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Saturday Analysis

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Race 4		Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1)			Sat. 12:02pm
\$1,000,000		7 Furlongs	Dirt	For Older, Fillies & Mares	
PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Sire/Dam	Odds
1	Speech	Javier Castellano	Michael McCarthy	Mr Speaker-Scribbling Sarah	6/1
<i>Coming out of the Kentucky Oaks, cutting back in distance is exactly what Speech needs. She has a lot of back form sprinting and her pedigree shows that she can excel going a shorter route of ground. The concern here though has to be how long it has been since she last sprinted and the class she was up against in those races. Hard to say if she fits in with this field yet, but she should do well going forward when sprinting. Key for her is the win over the Keeneland dirt back in July in the Ashland.</i>					
2	Gamine	John Velazquez	Bob Baffert	Into Mischief-Peggy Jane	7/5
<i>The likely speed in here, Gamine is perfect when going around one-turn, like she will do today. Her one race around two turns was a solid but tiring third in the Kentucky Oaks. Now, off two months rest and fast efforts, she seems to be a very tough one to beat here, but how will she do when she isn't the only speed?</i>					
3	Come Dancing	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	Carlos Martin	Malibu Moon-Tizahit	8/1
<i>A true veteran of the filly & mare sprinting division, Come Dancing has a lot to like, especially coming out of an impressive and game victory last out in the Honorable Miss Handicap. Her figures are amongst the best in this field, her stalker style puts her right in play, and she has the talent to win. Only issues are that she needs to improve about three lengths since the effort two back to be here, and her record at the distance leaves many questions.</i>					
4	Inthemidstofbiz	Emmanuel Esquivel	Cipriano Contreras	Fed Biz-Midst	30/1
SCRATCHED -----					
5	Sconsin	James Graham	Gregory Foley	Include-Scennie	20/1
<i>Danger alert with this one! Last out in the Eight Belles, Sconsin ran down major favorites and speedsters Four Graces and Mundaye Call. Her speed figures popped her into among the best in the field and her ability to turn on the jets late will help with a very quick early pace expected here. Additionally, experience over 7f will aid her, having ran that distance in last three. Last out was a major move up for her (moving past the two horses that beat her the two races prior), and I look for one more step up on Saturday.</i>					
6	Venetian Harbor	Manuel Franco	Richard Baltas	Venetian Harbor	8/1
<i>A gate-to-wire winner last out in the Raven Run, Venetian Harbor enters in good form. However, that last out win was on a track where no ground could be made up and winning as lone speed. She tired near the finish and probably won't be able to do the same if tested up front.</i>					
7	Serengeti Empress	Luis Saez	Thomas Amoss	Alternation-Havisham	3/1
<i>Who isn't excited to see the speedsters Gamine and Serengeti Empress face off?! Serengeti Empress ran the world off their feet last out in the Derby City Distaff, only to just get nabbed at the wire by Bell's The One. She is expected to go just as fast on Saturday, especially considering how the track played Friday and needing to get past Gamine to get to the lead. She has been sensational when sprinting and worth all the action, but this will be the first time she is really tested on the front end.</i>					
8	Sally's Curlin	Brian Hernandez, Jr.	Dale Romans	Curlin-Cabo Queen	20/1
<i>Last out went way too fast for her, and this will be more of the same. Not quite sure what she can do here, but if she can show some of her talent that she had in the Hurricane Bertie, then maybe a shot to hit the board... but probably not.</i>					
9	Bell's The One	Corey Lanerie	Neil Pessin	Majesticperfection-Street Mate	6/1
<i>The Derby City Distaff winner has two really impressive wins this year in the Winning Colors and the aforementioned Distaff. Both came at Churchill Downs in an off the pace style. With what looks to be a lightning fast pace, she may be the one to come from the clouds and capture the first Breeders' Cup race of Saturday. She loves Keeneland and has shown she can go toe-to-toe with the best. Very solid runner.</i>					
Top Selections:		9- Bell's The One	7- Serengeti Empress	3- Come Dancing	
<p>Going to take a major stand against Gamine. I do think she is vulnerable when facing a tough test at the front end. Serengeti Empress and Venetian Harbor will be the ones to give that test, with a bit of pressing by Speech. Bell's The One has shown she can close on just about any pace and any course, so I give her a huge edge. Serengeti Empress hangs tough even when tired, so one to keep up towards the top. Come Dancing is coming here fresh and with a running style that should bode well for her to finish in the money.</p>					

Race 5		Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1)			Sat. 12:39pm
\$1,000,000		5.5 Furlongs	Turf	For Older	
PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Sire/Dam	Odds
1	Big Runner	Juan Hernandez	Victor Garcia	Stormy Atlantic-Elusive Luci	12-1
<i>A heavy speed type, he went gate to wire easily in the Eddie D at Santa Anita last out and has shown such great gate-to-wire speed since switching to stakes company. However, he hasn't been putting up any numbers on paper that make him seem to fit here. Probably a toss, but will be the likely pacesetter in this spot.</i>					
2	Just Might	Colby Hernandez	Michelle Lovell	Justin Philip-Dynamite Babe	30/1
<i>This Michelle Lovell owned and trained turf sprinter has been a bit unlucky as of late – getting leads and giving way real late. That isn't the type of style I prefer to see in a horse trying to win. I'll pass.</i>					
3	Imprimis	Irado Ortiz, Jr.	Joseph Orseno	Broken Vow-Shoppers Return	4/1
