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## Friday Analysis

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<b>Race</b> 1	<b>Nyquist Stakes</b>			<b>Fri.</b> 11:30am
	\$125,000	6.5 furlongs	Dirt	For Two-Year-Olds
<b>Top Selections:</b>	4- Upstriker	6- Quick Tempo	8- Aweome Gerry	
<b>Race</b> 2	<b>Songbird Stakes</b>			<b>Fri.</b> 12:05pm
	\$125,000	6.5 furlongs	Dirt	For Two-Year-Old, Fillies
<b>Top Selections:</b>	14- California Lily	2- Off We Go	1- Lady Edith	
<b>Race</b> 3	<b>Bryan Station Stakes</b>			<b>Fri.</b> 12:40pm
	\$150,000	1 1/8 Miles	Turf	For Three-Year-Olds
<b>Top Selections:</b>	6- Fancy Liquor	2- No Word	3- Taishan	
<b>Race</b> 4	<b>McConnell Springs Stakes</b>			<b>Fri.</b> 1:15pm
	\$150,000	6 furlongs	Dirt	For Older, Fillies & Mares
<b>Top Selections:</b>	6- Unique Factor	4- Into Chocolate	1- Bye Bye J	
<b>Race</b> 5	<b>Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance Stakes (G2)</b>			<b>Fri.</b> 1:50pm
	\$200,000	1 5/8 Miles	Dirt	For Older
<b>Top Selections:</b>	8- Ry's the Guy	9- Mirinaque	7- Signalman	

Race 6	Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint (G2)				Fri. 2:30pm	
PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Sire/Dam	Odds	
	\$1,000,000		5.5 Furlongs		Turf	For Two-Year-Olds
1	Mighty Gurkha (IRE)	Hollie Doyle	Archie Watson	Sepoy-Royal Debt	20/1	
<i>Just barely held on two back in the Unibet Sirenia. Last out was not the prep needed. Just speed and fade – won't be able to contend with a lot of the better speed that he will be up against here. Difficult for him to win on the front end.</i>						
2	Windy City Red	Jose Valdivia, Jr.	Jonathan Wong	Chitu-Gator Hall	30/1	
<i>Looked the best in the Speakeasy Stakes, just coming up short to Amanzi Yimpilo (8). Closed really well to try and get there and showed a very classy late kick. Probably needs another race before this one, but very live to hit the board of the high odds – especially considering the expected quick pace.</i>						
3	Lipizzaner	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Uncle Mo-Irish Lights	20/1	
<i>Odd move for this son of Uncle Mo. He looked like he needed to go longer rather than sprinting in the Middle Park and Anglesey, but then did get a decent run leading up in the vertem.co.uk Doncaster Stakes. He had a strong challenge late and driven out – but had no extra. Fast ground probably won't suit.</i>						
4	County Final	Joel Rosario	Steven Asmussen	Oxbow-Tapajo	15/1	
<i>This is one that is tough to not play based on his recent troubles. Perhaps a bit better on dirt, he's been getting better in last two on the turf and had solid outings even when finishing fourth. Issue for him has been going wide and getting in trouble early. If he can get a clean trip, this race may suit up well for his style. He has been visually impressive last two, even in defeat.</i>						
5	Cowan	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	Steven Asmussen	Kantharos-Tempers Flair	8/1	
<i>Last out was exactly the type of race that I want to see out of a contender. He was the only one gaining any ground on a loose leader – Bodenheimer – in the Indian Summer over this course and distance. His turn of foot was impressive, and he has been improving each time out. His biggest issue is that he loves to get in trouble early – needs a clean break to have a chance, but he is very live and a must play.</i>						
6	Ubettabelieveit (IRE)	Rowan Scott	Nigel Tinkler	Kodiac-Ladylishandra	20/1	
<i>My preferred out of the international shippers; he had a solid performance in the Flying Childers last out at Doncaster, just holding on against favorite Sacred. His closing kick was one that seemed push button and gives a lot of confidence to him doing well here in the states. Only concern is that the field he beat was not very strong.</i>						
7	Momos	Manuel Franco	Christophe Clement	Distorted Humor-Inspeight	15/1	
<i>A gate to wire winner in his first start at Saratoga, this one seemed to be a dirt star, but he couldn't stay the same pace as Jackie's Warrior in the Saratoga Special and didn't like the dirt kickback. On the move to turf, he showed a lot of speed but did yield to Second of July and After Five, two of his foes. I'm not quite sure he wants to go more than 5 furlongs on the turf, but even if he could go the 5.5, too much speed here for me to play him.</i>						
