever been a race in history where the Baffert barn had 3 entries and allowed a rival to walk comfortably on the front end. And for that reason, I'm out.
2ND TIME BLINKERS OFF LOCKED POST POSITION: 6 7/2 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 27 DAYS	Triggered the always good to see 72h/72 COMP on debut then went right to routing and right to winning. More a natural 2-turn horse than some of the other speedsters in here that may try to steal. Has shown higher stride length than rivals in his route races resulting in less strides taken and thus less energy exerted. Someone will kick for home here with an advantage and try to stay brave, but that prospect might be nothing but a target for Locked to run at and I've got to "lock" him in as one of my main contenders here.
CUBAN THUNDER (IRE) POST POSITION: 7 30/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 28 DAYS	Looks like an overly optimistic entry here after being 50/1+ against softer in his last 4 Euro races. Find it hard to believe the change of scenery he needs is to try American dirt for the first time where the pace dynamics and footing will be like nothing he's ever experienced. The lone half-sibling to win a dirt race took a \$7,500 claimer on a sloppy track.
GENERAL PARTNER POST POSITION: 8 8/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 27 DAYS	Caught a sloppy track in last putting which may have prompted the rider to want to send. The result looks like a forward-spent 80/71h that you might make you think he could try and steal here but ultimately weaken. However, the key to that run is the New Pace Top (NPT) earned. Acting as a strong conditioner to put sustainable pace into the horse, this runner now has the 76/75h COMP to fall back on and with improved energy distribution used now back to a fast main track, I think a peak overall performance could be on deck here. Upset Pick.
FIERCENESS POST POSITION: 9 6/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 27 DAYS	This one's ability is a bit under wraps here as he's never seen a fast track. All we have is a 77/63 where he called it quits and a debut 85h/77 which would be an impressive running line if it wasn't compromised being earned on a wet track that aided speed for the day. Lot of question marks to be 6/1 so I'd prefer he float up 10/1+ first then I could give consideration to throwing on some tickets based on the angle of unknown potential.
MUTH POST POSITION: 10 4/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 27 DAYS	Good speed as an 80+ 4F Figure sprinter but relished the easier 47ish fractions of a route compared to 44ish sprinting where he popped off a local win at 75/76 REV. Shown he can stalk other speed before pouncing already so I wouldn't be surprised if he works a good trip then comes out of the top of the stretch as the one to catch down the lane.
NOTED POST POSITION: 11 20/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 26 DAYS	Has cashed most of his checks as a turf horse so far but does have one main track spin on record at 64h/70 REV. There's a couple others in here at that -5 dirt spread range but those are a good 5 points ahead on Final Figure. Figures to be left with a lot of work to do and a ton of help needed to get into the money here.

Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf

Grade I \$1,000,000



Race 9 | Turf | 8 Furlongs | 2YO Colts & Geldings | Post Time 4:40 PM PT

Race 9 Wagers | Reverse Key Trifectas

Multi-Race Wagers | Must Use: 8 - 5 - 9 | Fringe Adds: 10 - 14 | Deep: 6 - 12 - 13

Lot of chances in here. Instead of trying to build your typical A / B / C type ticket, this is a good spot to choose a value-oriented opinion to stand on. One plan of attack might be demanding a 20/1 shot hitting the Tri as a reverse key.

5,8,9 / 5,8,9,10,12,13,14 / 6
5,8,9 / 5,6,8,9,12,13,14 / 10
5,8,9 / 5,6,8,9,10,12,14 / 13

= \$27 total for \$0.50 or \$54 to run back the same ticket but with the shots keyed in 2nd.

	VICTORIA ROAD (IRE) (2022)	MODERN GAMES (IRE) (2021)	FIRE AT WILL (2020)			STRUCTOR (2019)		
F	W75.0	W79.9	W75.5	W70.2	W70.2	W74.4	W71.2	W71.1
4F	60.1	71.6	62.1	50.9	69.3	64.7	64.3	50.1
4-F	+15	+8	+13	+19	-1	+10	+7	+21
P					COMP*			
T	KEE	DMR	KEE	BEL	SAR	SAX	BEL	SAR
S	TURF	TURF	TURF	TURF	DIRT	TURF	TURF	TURF
L	8	8	8	81/2	7	8	81/2	81/2
C	FIRM	FIRM	GOOD	FIRM	SLOPPY	FIRM	FIRM	FIRM
D	11/04/22	11/05/21	11/06/20	10/03/20	09/02/20	11/01/19	09/28/19	08/31/19

AIR RECRUIT

POST POSITION: 1

20/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 34 DAYS

The 55/64 running line requires a pretty decent uptick to contend here and the inside slot will likely leave him a less than ideal trip looking to work out of buried cover. Many rivals in here rate to have better late acceleration which should keep him at bay even if he does steer traffic well. Like this barn but not feeling very sold on board-hitting chances, even around 20/1.