<i>A back-to-back winner, Imprimis comes here with wins in the Troy and Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint, his only starts this year. He did finish 6th last year in this race, albeit a distant and fading one at the end. He is on his best when he can drive past a quick pace, which seems to be what he should get here. He is very live off those two runs and should relish this ground.</i>					
4	Front Run the Fed	Javier Castellano	Chad Brown	Fed Biz-Lawless Miss	12/1
<i>This Chad Brown entrant made his graded stakes debut last out in the Kentucky Downs Turf Sprint, running an almost identical race to Imprimis. He didn't care too much for the soft going but looked very good in defeat. Expected to move up a step in this start and is very live at the price.</i>					
5	Wet Your Whistle	Jose Ortiz	Michael Trombetta	Stroll-Winlocs Glory Days	15/1
<i>The winner of the Belmont Turf Sprint Invitational was gifted the grade three win as a loose horse made it very difficult for anyone to pass him. He now comes in seeking to show that race wasn't a fluke. I'll pass.</i>					
6	Glass Slippers (GB)	Tom Eaves	Kevin Ryan	Dream Ahead-Night Gypsy	12/1
<i>The Derrinstown Stud Flying Five winner, Glass Slippers, has a lot going for her. Although not a winner last out, she made up on ground on a turf course that was almost impossible to move on – just barely missing on the line. She has also held her own with Battaash, the world's best turf sprinter, and shown that she has the turn of foot to compete. This will be her first going around two turns in a long time, but the way Keeneland is and the extra half furlong should lean to her liking.</i>					
7	Leinster	Luis Saez	George Arnold, II	Majestic Warrior-Vassar	4/1
<i>Here is one that is going to take a lot of money but probable shouldn't. His past two wins may have had good figures on paper, but they don't pass the eye test. Each time, he is passing a tired horse, hitting the lead, and then nearly getting caught. Can't see him steal one against top company.</i>					
8	Oleksandra (AUS)	Joel Rosario	Neil Drysdale	Animal Kingdom-Alexandra Rose	12/1
<i>We haven't seen this one since Belmont Stakes day. Oleksandra looked so impressive nabbing the race at the last moment, making up ground that seemed insurmountable. But now we need to see what she can do with the long layoff. She does have a win over the course and distance, last year in the Buffalo Trace Franklin County, but now faces top class open company. She is worth a play if she sustains her previous form.</i>					
9	Into Mystic	Joseph Talamo	Brendan Walsh	Into Mischief-Loveofalifetime	12/1
<i>Unlucky last time, as she just wasn't the same pace of the winner. But even then, she was much the best compared to everyone else and even as Got Stormy rallied on by, Into Mystic was increasing her lead on the rest of the field. She has a lot to like in this spot and has to be one used on all tickets. Her preferred run style sets her up perfectly sitting just off the leaders early.</i>					
10	Bombard	Flavien Prat	Richard Mandella	War Front-Witty	15/1
<i>Prat and Mandella team up once again with this one in Kentucky, after nearly winning last out at Kentucky Downs. The near miss does serve him well, but the biggest issue seen with him is that he will want to be near the front, and it may be hard for him to stay the trip. Think he might have just been helped last out by a course that was tough to close into.</i>					
11	Wildman Jack	Manuel Franco	Doug O'Neill	Goldencents-Orientatious	15/1
<i>A winner both in the US and in Dubai this year, Wildman Jack had the shaping of a world class turf sprinter, before the Dubai World Cup Night was cancelled. He has been prepping well for this race and is live at a price.</i>					
12	Got Stormy	Tyler Gaffalione	Mark Casse	Get Stormy-Super Phoebe	7/2
<i>The probably best here Got Stormy has a lot to like, such as last out, just getting up in the show of the wire over course and distance. Ever since cutting back from mile races, Got Stormy has been devastating in the sprints, making her presence felt in the Kentucky Downs Ladies' Turf Sprint and last out in the Buffalo Trace Franklin County. Her turn of foot late is devastating and makes her a key in this one.</i>					
13	Texas Wedge	Florent Geroux	Peter Miller	Colonel John-Callmenancy	20/1
<i>Most likely a cut below many of these, it will be interesting to see how much Texas Wedge can do stepping up into this class. Peter Miller has been able to win this race three years in a row in the past, although with much better. Think he is just a placeholder for now.</i>					
14	Extravagant Kid	Umberto Rispoli	Brendan Walsh	Kiss the Kid-Pretty Extravagant	15/1
<i>Another one with a live run out of the Woodford Stakes. Extravagant Kid had a lot of kick but was just late trying to get to Leinster. He was one of the only ones making round on Leinster late and that sets him up well for an upset bit attempt. Very live to use.</i>					

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15	Equilateral (GB) – AE	Lanfranco Dettori	Charles Hills	Equiano-Tarentaise	30/1
<i>Also Eligible</i>					
16	Chaos Theory – AE	John Velazquez	John Sadler	Curlin-Chaotic Cat	15/1
<i>Also Eligible</i>					
17	Archidust – AE	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	Steven Asmussen	Verrazano-Chilling Effect	30/1
<i>Also Eligible</i>					
18	Bulletproof One – AE	Javier Castellano	Peter Miller	Idiot Proof-Onefunsonofagun	30/1
<i>Also Eligible</i>					
Top Selections:		12- Got Stormy	6- Glass Slippers (GB)	3- Imprimis	
<p>Very difficult not to like Got Stormy on his two previous efforts. He is going to be tough to beat as he runs down the leaders late, but in order to have that opportunity, he needs something to run it. Glass Slippers fits perfect here and should move up on the ship over to the states. And Imprimis is going to be well placed throughout to lead late and seal this race up. Extravagant Kid is also live here.</p> <p>I'd also add, Big Runner, Just Might, and Bombard are the only true speedsters – definite uses in the bottom of the exotics for someone to hang on late.</p>					