8	Amanzi Yimpilo (IRE)	Luis Saez	Wesley Ward	No Nay Never-Honourably	15/1	
<i>A winner last out in the Speakeasy, Amanzi Yimpilo was the lesser of the two for me in that spot – as it seemed she was just running around in place throughout. I don't see her repeating here, especially against a much tougher field, but it is Wesley Ward with a 2yo on turf sprinting, so who knows.</i>						
9	After Five	Jose Ortiz	Wesley Ward	The Factor-Idle Talk	6/1	
<i>One of the top performers last out, After Five just fell short of a win as the favorite in the Futurity, but not without trying. He didn't break well and then was wide all the way around, losing a lot of ground to eventual winner Second of July. His closing kick was far more impressive, moving really well at the end and knocking off horse after horse. Hoping Jose Ortiz can fix this horses early mishaps, but definitely one you don't want to miss out on if he runs his race.</i>						
10	Bodenheimer	Brian Hernandez, Jr.	Valorie Lund	Atta Boy Roy-Beautiful Daniele	8/1	
<i>A very free runner last out in the Indian Summer, he was let to get an easy lead and coasted away from everyone but a fast closing Cowan. Going to be tough to replicate that performance here. Pass.</i>						
11	Into the Sunrise	Rafael Bejarano	Wesley Ward	Into Mischief-Bellini Sunrise	15/1	
<i>Perhaps the third best in the field with early speed, behind Momos and Golden Pal, this Ward trainee showed early pace in the Bourbon Stakes. Now cutting back in distance, this should be the right spot for him. Ward is 71% in the money going sprint-route-sprint, although mostly with short priced horses. Still, this one isn't a horse to forget in exotics – looked good two back at Woodbine and should be up near the lead in the end.</i>						
12	Dirty Dangle	Tyler Gaffalione	Mark Casse	Not This Time-Chambray	20/1	
<i>Mark Casse takes over the training from Ralph Biamonte and brings in one of the best longshots in this race. She ate up ground quickly late in the Woodbine Cares Stakes, easily flying home to win by just over a length. Positive moves in jockey and trainer direction, as well as looking solid with workouts. Really good shot at the huge price.</i>						
13	Second Of July	Dylan Davis	Philip Gleaves	Jack Milton-Wichita	8/1	
<i>Last race looked better than it really was. Second of July got the easy run late to get the win in the Futurity, saving more ground than key rival After Five. He passed a lot of tiring horses on his way to the lead. Perhaps one to play on a pace meltdown, but not expecting much.</i>						

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14	Golden Pal	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	Wesley Ward	Uncle Mo-Lady Shipman	8/5
<i>This was one of Ward's top contenders for Royal Ascot this year, and he nearly pulled off the victory in the Norfolk Stakes, just falling to The Lir Jet. The regally bred son of Uncle Mo and Lady Shipman looks to be one to beat – especially coming off a coasting home victory in the Skidmore. But pace is going to be an issue for him as there is a lot of early speed checked into the race.</i>					
15	Blame the Booze – AE	Gerardo Corrales	Wesley Ward	Blame-Discreet Star	30/1
<i>Also Eligible</i>					
16	Gypsy King – AE	Joel Rosario	Wesley Ward	Summer Front-Gittel	20/1
<i>Also Eligible</i>					
17	Trade Deal – AE	Julio Garcia	Wesley Ward	Fed Biz-Original Kitten	30/1
<i>Also Eligible</i>					
<b>Top Selections:</b>		(9) After Five	(12) Dirty Dangle	(14) Golden Pal	
Taking somewhat of a stand against Golden Pal here. Think that he is beatable from the outside post, especially considering the amount of speed in this race. After Five is a really solid runner who has been moving better and better each start. Getting a clean trip will be key, but this looks like his style of race. Also watch out for Dirty Dangle, one that should pick off the pieces late and has one of the best turns of foot in this race. Longshots to like are Cowan and Windy City Red.					