RIVER TIBER (IRE)

POST POSITION: 2

3/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 34 DAYS

Precocious juveniles are just too hard to trust with short odds. When runners are in development, forward trajectory can take you anywhere. Here though, this one's been too sharp for too long and often enough those types of runners are too close to the ceiling with more room below than above. Moore opting to go here instead of #8 Unquestionable does cause some nervousness about my stance as that might hint he very well could be the goods in here, but I'm fine with being wrong and will be tossing.

TOK TOK

POST POSITION: 3

20/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 26 DAYS

1ST TIME BLINKERS

Handled softer no problem to start 2 for 2 then put up a decent 56/70 in the Bourbon. Not pleased with watching today's rival #4 Can Group fly by with much more kick in that race, he'll experiment with blinkers this time around. I'm not big on equipment changes for big races. They're usually just experiments so preferably you'd already have that stuff figured out beforehand in a spot like this. That's why an angle like 2nd time blinkers on or off is much more useful. You get to see if there was any positive effect, and it's also a variable most will skip right over in the form without noticing.

CAN GROUP

POST POSITION: 4

12/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 26 DAYS

Of the American-based runners hitting the board in this division, at least 1 of them was coming off a PLOW in 5 of the last 7 so this is a Form Cycle Pattern that does shed some positive light on a runner's competitiveness in this event. Plenty of experience circling fields most recently going last to first in the Grade 2 Bourbon coming back a 54/71 PLOW. Needs the right flow to run into.

MY BOY PRINCE

POST POSITION: 5

8/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 20 DAYS

Same angle just mentioned also applies here and maybe even moreso. The TDL is a powerful subset of the PLOW and while almost all successful turf horses end up triggering a PLOW as the turning point for their career, a lot less are ever able to trigger the TDL. Big hopes for this one who began career conditioning on all-weather and could be prominently placed with a big kick to finish.

STAY HOT

POST POSITION: 6

20/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 27 DAYS

Solid condition to begin career triggering the COMP debut with a DPT to follow. Translated that learned tactical speed to the turf with a local win at 70/73 and now gets a chance at the ultimate "first against winners" challenge. Looks to be tight off a bullet work while on an upward trajectory and could be favorably-placed for a trip with an unknown ceiling available. On the flipside, there are others with similar looks including one with a better local running line so juicy odds holding are a must.

AGATE ROAD

POST POSITION: 7

8/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 30 DAYS

He's run some of the biggest turf spreads of this field and owns one of the fastest Final Figures to match so look for him to be cooking in the lane when the real racing starts. 8/1 sounds fair, but there might be a better value out of that race available in the #10.

UNQUESTIONABLE (FR)

POST POSITION: 8

4/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 30 DAYS

Love he developed campaigning at the Curragh since it's a great spot to build stamina and love even more when finally shipping out, he showed a burst of good form running 2nd in a solid Longchamp Group 1 race where he proved he can negotiate a turn while in between rivals then burst out of the group. So many ship over without checking that box, it's comforting to cross off that question mark with this one. A must use for me.

ENDLESSLY

POST POSITION: 9

5/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 26 DAYS

Perfect record for the So-Cal runner who's done things very consistently going +4 to +5 turf spread in all 3 wins, most recently posting a 71/75h here at Santa Anita. Tough to knock a horse for the course that's smart enough to establish an identity from Day 1.

FULMINEO

POST POSITION: 10

20/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 30 DAYS

If you like what you see in #7 Agate Road's chances today, you almost have to side with value and turn to this one instead if he's truly going to offer 2.5x the odds. Runner's stretch push was stymied when trying to shoot between otherwise this one would be entered off a similar running line.

LIAM'S JOURNEY

POST POSITION: 11

30/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 30 DAYS

Tough sell entered this deep while still a maiden in 3 tries. Was well out-paced by 2 of today's rivals from the top of the stretch down the lane in last.

MOUNTAIN BEAR (IRE)

POST POSITION: 12

12/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 28 DAYS

Struggled to beat winners over the summer but relished a switch to synthetic. Negotiating an oval and getting firm ground might just fit him. I'm good with investing on his addition to some tickets if you're going to give me double-digit odds from a barn that's won this event 5 times.