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Race 6		Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1)			Sat. 1:18pm
\$1,000,000		1 Mile	Dirt	For Older	
PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Sire/Dam	Odds
1	Art Collector	Brian Hernandez, Jr.	Thomas Drury, Jr.	Bernardini-Distorted Legacy	6/1
<i>His performance in the Preakness exposed his weaknesses. Prior to then, he has been one to get a free lead and run away with it. Very tough chance at getting an early lead in this stacked group. Difficult to like on a short price.</i>					
2	Sharp Samurai	Irado Ortiz, Jr.	Mark Glatt	First Samurai-Secret Wish	15/1
<i>Returning to dirt here, Sharp Samurai's best performance on the year did come on dirt, running behind Maximum Security in the Pacific Classic. On paper, he looks to compete well, and possibly move up on dirt, but this is looking like an upwards challenge. Training very well coming into the races so a possible must use for exotics.</i>					
3	Silver Dust	Adam Beschizza	W. Bret Calhoun	Tapit-Filare l'Oro	30/1
<i>The local runner has been very reliable this past year, with a pair of wins at the Fair Grounds and three straight 3rds at Churchill Downs. But even then, this is an awful big ask for him. Needs to improve by leaps and bounds for a chance. Maybe exotics?</i>					
4	War of Will	Tyler Gaffalione	Mark Casse	War Front-Visions of Clarity	10/1
<i>The former Preakness winner will be making his first start of the year on dirt in this spot, after three straight turf events. He hasn't been bad on the turf, but is eligible to improve on the switch back to the dirt. However, his dirt mile abilities, based on last year's form, are far from the best. Use, but with caution.</i>					
5	Knicks Go	Joel Rosario	Brad Cox	Paynter-Kosmo's Buddy	7/2
<i>The mile and a sixteenth record holder at Keeneland is gearing up to what could be a very great performance. Making his stakes debut this year, Brad Cox took over training of this four year old late last year from Ben Colebrook. He has two runaway victories this year, albeit against much lesser. If he can stay with them early, he is a huge threat to steal it.</i>					
6	Mr. Money	Gabriel Saez	W. Bret Calhoun	Goldcents-Plenty O'Toole	20/1
<i>The odds here just seem a bit too high for the Ack Ack winner, who has a lot going for him. He easily won at Churchill Downs last out and finally had a race where he avoided mot trouble or went wide. True, last out was the perfect trip, but it shows how talented he is when he does stay out of trouble. The pace scenario sets up well for his running style and gives him major chance to upset at the end.</i>					
7	Rushie	Javier Castellano	Michael McCarthy	Liam's Map-Conquest Angel	20/1
<i>This son of Liam's Map is trying to do what his father did and win the Dirt Mile right here at Keeneland. His Pat Day Mile victory was visually impressive, but on paper he doesn't match up.</i>					
8	Pirate's Punch	Jorge Vargas, Jr.	Grant Forster	Shanghai Bobby-Catch the Moon	20/1
<i>A sneaky good miler here in Pirate's Punch. He had sharp and easy runs in the Salvator Mile and Philip H. Iselin. Speed figures push him up and strong closing kick going the mile distance makes him a very tough one to ignore. At least worth consideration at the price.</i>					
9	Mr Freeze	Manuel Franco	Dale Romans	To Honor and Serve-Heavenly Cat	6/1
<i>The Fayette and Gulfstream Par Mile winner just barely held on last out. He did get a dream trip last out, but that pushed his form cycle into a spot where he should be sitting on ta big one. He should be the one vying for the lead at the top of the stretch, but will he hold off the challengers.</i>					
10	Complexity	Jose Ortiz	Chad Brown	Maclean's Music-Goldfield	2/1
<i>Complexity is on a huge positive spin, collecting improving figures and performances in last three. His Kelso win was a breeze and dusted the field, albeit a small and weak one at that. Only concern is if he can go two turns.</i>					
11	Jesus' Team	Luis Saez	Jose D'Angelo	Tapiture-Golden Memories	30/1
<i>Preakness wasn't the best spot for him, but he has shown to be competitive against this level of bunch, finishing a distant third. This race should set up well for another great finish, if he can stay out of trouble. First time against older.</i>					
12	Owendale	Florent Geroux	Brad Cox	Into Mischief-Aspen Light	8/1
<i>He probably should have won last out, but just got tired in a duel at the end of the Pimlico Special. Now he comes here and looks for a major win on Breeders Cup weekend. If he had a win against this level of crew, maybe, but three straight disappointing efforts is something that is hard to endorse. Still, should have a better pace scenario to run in today so maybe this is his spot.</i>					
13	Pingxiang – AE	Flavien Prat	Hideyuki Mori	Speightstown-Beauty and Light	30/1
<i>Also Eligible</i>					
Top Selections:		5- Knicks Go	6- Mr. Money	12- Owendale	
<p>This race seems to go through Knicks Go. He has all the early speed and should grab the lead to start. Then it is run-run-run as fast as possible. Not quite sure anyone can catch him. Mr. Money looks to be one of the better of the rest and a pace scenario like this one, with Knicks Go on top and a ton of contenders tracking behind near the lead, makes Mr. Money a very viable candidate. Owendale may steal this one if the top few go to quick – pace scenario very favorable for him.</p>					

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Race 7					Sat. 1:57pm
Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1)					
\$2,000,000		1 3/16 Miles		Turf	For Older, Fillies & Mares
PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Sire/Dam	Odds
1	Starship Jubilee	Florent Geroux	Kevin Attard	Indy Wind-Perfectly Wild	10/1