Race 7		Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1)			Fri. 3:10pm
\$1,000,000		1 Mile	Turf	For Two-Year-Old, C&G	
PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Sire/Dam	Odds
1	Sealiway (FR)	Mickael Barzalona	Frederic Rossi	Galiway-Kensea	8/1
<i>One to watch in this one. He crushed the field last out in the Group One Prix Jean Luc Lagardere, however that was on heavy ground. Going to need to show he can replicate that on firm ground to win.</i>					
2	New Mandate (IRE)	Lanfranco Dettori	Ralph Beckett	New Bay-Mishhar	12/1
<i>Has been improving the most in here, and continues to get better with each run. Ultra impressive last out in the Juddmonte Royal Lodge and should relish the firm ground. He is a small type of sprinter with a great turn of foot.</i>					
3	Abarta	Umberto Rispoli	Brad Cox	Into Mischief-Dame Marie	12/1
<i>Ran on late last out in the Bourbon, trying to catch Mutasaabeq. Seemed to show that the Bourbon Stakes favored late runners, which probably won't be the case here. Will need to improve more in order to have a chance.</i>					
4	Public Sector (GB)	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	Chad Brown	Kingman-Parle Moi	8/1
<i>This son of Kingman impressed a lot in his Saratoga debut, but then fell short to Fire At Will in the Pilgrim. Still, on paper he fits well and should contend with his running style. Needs to improve to be on pace with the top of them, but this is a solid runner for Chad Brown.</i>					
5	Cadillac (IRE)	Shane Foley	Jane Harrington	Lope de Vega-Seas of Wells	6/1
<i>The ground came up way too soft for Cadillac last out. He became a top contender with his win in the KPMG Champions Juvenile at Leopardstown in early September on Irish Champions Weekend, but the faltering in the Dewhurst pushed him back. Should improve on the firm turf and with the generous weight break. Live.</i>					
6	Mutasaabeq	Luis Saez	Todd Pletcher	Into Mischief-Downside Scenario	5/1
<i>He pulled away well against a group of tired foes in the Bourbon Stakes last out over course and distance. A live runner for Pletcher, but only modest figures coming out of this closing performance. Will need to improve.</i>					
7	Fire At Will	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	Michael Maker	Declaration of War-Flirt	12/1
<i>He stunned Public Sector last out in the Pilgrim and looks to replicate that here. Gets Ricardo Santana, Jr. aboard – which is a huge plus, and should relish the Keeneland turf. Has been working well but will need an improvement to come away victorious, especially if the pace is contested.</i>					
8	Outadore	Jose Ortiz	Wesley Ward	Outwork-Adore You	8/1
<i>Ward opts to go with the Turf rather than the Sprint with this Juvenile, which may end up being the better option. He is very quick, but has size and stride to go longer. Moving up in distance but beat very talented horses sprinting and was very strong finishing out last in the Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint. Very live.</i>					
9	Battleground	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	War Front-Found	6/1
<i>This may be Aiden O'Brien's best bet for a win this weekend, bringing the Chesham and Vintage Stakes winner out to try the Keeneland turf. The long layoff is definitely a bit of a concern here, but nothing that he can't overcome. Looks like the real deal.</i>					
10	Ebeko (IRE)	Flavien Prat	Peter Miller	Awtaad-Allegrezza	20/1
<i>Needs a step up to get going. Nice win in the Zuma Beach, just getting up, but against much lesser. Toss.</i>					
11	Gretzky the Great	Tyler Gaffalione	Mark Casse	Nyquist-Pearl Turn	8/1
<i>A true late trying type – been charging home impressively in last three. Has a nose to win. But now faces much tougher and needs to improve off what was still a green last out. Jockey improvement should help here. Very talented.</i>					
12	Go Athletico (FR)	Aurelien Lemaitre	P. Decouz	Goken-Byburg	10/1
<i>This French-bred enters in off five straight 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> efforts, including a win over Sealiway. Probably a bit less than the best here, but one that has been improving and growing well in each start. Only question is if he will like a firm turf course.</i>					
13	Devilwata (IRE)	Rossa Ryan	Ralph Beckett	Kodiac-Najraan	30/1
