Breeders' Cup Form Cycle Picks & Analysis Preview

All Predicteform users with subscribed access to any Friday or Saturday Breeders' Cup cards will receive complimentary full card analysis and picks with suggested wagers. We'll discuss form cycle patterns, dirt and turf spread progression, and pricing value.

We'll use last year's Distaff as an example of what you can expect from Predicteform's Form Cycle Picks & Analysis. Here, our Top Value Win Bet just missed at 24/1 but the suggested Exacta had our back for $111 per $2. Using the same suggested runners for the Trifecta would have yielded $283 per $1.

Breeders' Cup Distaff
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Race 9 | Dirt | 9 Furlongs | F&M 3YOs & Up | Post Time 3:55 PM ET

Race 9 Wagers | #2 to Win | Exacta 1,2 - 1,2,4,7 (6x Base)
Multi-Race Wagers | Must Use: 2 - 1 | Fringe Add: 6 | Deep: 4 - 7

MALATHAAT
POST POSITION: 1
3/1
WEIGHT: 124
LAST RACE: 27 DAYS
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She's a smaller type so durability was sometimes brought up as a question when she was kicking off her 3-year old career but here she is making her 6th start of this campaign without a break so I think she's dispelled any notion of those worries by now if she hadn't already a while back. Think she drew well here getting to save ground before making her typical pounce on the leaders. Tough one to leave out.

BLUE STRIPE (ARG)
POST POSITION: 2
20/1
WEIGHT: 124
LAST RACE: 91 DAYS

The Argentina native wasn't ready for this stage off the plane last year but after wintering has put together a decent west coast campaign coming off a REV/SOFT pattern combo that translates positively to receiving a little extra distance while fresh. Needs to improve to go with these but the price does look plenty fair for a runner on a positive form cycle trajectory leading in. Just the kind of outside invader to surprise a field like this that has been largely familiar with beating each other up all year.

Breeders' Cup Classic Winners

The prevailing trend has been the ability to find the Classic winner by simply using runners coming off an 80+ Final Figure. 6 of the 7 last winners met the criteria and you didn't have to be deep as only 1 to 3 runners fell in that 80+ grouping each year.

Year	80+ Rnrs	Winner	$2 Win	Last 4F	Last Final	Last Track
2022 KEE	3	Flightline	$2.88	77.5	82.8	DMR
2021 DMR	2	Knicks Go	$8.40	76.0	82.0	CDX
2020 KEE	3	Authentic	$10.40	74.2	85.8	PIM
2019 SAX	1	Vino Rosso	$11.20	66.7	80.6	BEL
2018 CDX	1	Accelerate	$7.40	74.8	74.5	SAX
2017 DMR	1	Gun Runner	$6.80	76.2	81.8	SAR
2016 SAX	2	Arrogate	$5.40	74.6	84.6	SAR

The 2023 Classic offers 3 runners off this angle.

Runner	Last 4F	Last Final	Last Track
White Abbario	68.3	80.9	SAR
Derma Sotogake (JPN)	74.2	81.2	CDX
Clapton	69.4	81.6	CDX

2018 Filly & Mare Sprint

The last double-digit odds winner of this race came in 2018 and highlighted one of the Value Plays algorithm's most impressive exotics hits in this race's history. Structuring a ticket using the Top 5 Value Plays could have scooped the Super Hi-5 Pool or cashed nice payouts on other exotics. The big exotics hits were spurred by NPT Top Value Shamrock Rose coming through at 25/1 while the other NPT in the race #12 Anonymity hit the board at 31/1.

Check out the Value Plays vs Results on next page:

VALUE PLAYS

P#	HORSE	VALUE	PLAY TYPE	PATTERN	LAST FINAL	LAST 4F	ML
14	SHAMROCK ROSE	1	BREAKOUT	NPT	W73.6	79.9	20
13	MARLEY'S FREEDOM	2	TOP CONTENDER	SOFT	W78.8	77.0	8/5
5	GOLDEN MISCHIEF	3	BREAKOUT	SOFT	W77.4	76.8	10
12	ANONYMITY	4	BREAKOUT	NPT	72.0	84.4	15
6	CHALON	5	AVERAGE		77.4	78.4	15

RESULTS

P#	HORSE	WIN	PLACE	SHOW	EXOTICS	PAYOFF
14	SHAMROCK ROSE	$53.80	$21.40	$11.20	$2 EXACTA	$720.00
6	CHALON		$14.60	$9.20	$1 TRIFECTA	$6,121.00
12	ANONYMITY			$15.60	$1 SUPERFECTA	$28,058.60
13	MARLEY'S FREEDOM				$0.50 SUPER HI-5	Not Hit
5	GOLDEN MISCHIEF					

Breeders' Cup Sprint

At first thought, you might imagine the world's quickest sprinters lining up would result in winners that display blowout speed and large positive dirt spreads with high pace velocity. However, in 23 editions of the BC Sprint, there have actually only been 2 gate-to-wire winners.

Rather than blowout 4F Figure speed, tactical speed has been the important attribute to possess in this grueling spin. In 6 of the last 7 editions, the eventual winner was coming off a mathematically negative dirt spread. 2023 pre-entries feature 3 runners coming off dirt spreads tighter than 0 with Gunite holding the dirt spread most closely resembling the dirt spread of past winners.

Year	Winner	$2 Win	Last 4F	Last Final	Dirt Spread
2022 KEE	Elite Power	$13.10	66.8	70.5	-3.7
2021 DMR	Aloha West	$24.60	77.1	79.1	-2.0
2020 KEE	Whitmore	$38.80	79.2	74.7	+4.5
2019 SAX	Mitole	$5.60	77.5	81.0	-3.5
2018 CDX	Roy H	$7.40	75.5	77.5	-2.0
2017 DMR	Roy H	$11.80	79.4	81.5	-2.1
2016 SAX	Drefong	$9.80	76.5	79.1	-2.6

2023 Sprint Entries off Negative Dirt Spread

Runner	Last 4F	Last Final	Dirt Spread	Last Track
Elite Power	73.3	79.5	-6.2	SAR
Gunite	71.8	73.6	-1.8	PRX
Three Technique	67.9	77.2	-9.3	CDX

The last time the Breeders' Cup was held in California with 2021 Del Mar, Value Plays nailed this race's exacta box with the 5-9 paying $99.20 per $2.

P#	HORSE	VALUE	PLAY TYPE	PATTERN	LAST FINAL	LAST 4F	ML
9	DR. SCHIVEL	1	TOP CONTENDER	NPT	W77.3	79.6	4
5	ALOHA WEST	2	AVERAGE		79.1	77.1	8