<i>Last out was an amazing and impressive win in the Woodbine Mile. She was one of the only horses making up ground late. Her Diana loss was tough to swallow, but she was wide along the whole trip and had too much to do late. Drawing to the inside should help mitigate any issues she has breaking and Florent Geroux aboard gives her a nice boost at Keeneland. This may be her ideal distance, looking way back in her past performances shows some solid races at longer, such as last year's win in the E.P. Taylor.</i>					
2	Sistercharlie (IRE)	John Velazquez	Chad Brown	Myboycharlie-Starlet's Sister	6/1
<i>The last two starts didn't suit Sistercharlie – she wants distance. Not sure if this distance is long enough for her today, she would probably be better with around 1 ¼ to 1 ½ miles, but we shall see. The Diana is a toss-out race, as no one made up ground that day, but the Ballston Spa was a perfect example of what she can do – she was the quickest late and just had a bit too much to do to get past Starship Jubilee. The way Keeneland has been this weekend suits her really well.</i>					
3	Peaceful (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Galileo-Missvinski	12/1
<i>The Irish 1000 Guineas winner had some near misses this year, with a close loss to Fancy Blue in the Prix de Diana and a decent second in the Coolmore Matron. But both times she was not the pace of the winner. She will need to improve to beat this field, however her past performances suggest she should move up a bit on the good-to-firm turf at Keeneland. She will do well if there is a steady pace up front.</i>					
4	Mean Mary	Luis Saez	H. Graham Motion	Scat Daddy-Karlovy Vary	7/2
<i>A proven closer, this Graham Motion trainee will be right up at the front of the field and will look to hold off all challengers. She does her best running when she is able to really slow this race down. I expect there to be a few other challengers on the front end, so probably not a win candidate but use in exotics.</i>					
5	My Sister Nat (FR)	Jose Ortiz	Chad Brown	Acclamation-Starlet's Sister	12/1
<i>The next Chad Brown, she was by far the best horse in the Flower Bowl – just got unlucky missing out to Civil Union. Her kick took her from last to second with easy, closing up ground against what was a relatively slow early pace. She appears to be lesser than the field, but that late kick is something to watch. She is improving and belongs.</i>					
6	Rushing Fall	Javier Castellano	Chad Brown	More Than Ready-Autumnal	5/2
<i>The leader of the clubhouse, Rushing Fall has been one of the top ladies of the turf in recent years. She is 5 for 6 at Keeneland and 11 for 14 all time. Her last three races have shown her stuff and makes her ultra dangerous here. The only concern may be the layoff, as she doesn't do her best running off two months, but its Chad Brown and Javier Castellano – she should be the betting favorite and should be the one to coast home in front.</i>					
7	Terebellum (IRE)	Lanfranco Dettori	John Gosden	Sea The Stars-Marvada	20/1
<i>Made up a lot of ground on her return in the Sun Chariot Stakes. Best performances have been on good ground. Fresh and looks like a major challenger. Can improve here and that may be enough to pick up a spot.</i>					
8	Mucho Unusual	Flavien Prat	Tim Yakteen	Mucho Macho Man-Not Unusual	30/1
<i>Took the Rodeo Drive by walking the dog on the front end. She did close with good speed late to finish up the race, but not a chance here.</i>					
9	Harvey's Lil Goil	Junior Alvarado	William Mott	American Pharoah-Gloria S	20/1
<i>Stalked the pace and pounced to win last out. Impressive win over the course and about the same distance. But that wasn't the best of groups. She needs to make up a lot of lengths to beat these older mares.</i>					
10	Civil Union	Joel Rosario	Shug McGaughey, III	War Front-Photograph	12/1
<i>Comes into this race off four straight victories – including last out in the Flower Bowl. She nearly got caught by My Sister Nat and Nay Lady Nay, but held on well. She looks to be improving and continues to put on really good performances, running from almost any spot in the pace. A must use and very dangerous – if she can improve.</i>					
11	Audarya (FR)	Pierre-Charles Boudot	J.R. Fanshawe	Wootton Bassett-Green Bananas	12/1
<i>She looked to get better when she stepped up in distance three back. She came to face what was not ideal ground for her in the Jean Romanet and Prix de l'Opera, but both times she ran well. She should suit rally well here and looks to be one to watch. Pierre-Charles Boudot is on a lot of very live mounts and this is one of them.</i>					
12	Lady Prancealot (IRE)	Manuel Franco	Richard Baltas	Sir Prancealot-Naqrah	30/1
<i>Didn't get where she wants to go out in California, with each race being slow and one by the early speed. She finally finds a spot that may suit her. Expect her to pick up pieces late and maybe snag an exotics spot, but not sure she shows enough to win.</i>					
13	Nay Lady Nay (IRE)	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	Chad Brown	No Nay Never-Lady Ederle	20/1
<i>Closed in alright in the Flower Bowl, but was never threatening. She wasn't the pace of the winner or of Sister Nat. She wants to have a very slow pace and just keep the race going as slow as possible. I don't expect her to get that here. Toss.</i>					

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14	Cayenne Pepper (IRE)	Shane Foley	Jane Harrington	Australia-Muwakaba	8/1
<i>A sneaky good one on the outside for Jane Harrington. She has contended against two very good horses in Magical and Even So, just giving way late. The races suited her style, but also showed how well she can perform in the US. Very much has a lot to like here.</i>					
Top Selections:		6- Rushing Fall	1- Starship Jubilee	11- Audarya	
This is a wide open edition of the Filly & Mare Turf that anyone can win. I'll take Rushing Fall based on talent alone, but think that Starship Jubilee is coming into the race in best form and Audarya is one to watch coming out of France. And watch out for Terebellum and Cayenne Pepper – really suit well in this spot.					