<i>The heavy pacesetter last out, this son of Kodiac will try to do the same here, most likely, but will need to show as much as possible to get past what is a race filled with a few other top speed horses.</i>					
14	The Lir Jet (IRE)	Oisin Murphy	Michael Bell	Prince of Lir-Paper Dreams	20/1
<i>Winner over Golden Pal in the Norfolk, The Lir Jet has not looked the same since. He looks to be another Royal Ascot 2yo winner that just doesn't move forward after. Looked to be a case of peaking at the right time... well the right time won't be today for him.</i>					
15	Barrister Tom – AE	Florent Geroux	Michael Ewing	Artie Schiller-Taylor Lane	30/1
<i>Also Eligible</i>					
16	Harlan Estate – AE	Juan Hernandez	Peter Eurton	Kantharos-Archerette	30/1
<i>Also Eligible</i>					
<b>Top Selections:</b>		5- Cadillac (IRE)	2- New Mandate (IRE)	8- Outadore	
Taking a stand against Mutasaabeq. Cadillac looks to be the one that fits the best and should favor this ground. Clear choice for me. New Mandate is worth the play at the price and very live. Outadore might be the best US contingent, just needs the distance.					

Race 8		<b>Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1)</b>			Fri. 3:50pm		
\$2,000,000		1 1/16 Miles		Dirt		For Two-Year-Old, Fillies	
PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Sire/Dam	Odds		
1	Simply Ravishing	Luis Saez	Kenneth McPeek	Laoban-Four Wishes	5/2		
<i>Had an easy lead last out over course and distance, coasting home with absolutely no difficulty. This looks to be another sensational filly for Kenneth McPeek. She was all out late and opened up with beautiful strides. A must play.</i>							
2	Vequist	Joel Rosario	Robert Reid, Jr.	Nyquist-Vero Amore	8/1		
<i>This daughter of Nyquist was chasing Dayoutoftheoffice last out. She looked good compared to everyone else but needs to improve by a few lengths to get near her foe.</i>							
3	Dayoutoftheoffice	Junior Alvarado	Timothy Hamm	Into Mischief-Gottahaveadream	5/2		
<i>The Frizette was her playground as she easily went on to win the affair. She was able to go faster early than Simply Ravishing and hold off a contending Vequist. She hasn't done anything wrong yet in three career starts and may do more of the same here.</i>							
4	Thoughtfully	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	Steven Asmussen	Tapit-Pension	20/1		
<i>Sprinted well and clear as a late runner two back in the Adirondack, but the Alcibiades was not her day. She was not on the pace of the winner, Simply Ravishing, and would need a huge improvement to catch her here.</i>							
5	Girl Daddy	Joseph Talamo	Dale Romans	Uncle Mo-Cara Marie	6/1		
<i>She is fresh for Dale Romans after a solid win in the Pocahontas two months ago. Lot to like about her, but her figures are low and she needs to improve by about 7 lengths to have a chance.</i>							
6	Crazy Beautiful	Brian Hernandez, Jr.	Kenneth McPeek	Liam's Map-Indian Burn	20/1		
<i>No chance last out with Simply Ravishing and hasn't been able to contend within stakes company. She does love finishing in second, but that will more than likely be here ceiling.</i>							
7	Princess Noor	Victor Espinoza	Bob Baffert	Not This Time-Sheza Smoke Show	9/5		
<i>Three clear striding wins out west makes Princess Noor the heavy favorite... but the races don't show the full story. She has some very slow figures in those three starts and just seems to be beating much lesser (note no other west coast 2yos in this race). A must play, but also be very cautious.</i>							
<b>Top Selections:</b>		1- Simply Ravishing		3- Dayoutoftheoffice		2- Vequist	
<p>Going to play against Princess Noor here. Her races haven't been as impressive on paper as they look and not quite sure she really matches up well here once tested. Simply Ravishing seems to be the only clear speed in the pack and could be eligible for a lone lead once again. Dayoutoftheoffice should be fast closing in from a stalking spot, but Simply Ravishing just looks too good.</p>							

Race 9	<b>Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies' Turf (G1)</b>				Fri. 4:30pm
\$1,000,000	1 Mile	Turf	For Two-Year-Old, Fillies		
PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Sire/Dam	Odds
1	Oodnadatta (IRE)	Shane Foley	Jane Harrington	Australia-Bewitched	20/1
