

TRACK PHANTOM'S 2017 BREEDER'S CUP GUIDE - DAY 2



SATURDAY, 11-4-17
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RACE 1 .50C P5 \$840

1ST 7

2ND 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8

3RD 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12

4TH 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13

5TH 1, 2, 3, 6, 10

RACE 7 \$2 P6 \$1,008

7TH 2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14

8TH 8, 9

9TH 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13

10TH 11

11TH 5, 13

12TH 1, 5, 7

RACE 9 .50C P4 \$315

9TH ALL

10TH 6, 7, 11

11TH 3, 4, 5, 10, 13

12TH 1, 5, 7, 8

BEST BET OF THE DAY
#8 ROY H (8TH)

BEST LONGSHOT CHANCE
#13 SADLER'S JOY (11TH)

MOST LIKELY WINNER
#11 BOLT D'ORO (10TH)

NON-BREEDERS' CUP RACES

<p>1 DEL MAR RACE 1 (10:10) 79 GOLDIKOVA-G2, 200K, 1M TURF</p> <p>7 KITTEN'S ROAR 5-1 Velazquez 1 ON LEAVE 9-2 Ortiz 9 MAJESTIC HEAT 12-1 Prat 11 ALJAZZI 6-1 Atzeni</p> <p>1st: 7 KITTEN'S ROAR (5-1) 5YO mare has turned into a real G1 racehorse. She split the field in the tough Jenny Wiley at KEE back in April and also split the field in the equally strong Beverly D. In both cases she was beaten less than 2 lengths. Winner in last is a millionaire coming in off a runner-up in a Group 1 to a superstar, Winter.</p> <p>2ND: 1 ON LEAVE (9-2) Really thought she was destined for a G1 win given her pedigree. There are all kinds of turf superstars in her family led by millionaire sib Ironicus. She's a consistent type that was a neck away from being 4 for 4 at a mile. Saves needed ground with Ortiz up.</p> <p>3RD: 9 MAJESTIC HEAT (12-1) 5YO mare has been lightly raced by Mandella. She is a perfect 3 for 3 whenever Prat has been aboard. She'll have to improve off of her recent efforts for her to win this but the cutback to 1 mile and move back to Prat will help. Has handled this turf nicely.</p> <p>A) 7 B) 1,9,11,13 C) 4,6,8,10,14</p>	<p>2 DEL MAR RACE 2 (10:45) 46 GOLDEN ST JUVENILE, 200K, 7F DIRT</p> <p>1 SMOKEM 5-2 Roman 6 BOOKIES LUCK 7-2 Desormeaux 2 NIGHT AT THE OPERA 3-1 Van Dyke 3 CAMPAIGNER 8-1 Pereira</p> <p>1st: 1 SMOKEM (5-2) Never worse than 2nd in his four races. Was 2nd to a main foe in here, Bookies Luck, but it's noteworthy that every race on that day was won wire to wire or those sitting 2nd early. Gets to save ground behind what should be a fast and contested pace. Getting an extra furlong should really help him in this spot.</p> <p>2ND: 6 BOOKIES LUCK (7-2) Desormeaux got aboard last time out and he was ridden with confidence and held the top choice at bay late. That surface was favoring speed that day. He's come back with a very strong set of workouts for a sharp outfit. Dangerous if left alone up front.</p> <p>3RD: 2 NIGHT AT THE OPERA (3-1) Northern California shipper was hammered down at the window in the debut and won for fun. Was a bit green in that race. Hollendorfer placed him w/ open company going long in last. 4th from that one won easily in opt 40k here next. Should be closing.</p> <p>A) 1,6 B) 2 C) 3,7,8</p>	<p>3 DEL MAR RACE 3 (11:20) 20 JUVENILE TURF SPRINT, 200K, 5F TURF</p> <p>3 COUNT ALEXANDER 6-1 Nakatani 10 MARCH X PRESS 7-2 Castellano 5 SOUND AND SILENCE 8-1 Buick 12 MAJESTIC DUNHILL 20-1 Franco</p> <p>1st: 3 COUNT ALEXANDER (6-1) Found this race to be extraordinarily difficult and little more than a guess. This one crushed the field sprinting in the debut at W0 in a hand ride. He may have moved a tad soon in the Summer two starts back but hung in gamely. Getting to the winner as a favorite in the Zuma Beach. Crafty veteran rider.</p> <p>2ND: 10 MARCH X PRESS (7-2) Filly takes on the males here after she ran evenly in the Natalma going a mile. Really hit her stride at 5.5F in both starts at Saratoga. Had a tough trip in the Bolton Landing two back but still got up late in there. Didn't break in either of her first two starts.</p> <p>3RD: 5 SOUND AND SILENCE (8-1) Godolphin colt is 5 for 6 in the exacta at the short distance, all coming overseas. He beat some of his foes in here in a few of those starts. Trainer is one of the best in Europe and Buick is a top level rider and won the Windsor at Ascot at 16-1 aboard him.</p> <p>A) 3,5,10,12 B) 4,8,9 C) 2,6,11</p>
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BREEDERS' CUP RACES