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Race 8					
Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1)					
Sat. 2:36pm					
\$2,000,000		6 Furlongs		Dirt For Older	
PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Sire/Dam	Odds
1	Echo Town	Ricardo Santana, Jr.	Steven Asmussen	Speightstown-Letgomyecho	20/1
<i>A speedy three-year old and easy winner of the Jerkens, Echo Town was not the same pace of winner Diamond Oops last out in the Phoenix. Needs a lot of early pace to close and might not get that.</i>					
2	C Z Rocket	Luis Saez	Peter Miller	City Zip-Successful Sarah	7/2
<i>The new favorite with the scratch of Vekoma, the California based sprinter has some work to do. Peter Miller always has his group turned out well for these sprints and this is no other. He needed everything to win last out and showed he can win from either close to the front or a length off. Dangerous.</i>					
3	Collusion Illusion	Flavien Prat	Mark Glatt	Twirling Candy-Natalie Grace	20/1
<i>Ran quite even last time against C Z Rocket. Needs a lot more speed here. Not happening.</i>					
4	Bon Raison	Adam Beschizza	Jack Sistonson	Raison d'Etat-Padmore	30/1
<i>Needs to improve by nearly 10 lengths for a shot here. Last out might have shown signs, as that was very much a race with a lot against him, but not sure its enough of an improvement. No chance.</i>					
5	Manny Wish	Tyler Gaffalione	Wayne Catalano	Will Take Charge-Battlefield Angel	30/1
<i>Unable to win against much weaker. This is a tough spot for him. Maybe run in the money?</i>					
6	Frank's Rockette	Junior Alvarado	William Mott	Into Mischief-Rocket Twentyone	10/1
<i>She has been crushing the filly & mare sprint division this year. Her front end speed should be enough to get her to the lead here. This race shapes up very favorably for her. A must use and could take them gate-to-wire.</i>					
7	Whitmore	Irad Ortiz, Jr.	Ron Moquett	Pleasantly Perfect-Melody's Spirit	15/1
<i>The old veteran, Whitmore seeks to win the Sprint in his fourth appearance. Last out was just not good and showed nothing in the Forego. Wish he was a contender and would love to see him win, but not today.</i>					
8	Firenze Fire	Jose Lezcano	Kelly Breen	Poseidon's Warrior-My Every Wish	8/1
<i>Trouble trips are the name of the game for Firenze Fire. He needs to get a clean trip for a chance, although he hasn't been the same this year or when he leaves Belmont. Would be nice to see win, but this is a tough ask against this group. If he can stay inside and not lose ground, definitely worth a play.</i>					
9	Empire of Gold	Declan Carroll	Terry Eoff	Goldcents-Empire Diva	30/1
<i>Just barely got beat last out in the Phoenix as a huge longshot. That was his first start against graded company and showed he can play. Pedigree suggests a lot of him. If anyone is to upset this field, would be him.</i>					
10	Yaupon	Joel Rosario	Steven Asmussen	Uncle Mo-Modification	7/2
<i>The only real speed in this spot – helps heavily with how Keeneland played on Friday. Huge shot to take them all the way. The Chick Lang was a visually impressive race, putting gup huge fractions and just ridden down in a hand ride. His late speed isn't the same as many others but being able to build a lead early should be enough.</i>					
11	Diamond Oops	Florent Geroux	Patrick Biancone	Lookin At Lucky-Patriotic Viva	8/1
<i>Winner at this course last time in the Phoenix, he has been improving and showing glimmers of a lot of talent in the sprinting class. If the pace ends up getting a lot hotter, he will be rolling late. Definite chance here.</i>					
12	Hog Creek Hustle	Corey Lanerie	Vickie Foley	Overanalyze-Candy Fortune	30/1
<i>A must play in exotics, as he will be closing and eating up ground near the end. But a win from him is almost impossible.</i>					
13	Jasper Prince	Jose Ortiz	Hideyuki Mori	Violence-Ambitious Journey	30/1
<i>The Japanese import has shown a lot of glimmers of being a solid sprinter, but those came at 7 furlongs. This might be too short an ask of him. Would be a major upset if he won.</i>					
14	Vekoma	Javier Castellano	George Weaver	Candy Ride-Mona de Momma	3/1
<i>SCRATCHED -----</i>					
15	Lasting Legacy – AE	Brian Hernandez, Jr.	Robert Hess, Jr.	Tapizar-Sweet Tune	30/1
<i>DRAWS IN – Gets in off the scratch of Vekoma, Lasting Legacy fits well on figures looking at back races. Odds don't tell the story here. Use.</i>					
Top Selections:		10- Yaupon	11- Diamond Oops	6- Frank's Rockette	
<i>Going with the likely pace setter Yaupon, who has a huge bid to take them all the way. Diamond Oops has the form cycle to like, and generally a good angle is taking a sprinter at Keeneland with solid turf sprint history. Frank's Rockette is fast and she should contend and might be able to sneak past Yaupon.</i>					

Race 9					Breeders' Cup Mile (G1)					Sat. 3:15pm									
\$1,000,000					5.5 Furlong					Turf					For Two-Year-Olds				
PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Sire/Dam	Odds														
1	Circus Maximus (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Galileo-Duntle	12/1	<i>Last year's fourth place finisher was coming into this race off a lot better form. Seems to be a step lesser this year.</i>													
2	Kameko	Oisín Murphy	Andrew Balding	Kitten's Joy-Sweeter Still	6/1	<i>Last out showed a lot more of how Kameko is than his try in the Sussex. The 2000 Guineas winner is best sitting midpack and pouncing than trying to lead all calls. Looked really good in his prep for this race, the Shadwell Joel, and beat a talented group there. Should relish this surface and is going to be a major factor in this race.</i>													