<i>Been improving both of last two starts but would need a lot more if she is to contend.</i>					
2	Miss Amulet (IRE)	Julien Leparoux	Ken Condon	Sir Pracealot-Shena's Dream	12/1
<i>One of the veterans of the field, with seven starts, Miss Amulet has been accomplished, with a second in the Group One Juddmonte Cheveley Park Stakes last out to Alcohol Free. Yet, she has been a bit less than what would be needed to win and only been sprinting. Not sure if she improves going a mile trip over firm turf.</i>					
3	Alda	John Velazquez	H. Graham Motion	Munnings-Soldata	12/1
<i>The Woodbine shipper for Graham Motion looks to be live here. She rallied and nearly got to Lady Speightspeare last out in the Natalma and won well going a shorter route of ground in the Catch A Glimpse. Her speed figures are right where you'd want for a potential contender and should enjoy the tighter trip at Keeneland.</i>					
4	Plum Ali	Joel Rosario	Christophe Clement	First Samurai-Skipping	4/1
<i>Coming in off three straight victories at three different tracks, Plum Ali has a lot going for her. The win last out in the Miss Grillo was classy and puts her in a good spot to win here. Her stride is professional, and she is very talented. Speed figures are a bit less than what is needed, but she also hasn't needed to do much to win lately. Will be interesting to see how she does on Friday.</i>					
5	Aunt Pearl (IRE)	Florent Geroux	Brad Cox	Lope de Vega-Matauri Pearl	3/1
<i>This one is a front runner you won't want to mess with. Aunt Pearl went gate to wire easily in her two career starts. She is a very deserving favorite and going to be a tough one to beat. She relished this turf course in the Jessamine (besting the stakes record) and showed her push button speed. She passes the eye test and deserves all credit here. She is going to be one of the toughest horses to beat on Friday, and she does seem to have a bit more on everyone else in the field.</i>					
6	Nazuna (IRE)	Luis Saez	Roger Varian	Kodiac-Night Fever	30/1
<i>The runner-up in the Rockfel and Carrie Red out in England, Nazuna has been moving up for Roger Varian throughout the year. She continues to get better, but against much weaker. Think she might just not be the same cut as others.</i>					
7	Tetragonal (IRE)	Manuel Franco	Richard Baltas	Mehmas-Crystal Snowflake	20/1
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8	Mother Earth (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Zoffany-Many Colours	20/1
<i>Hopefully this time she won't be confused for her stablemate, like she was in the Fillies Mile. Mother Earth finished a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> last out but just weakened late on the soft going. Her last few runs haven't been all that impressive, but look back to her win in the Coolmore Stud Irish EBF Sprint in July at Naas – she was visually impressive and ran with ease. If she can run back to that race, which is definitely possible, she is a contender. And especially if she likes the firm turf, like I project.</i>					
9	Madone	Flavien Prat	Simon Callaghan	Vancouver-Indian Love Call	10/1
<i>3-for-3 out west, this Simon Callaghan trainee looks to making it 4-for-4 with a win here. Her win in the Surfer Girl last out over Tetragonal and next out winner Pizzazz puts her in good form. But this is a huge step up for her.</i>					
10	Campanelle (IRE)	Lanfranco Dettori	Wesley Ward	Kodiac-Janina	4/1
<i>Wesley Ward takes this sprinter going longer after wins in the Queen Mary and Prix Morny overseas. Frankie Dettori stays aboard, like he did in those last two starts. She needs to overcome the layoff and show that she can go longer than 6 furlongs. Ward isn't know for getting his turf 2yos going a route of ground and Campanelle does not seem to be the type to go longer.</i>					
11	Royal Approval	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	Wesley Ward	Tiznow-Touch the Moon	10/1
<i>After a failed attempt to beat stablemate Campanelle in the Queen Mary, the other Ward sprinter showed her stuff. But of the two, she is the one that looks like she wants to go longer. Her speed figures put her in the best of this field and her Matron victory was visually impressive.</i>					
12	Spanish Loveaffair	Tyler Gaffalione	Mark Casse	Karakontie-Spanish Bunny	15/1