GRAND MO THE FIRST

POST POSITION: 13

20/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 26 DAYS

Pair of wins on all-weather to kick things off and good to see a tightening between those starts of +9 to +4. The turf debut, however, although respectable for a local spin at 66/72h, was a bit disappointing in nature. Coupling the all-weather form with Jaramillo, a gate speed jockey, it's tough to comprehend this one starting so slow. Tried to make a middle move and when it looked like he was going to unleash a rally, just kind of stalled out a bit in the final furlong. Love the rider change today and expect there's some chance we should draw a line through the negatives of last race. Redemption possible and could be used on deep tickets if budget allows.

CARSON'S RUN

POST POSITION: 14

6/1

WEIGHT: 122

LAST RACE: 48 DAYS

Looking good developmentally as a first out winner, sprung the coveted 2nd out PLOW, then took down winners with a 59/71 much the best in a Grade I. May hold some good value if bettors scoff at the marooned post more than they should and let the odds float up. He's taken the wide route from the back in every race so nothing really new here as he can probably shuffle over and behind without too much fuss before the first turn comes.

\$50,000 Allowance Opt Claiming

Race 10 Wagers | Win Bet possible if odds + post parade spike a preference for #2 or #6
 Multi-Race Wagers | Must Use: 2 - 6

Top Ranked Figures

Average 4F - Bus Buzz	Average Final - Bus Buzz	Last 4F - Bus Buzz	Last Final - Ghost Of Midnight	Top Lifetime Final - Hejazi
THIRSTY JOHN POST POSITION: 1 12/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 237 DAYS	Durability is a worry here as he didn't seem to handle the stress of an NPT back in February well as it was followed up with a dud and needed lay-off. Gets the ultimate equipment change now as a gelding which may get him better focused in for this next campaign, but for today, this looks like a needed race and I expect he'll look to stretch out in follow-up races.			
GHOST OF MIDNIGHT POST POSITION: 2 4/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 26 DAYS	Can credit with COMP on debut as the only reason he went NEG is he didn't need to finish tough. Quick progression in energy distribution with the 75/76 REV 2nd out and looks like we've got a runner that checks all the boxes here. Owns forward trajectory better than 9/5 ML Bus Buzz and has more recency than 7/5 ML Hejazi. One to fear in the lane if one of the speedsters can't get comfortable up front.			
HEJAZI POST POSITION: 3 7/5 WEIGHT: 120 LAST RACE: 210 DAYS	Off a 9-month break, this is the start of a new campaign so the live NPT pattern has worn off and is no longer an angle here. That said, speedy runner is proven off a break popping an 83h/78h NPT back in January off the bench. Draws next door to main rival in here so expect them to play off each other. He has several running lines as a younger horse that could win today so if you assume the ceiling is higher now just off natural age development, he's very scary in here. On the flipside, it can be hard to trust a precocious juvenile who regressed turning 3 then required a lengthy break. There are other laid off runners showing back up to the races in here as well who have the same "maybe/maybe not" look while offering better pay-offs.			
BUS BUZZ POST POSITION: 4 9/5 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 33 DAYS	84/75h local spin appears the paceline most competitive with today's favorite. A bit disappointed though that his early season 4F/Finals are awfully similar to his current 4F/Finals so he appears to just be sustaining a ceiling without any forward progression. Looks vulnerable here as a co-favorite.			
MAN CHILD POST POSITION: 5 12/1 WEIGHT: 120 LAST RACE: 278 DAYS	I suppose could be any horse off such a long break, but there's not a whole lot here to think we should give him credit to wake up in this spot. 4F/Final running lines are much slower than rivals across the board, sold at auction for less than stud fee, and barn is 0 for last 16 with 180+ day lay-offs.			
ELECTOR POST POSITION: 6 6/1 WEIGHT: 124 LAST RACE: 384 DAYS	Early 4-year old season brought about 76/75 and 80/76 running lines that would fit well against these but runner wasn't durable enough to keep it going through the DTOP/NPT/NPT combo and ultimately regressed throughout the year until he required extensive rest. Laid off a full year could be any horse but at least we have some back ability to say he can contend if he doesn't need one here. Be interesting to see what the parimutuel market offers.			
FEROCIOUSLY POST POSITION: 7 20/1 WEIGHT: 122 LAST RACE: 25 DAYS	Winner off the break indicating good condition to start this campaign but needs a ton of help with the 4F Figure being respectable but the Final Figure requiring a good 7 points improvement to contend.			