3	Lope Y Fernandez (IRE)	Lanfranco Dettori	Aidan O'Brien	Lope de Vega-Black Dahlia	30/1	<i>Been finishing up well in top company earlier this year, but those have been sprinting. Now moving back to going a mile, there is a ton to like about this longshot going forward. Has shown tendencies that he will continue to improve over a mile distance and is a very live one for Aidan O'Brien. One to watch. Gets Lasix, which should help.</i>													
4	Siskin	Colin Keane	Ger Lyons	First Defence-Bird Flown	15/1	<i>The Irish 2000 Guineas winner beat many talented runners at the Curragh that day, but hasn't been able to replicate yet. Got beat by better in the Qatar Sussex but didn't show anything last out. Really iffy here. Seems just a try by the connections with nothing to lose in his career finale.</i>													
5	Digital Age (IRE)	Javier Castellano	Chad Brown	Invincible Spirit-Willow View	8/1	<i>I love this cutback angle. Fantastic winner of the Old Forester Turf Classic – closed in and cleared with ease. Looks to be improving greatly for Chad Brown and is so dangerous moving back to a mile – a distance he is two-for-two at, albeit against lesser.</i>													
6	Safe Voyage (IRE)	Jason Hart	John Quinn	Fast Company-Shishangaan	15/1	<i>Just got beat a neck out last out on ground that wasn't to his liking. The Boomerang Mile was a lot more what we should expect from him today. Still, a very tough ask for Quinn and Hart to beat this field. Definitely an upset chance here on the ship out and up in pace.</i>													
7	Casa Creed	Junior Alvarado	William Mott	Jimmy Creed-Achalaya	20/1	<i>Tried to take the field wire-to-wire in the Shadwell Turf Mile. Just didn't find anything late and wasn't the pace of the winner Ivar. Use in exotics but that's about it.</i>													
8	March to the Arch	Tyler Gaffalione	Mark Casse	Arch-Daveron	15/1	<i>If Starship Jubilee wins the Filly & Mare Turf earlier today, March to the Arch is a must use here. He was the only one closing in on Starship Jubilee in the Woodbine Mile and has been training lights out. His one closing run at Keeneland in last year's Shadwell Turf Mile wasn't great, but he looks to be improving. Lot to like with this one and looks to be peaking at the right time.</i>													
9	One Master (GB)	Pierre-Charles Boudot	William Haggas	Fastnet Rock-Enticing	12/1	<i>SCRATCHED</i>													
10	Halladay	Luis Saez	Todd Pletcher	War Front-Hightap	12/1	<i>Took a solid group of turf stars wire-to-wire in the Fourstardave. If he gets to the front, he will be a difficult one to pass up front.</i>													
11	Ivar (BRZ)	Joseph Talamo	Paulo Lobo	Agnes Gold-May Be Now	4/1	<i>The former Argentine runner, Paulo Lobo has Ivar in good form, winning the Shadwell Turf Mile after a nice third in the Tourist Mile. Was roaring home last out and cannot be discounted. Going to need a bit of a step up, but so good.</i>													
12	Uni (GB)	Joel Rosario	Chad Brown	More Than Ready-Unaided	5/1	<i>Can Uni win back-to-back Miles? She started well with a win over course and distance in the First Lady. It wasn't as good as last year's win, but still by far one of the most talented stars. Needs to regain some back form to ensure a victory, but a threat.</i>													
13	Factor This	Florent Geroux	Brad Cox	The Factor-Capricious Miss	8/1	<i>Solid wins this year against lesser. Has a chance to win – definitely – but needs to improve. Last two shows he should at least play a factor and could take them well on the front end. A lot to like here if he breaks well and hits the front. Brad Cox has been hot. Huge chance in a wide open race.</i>													
14	Raging Bull (FR)	Jose Ortiz	Chad Brown	Dark Angel-Rosa Bonheur	8/1	<i>Was on the same pace as the winner of the Shadwell Turf Mile, Ivar, last out. Always consistent. Always a threat. Use in your exotics. Use on top. Raging Bull will be one to test anyone late.</i>													
15	Order of Australia (IRE) – AE	Christophe Soumillon	Aiden O'Brien	Australia-Senta's Dream	30/1	<i>DRAWS IN – Lot of solid back races but looks to be in a tough spot.</i>													
Top Selections:		8- March to the Arch			13- Factor This			3- Lope Y Fernandez											
<p>This is an absolutely wide-open affair. I do think March to the Arch has the best closing kick in this field, which he will need a lot of to win. Moves up if Starship Jubilee wins earlier on the card. Factor This could be the one to take them all the way – lots of early speed and perhaps enough to make it difficult for the Euros. Lope Y Fernandez looks the best of coming over for this spot.</p>																			

Race 10					
Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1)					
\$2,000,000		1 1/8 Miles		Dirt	
For Older, Fillies & Mares					
PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Sire/Dam	Odds
1	Ce Ce	John Velazquez	Michael McCarthy	Elusive Quality-Miss Houdini	12/1
<i>Going back to routing distance should aid Ce Ce in this post. But she has a lot to overcome. I do like her stalking the pace and think she is training really well. Worth a big shot.</i>					
2	Harvest Moon	Flavian Prat	Simon Callaghan	Uncle Mo-Qaraaba	12/1
<i>Has been underperforming and would need a lot to take her weak wins in the Zenyatta and Torrey Pines to here. Not strong chance.</i>					
3	Dunbar Road	Jose Ortiz	Chad Brown	Quality Road-Gift List	12/1
<i>A visually impressive winner of the Delaware Handicap two back, the Beldame did not come up well for her as she was wide throughout and just didn't have the same pace of the rest. Looks like this will suit her more as she starts to improve.</i>					