<i>Running behind Aunt Pearl isn't easy, but Spanish Loveaffair kept coming close and looked to be within reach for much of the race. Needs a few length improvement to overtake her, but definitely has a lot going in this race. Not one to leave off the ticket, especially if she can stay close early.</i>					
13	Union Gables	Jose Ortiz	Todd Pletcher	Speightstown-Tonasah	20/1
<i>Another filly stretching out, Union Gables comes out of the Matron, just like Royal Approval, and needs to show more to win. But pedigree says she will relish the added distance, and her near miss last out gives her a glimpse of hope for this race. Definitely worth a long look as a live longshot if needing one.</i>					
14	Editor At Large (IRE)	Javier Castellano	Chad Brown	Lope de Vega-What Say You	12/1
<i>A very disappointing third against Plum Ali last out in the Miss Grillo, Editor At Large has a lot of work to do if she is to get Chad Brown another win in this race. She was stuck trying to follow Plum Ali, to no avail, and needs to improve by bunches to win.</i>					
15	Invincible Gal – AE	Jose Ortiz	H. Graham Motion	Invincible Spirit-Alsindi	30/1
<i>DRAWS IN – Not the same class as the rest of this field. Probably not a factor.</i>					

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16	Snowfall (JPN) – AE	Pierre-Charles Boudot	Aidan O’Brien	Deep Impact-Best In The World	20/1
<i>Also Eligible</i>					
<b>Top Selections:</b>		5- Aunt Pearl (IRE)	4- Plum Ali	8- Mother Earth (IRE)	
<p>Aunt Pearl is by and far the best in this field. She should wire this field and will be set herself up to be the next great from the Brad Cox barn. Plum Ali isn’t one to underestimate, with an undefeated record at three different tracks for Christophe Clement. Meanwhile Mother Earth has some past races that show she may be her best on a trip like she should get on Friday. Alda, Royal Approval, and Spanish Loveaffair stand as live longshots in this field.</p>					

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Race 10		Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1)			Fri. 5:15pm
\$2,000,000		1 1/16 Miles	Dirt	For Two-Year-Old, C&G	
PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Sire/Dam	Odds
1	Camp Hope	Robby Albarado	Kenneth McPeek	Summer Front-Praising	30/1
<i>Kenneth McPeek must think very highly of this son of Summer Front with turning him back in just two weeks. Camp Hope won first out going this distance at Churchill Downs, coasting home to an easy four length victory. Now this quick wheel back looks to put him as a potential upset bid. While he will need to step up in his second start, Camp Hope had a very high speed figure first out and draws the dangerous rail – which is hitting at a 18% clip.</i>					
2	King Fury	Brian Hernandez, Jr.	Kenneth McPeek	Curlin-Taris	15/1
<i>The next McPeek comes off the same layoff, having last run in the Street Sense at Churchill Downs. King Fury does seem like the lesser of the two McPeek runners, especially after seeing his abysmal run in the Breeders' Futurity. Drawing to the inside should help him, as he has struggled when placed outside, but this may be too tough an ask.</i>					
3	Reinvestment Risk	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	Chad Brown	Upstart-Ridingwiththediabolo	9/2
<i>Running behind Jackie's Warrior has been a tough ask... if it wasn't for JW, Reinvestment Risk would be the top 2yo out of NY. Still – this son of Upstart isn't one to disregard. He has had the second best speed figures in the field and has a running style that works well in this spot. One that is very important to use.</i>					
4	Likeable	John Velazquez	Todd Pletcher	Frosted-Dashing Debby	15/1
<i>A sharp 5f workout helps this Pletcher trainee at least fit into the picture entering off of just maiden races. Won cosily in a very strong maiden takes last time out and has been quality in both starts. This is a tough ask for such a young horse, but he does fit well amongst the contenders.</i>					
5	Essential Quality	Luis Saez	Brad Cox	Tapit-Delightful Quality	4/1
<i>This son of Tapit probably would've wired the field had he not been wide and stubborn early in the Breeders' Futurity. His speed figures fall just a bit off those of Reinvestment Risk and Jackie's Warrior, but he passes the eye test ten times out of ten. He was still a bit green as he first entered the stretch run last out, but straightened out easily to look professional. This one is a horse to watch going forward!</i>					