4	Horologist	Junior Alvarado	William Mott	Gemologist-Cinderella Time	8/1
<i>The Beldame winner impressed on s staling trip and then reeling in a loose leader. Bill Mott has her tuned up at the right time. Must use here, but hopefully the stalking trip will work well. Might sneak past the favorites late.</i>					
5	Swiss Skydiver	Robby Albarado	Kenneth McPeck	Daredevil-Expo Gold	2/1
<i>Absolutely loved her going into the Preakness and absolutely love her here. She does get her toughest test against Monomoy Girl, but she has been working well, looking well in the mornings, and is a fighter in the late part of the Distaff.</i>					
6	Lady Kate	Tyler Gaffalione	Eddie Kenneally	Bernardini-Princess Haya	15/1
<i>Had no chance in the Spinster last out. She just was no match for the winners. Seems to be the case in a lot of her starts. Just not to cut.</i>					
7	Point of Honor	Javier Castellano	George Weaver	Curlin-Zayanna	30/1
<i>Her odds don't tell the whole story. She has been wide throughout her previous races and tried to close against very little pace. That could be different here, with a bit more speed in the Distaff. Huge chance for an upset and primed to hit the exotics.</i>					
8	Valiance	Luis Saez	Todd Pletcher	Tapit-Last Full Measure	12/1
<i>Three straight wins and improving each race. She keeps getting better and her Spinster win over course and distance was impressive. Not a huge fan but worth at least including.</i>					
9	Ollie's Candy	Joel Rosario	John Sadler	Candy Ride-Afternoon Stroll	10/1
<i>Needs to show more to win. Just didn't have the chance last out and not enough two back. Not today.</i>					
10	Monomoy Girl	Florent Geroux	Brad Cox	Tapizar-Drumette	8/5
<i>An absolute star! Monomoy Girl looks to go out with another Distaff win, after taking it two years ago. She coasted by the field like they were standing still in the La Troienne las tout – a very nice prep for this. Few can run with her.</i>					
Top Selections:		5- Swiss Skydiver		10- Monomoy Girl	
				7- Point of Honor	
It is a two horse race. I lean on Swiss Skydiver as I've like her battling qualities a lot and think she could challenge Monomoy Girl. Those two are much the best. Using Point of Honor late for some value.					

Race 11		Breeders' Cup Turf (G1)			Sat. 4:33pm
\$4,000,000		1 1/2 Miles		Turf	For Older
PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Sire/Dam	Odds
1	Arklow	Florent Geroux	Brad Cox	Arch-Unbridled Empire	5/1
<i>The Kentucky Turf Cup victory was one of the most impressive wins I've seen in recent memory. Dangerous off that last start and really worth a play. Still, he hasn't performed well in those top class races. Maybe peaking?</i>					
2	Magical (IRE)	Ryan Moore	Aidan O'Brien	Galileo-Halfway To Heaven	5/2
<i>By far the best in this field. She has been sensational over in Europe and now takes her talents to the US. O'Brien always does well in this spot and her form is what it looks to be. She is going to be very tough to beat.</i>					
3	Tarnawa (IRE)	Christophe Soumillon	Dermot Weld	Shamardal-Tarana	6/1
<i>The Prix Vermeille and Prix de l'Opera winner opts to go here rather than against the girls. I think that is an excellent choice by Dermot Weld. She has been on a star winning streak against lots of very live horses, including Cayenne Pepper running earlier on Saturday. She isn't as good as Magical, but she can definitely be where you want to be.</i>					
4	Mehdaayih (GB)	Joel Rosario	John Gosden	Frankel-Sayyedati Symphony	30/1
<i>Not quite sure where she fits. Not 100% sure of him. But you never know. I'll let him beat me if he does improve enough to win on the good-to-firm turf, but don't see it.</i>					
5	Donjah (GER)	Clement Lecoivre	Henk Grewe	Teofilo-Dyanamore	30/1
<i>The Preis Von Europa was ultra impressive – although he didn't follow up with a win in the Baden, Donjah showed a turn of foot that is elite. He has a lot of solid races and shows up each time. Don't leave him off your ticket.</i>					
6	Lord North (IRE)	Lanfranco Dettori	John Gosden	Dubawi-Najoum	8/1
<i>Needs to improve off last few and get back some form. Eligible to improve on the firmer ground and has a shot. But needs to get better to beat Magical.</i>					
7	United	Flavien Prat	Richard Mandella	Giant's Causeway-Indy Punch	8/1
<i>Just barely lost this last year to Bricks and Mortar. Has shown everything you want from a potential Turf winner in last few. Mandella wouldn't send him here if he didn't have a chance.</i>					
8	Red King	Umberto Rispoli	Philip D'Amato	English Channel-Youre Speeding Luv	20/1
<i>Needs a complete breakdown to win here. Not today.</i>					
9	Channel Maker	Manuel Franco	William Mott	English Channel-In Return	5/1
<i>Pace makes the race. The one that should take the lead early and could move them all the way. Impressive in last two, but does need a bit of a step up to beat the top horses here. Must take and really going to be tough.</i>					
10	Mogul (GB)	Pierre-Charles Boudot	Aidan O'Brien	Galileo-Shastye	4/1
<i>Mogul was one of the only horses to move forward late in the Arc when trying to get past Sottsass. This is one that is getting better and worth a strong play.</i>					
Top Selections:		9- Channel Maker	2- Magical	10- Mogul	
Channel Maker is going to look to take them at every point of call. He looks like a world beater on the front end and is very dangerous. Must used and cannot be overlooked. Magical has so much talent that its hard to deny. She looks phenomenal here and is going to be tough. Mogul comes in for O'Brien after a great finishing effort in the Arc – if he runs the way he did then, he will pick up some spots late.					

Race 12					Sat. 5:18pm
Breeders' Cup Classic (G1)					
\$6,000,000		1 1/4 Miles		Dirt	For Older
PP	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Sire/Dam	Odds
1	Tacitus	Jose Ortiz	William Mott	Tapit-Close Hatches	20/1
<i>No excuse last out for Tacitus, who ran his race in the Jockey Club Gold Cup and controlled the early tempo. He does his best running when able to keep the paces slow and have a clear position to fight for. Still, so many questions about why he couldn't win either of his last two, even if they were perfect for him. The rail spot may be good for him here, but he needs to show that he wants to win to be a true contender.</i>					
2	Tiz the Law	Manuel Franco	Barclay Tagg	Constitution-Tizfiz	3/1
<i>The Belmont Stakes winner just had too much to do in the Kentucky Derby. Yet he still had an absolutely solid performance, even if it was off only a month rest vs his preferred two months. Now he gets the rest he needs and a race that shapes well around him. This is not an easy ask in his first test against older horses, but hasn't shown anything to doubt him.</i>					
3	By My Standards	Gabriel Saez	W. Bret Calhoun	Goldencents-A Jealous Women	10/1
<i>Older horses have been set to the standard of this Calhoun trainee, who has come alive since last year's Kentucky Derby disaster. He still needs to find himself winning a race when Tom's d'Etat or Improbable are there, but he does get Gabriel Saez for this one – he has yet to lose this year with Saez aboard. The stalking trip works well here and if he can break well and stay to the inside, he could have a huge race.</i>					
4	Tom's d'Etat	Joel Rosario	Albert Stall, Jr.	Smart Strike-Julia Tuttle	6/1
<i>The top handicap horse in the nation probably would have won last out in the Whitney had it not been for the bad break putting him at the back of the field. His Stephen Foster win was visually impressive and he won without needing to do much. As long as he breaks well, he is going to be very tough to beat. Not sure if anyone can beat him when he runs his game.</i>					
5	Title Ready	Corey Lanerie	Dallas Stewart	More Than Ready-Title Seeker	30/1
<i>This is one that will be there to pick up any pieces if the pace is very quick. He has a very quick turn of foot and able to close down on the leaders late. Must use in the exotics and truly when is Dallas Stewart not live to hit the board with a close in a major race.</i>					
6	Higher Power	Flavien Prat	John Sadler	Medaglia d'Oro-Alternate	20/1
<i>A hard trying California handicap horse, this placement seems to be a bit too tough for him. His form going into last year's Classic was much better. Toss.</i>					
7	Global Campaign	Javier Castellano	Stanley Hough	Curlin-Globe Trot	20/1
<i>Global Campaign was able to walk the dog on the front end in the Woodward, setting slow fractions early and going wire to wire with ease. He won't get a clear trip the same way on Saturday. This group is a step up in class and last time he faced a field as tough as that, he did not prevail. Still, looks to be one to use in any exotics.</i>					
8	Improbable	Irada Ortiz, Jr.	Bob Baffert	City Zip-Rare Event	5/2
<i>The first of the Baffert trio, the son of City Zip got the best of everyone since his Hollywood Gold Cup victory in June. He has looked to have put his mistakes at the gate behind him and was solid in his win last out in the Awesome Again. His stalking tendency help shim out here and should make it for an easy trip to the winners circle. Only concern is that he hasn't excelled in races with fields larger than 6.</i>					
9	Authentic	John Velazquez	Bob Baffert	Into Mischief-Flawless	6/1
<i>Authentic is the type that can grab the lead and run all day. If he can get the lead early, which it looks like he can, he can set the pace and deny many a chance to go by. His two losses came both when he wasn't sharp leaving the gate and needed to play catchup. A good break makes him very difficult to stop. Lack of other strong pace types improves his chances.</i>					
10	Maximum Security	Luis Saez	Bob Baffert	New Year's Day-Lil Indy	7/2
<i>The major player here, Maximum Security does his best running being very close to the pace or upfront. Last out was an odd run for him, where it looked like he had nothing in the tank. Hopefully that won't be the case on Saturday. He has a lot of talent and should be able to sit behind the pacesetter early and gain up on him during the stretch run. Lot to like if he can get to a clean path. Loss last out seemed to be more of the track than anything, as he just couldn't make up nay ground. This looks to be his day.</i>					
Top Selections:		4- Tom's d'Etat	10- Maximum Security	1- Tacitus	
<p>Tom's d'Etat has been unstoppable this year and this race shapes up in form to be another one that favors him. He has been able to put away every one of the older division, so only question is if he can take on the 3yos as well. Maximum Security has had a very tumultuous 2020 (who hasn't) but looks to secure his spot with a win here. I liked his last out a lot and think he is eligible to improve off that effort. His Pacific Classic win put him in territory to capture this one. And Tacitus has all the talent in the world, but just needs to show that he can win. I think seeing a fast pace and two turns should help him find his best running stride and make a race out of this. Using Global Campaign, Title Ready, and Improbable in all my exotics. By My Standards also right below them for the third spot in trifectas and fourth spot in superfectas.</p>					