6	Keepmeinmind	Jose Ortiz	Robertino Diodoro	Laoban-Inclination	30/1
<i>Probably the forgotten runner in the Breeders' Futurity, Keepmeinmind was quick closing to finish second. However, he was unable to make up any ground on Essential Quality late and would need to gain quite a bit of lengths to be a win contender. Still, very telling that Jose Ortiz jumps aboard and worth a look at the price. If the pace is quick, like its projected, he should be kept in mind as an exotics choice.</i>					
7	Jackie's Warrior	Joel Rosario	Steven Asmussen	Maclean's Music-Unicorn Girl	7/5
<i>Breaks well? Check. Holds an easy lead? Check. Strides on strong late? Check. Jackie's Warrior has all the makings of a big winner, and his odds are telling of that. He took hold of the Champagne, Hopeful, and Saratoga Special leads and never looked back. What was more impressive is the late kick that has let him gain separation on each of his foes within the last quarter of a mile. He looks like a future star.</i>					
8	Classier	Florent Geroux	Bob Baffert	Empire Maker-Class Will Tell	12/1
<i>Baffert wheels this one off 13 days rest to try the Juvenile. He must have something special in this 2yo (doesn't he always) but would need to overcome a ton of hurdles to try and win here. California-based 2yos have not been very strong this year, though perhaps he can be the exception. Would need improvements to contend.</i>					
9	Sittin On Go	Corey Lanerie	Dale Romans	Brody's Cause-Set'n On Ready	12/1
<i>There is a ton of speed chalked up in the Juvenile that Sittin On Go might be primed for a win as one of the lone closers. We all remember what his sire, Brody's Cause, did at Keeneland and now it could be his turn. The win in the Iroquois was better than looked, yielding an above average speed figure for that race. Will need to improve, but a pace collapse sets up well for this one.</i>					
10	Dreamer's Disease	David Cohen	Robertino Diodoro	Laoban-Marketplace	30/1
<i>Diodoro gave his other entry a nice tune-up race last out in early October. The turf experiment didn't work well for this son of Laoban, but he turned back to dirt, got a win, and looks in good form. But just not good enough form. A cut below.</i>					
11	Next	Gerardo Corrales	Wesley Ward	Not This Time-Bahia Beach	15/1
<i>Eleven length wins don't happen too often, but Next was one of them, winning an off the turf race at Keeneland by almost a dozen, going wire to wire. Still, it was against a field that didn't care for dirt and against weaker than here. Nonetheless, Next looks to at least be one to consider for exotics, as he has shown he is well within this company and has comparable speed figures to the favorites.</i>					
12	Hot Rod Charlie	Tyler Gaffalione	Doug O'Neill	Oxbow-Indian Miss	30/1
<i>This O'Neill trainee took four tries to break his maiden. And once he did, he wasn't very impressive doing so. While it does look like dirt is going to be his preferred surface going forward, he doesn't look to be one that will go anywhere in this tough test.</i>					
13	Rombauer	Javier Castellano	Michael McCarthy	Twirling Candy-Cashmere	15/1
<i>In his first start on dirt, Rombauer game from the back of the field to just snatch up second while both missing the break and going wide. Lot of talent here, but might not be enough to get the win.</i>					
14	Calibrate	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	Steven Asmussen	Distorted Humor-Glamour And Style	20/1
<i>Well beaten last out in the Breeders' Futurity. No shot.</i>					

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<b>Top Selections:</b>	7- Jackie's Warrior	9- Sittin On Go	5- Essential Quality
<p>Jackie's Warrior looks to be the lock of the weekend. He has been professional and completely sensational in his four career starts. I find it very hard to try and beat him. But there is value underneath with Sittin On Go, who is expected to close in on what should be a hot pace, and Essential Quality, one who has a ton of talent and should not be underestimated. I would also consider Keepmeinmind, Reinvestment Risk, Likeable, and Camp Hope for underneath.</p>			