4 DEL MAR RACE 4 (12:00) 43
JUVENILE FILLIES-G1, \$2M, 1M 1/16 DIRT

12 CALEDONIA ROAD 15-1 Smith
 13 SEPARATIONOFPWRS 4-1 Ortiz
 7 MOONSHINE MEMORIES 7-2 Prat
 10 MAYA MALIBU 20-1 Castellano

1ST: 12 CALEDONIA ROAD (15-1)

Banking on the strength of the G1 Frizette as top 2 selections were one-two in that race (and far clear from 3rd). She outran her odds both times for sharp trainer. Winner got the better trip in the Frizette but both finished similar in final furlong. Gets HOF rider who has won 25 Breeders' Cup races in his career. Tough race but seems to set up for a big priced filly.

2ND: 13 SEPARATIONOFPOWERS (4-1)

Beat the top pick in the G1 Frizette at BEL. That race has produced 7 winners of this race in last 23 years. Obviously have to respect anything that Brown puts on the track. Outside post isn't ideal but does have a world class rider aboard. She co-owns the top fig with two others in here, a number she hit twice in 3 starts. Trip is the big question from this widest post.

3RD: 7 MOONSHINE MEMORIES (7-2)

Nice looking win in the G1 at Santa Anita when she stretched out for the first time. Odd running of that race, 4 of 8 fillies eased. She was an expensive filly, getting 650k. Dam half to the '97 BC Juvenile winner, Favorite Trick (also champion two-year old). So. Cal. has produced 8 winners of this race since '93. The G1 she exits was the prep race of the last 2 winners.

A) 7,12,13 B) 1,6,8,9 C) 3,4,10,11

HISTORICAL TRENDS (33 Years)

Favorites have won just north of 50% in this but did see 33-1 Champagne Room win last year and 61-1 winner, Take Charge Brandi in '14. Speed has been dominant. 7 of the last 12 winners went all the way on the lead, 4 won pressing in 2nd (11 of 12, 92%). Off-the-pace winner was on a synth SA course in 08.

5 DEL MAR RACE 5 (12:37) 55
TURF SPRINT-G1, \$1M, 5F TURF

3 LADY AURELIA 5-2 Velazquez
 1 DISCO PARTNER 9-2 Ortiz
 2 HOLDING GOLD 15-1 Franco
 6 MARSHA 7-2 Morris

1ST: 3 LADY AURELIA (5-2)

The race will go through this superstar filly. She'll be the pacesetter here. She'll have little trouble getting to the front with closers to her inside. She's 5 for 7 in her career and adores firm ground. The last 8 races at 5F here during the summer, 5 winners went wire to wire and 1 pressing. Controlling speed wired one year, ran 2nd in other the 2x this was at 5F (both CD).

2ND: 1 DISCO PARTNER (9-2)

Really wanted to have this one on top but the inside draw was just no good considering his style. He can still win this race but it feels like he'll need luck here to find room in the lane. Had a sensational '17 year with 4 sprint wins and a respectable 4th in the G1 at 1M two back. Ortiz has 5 wins out of 6 races aboard him. Razor sharp but the 1 post a serious obstacle.

3RD: 2 HOLDING GOLD (15-1)

If you look past the 2 soft turf races in 2017, he looks a lot better. Was beaten a length to Disco Partner in his world record Jaipur three back. He's another in here who would benefit from a contested, fast pace up front. Doesn't feel like a win candidate given the way the race shapes up but he's a game 4YO who'll be live underneath in the exotics. Price will be huge.

A) 1,3 B) 2,6,10 C) 4,8,11,12

HISTORICAL TRENDS (10 Years)

This race has been run at 6.5F at Santa Anita in 7 of the 10 years. In the 3 years it was run at either 5.5F or 5F, speed has 2 wins and a runner-up. Also those 3 years, 7 of 9 trifecta spots were made up of 7-1 shots or higher. Of the 25 run at 5F on the turf this summer at DMR, 12 were won by very deep closers.

6 DEL MAR RACE 6 (1:14) 68
F&M SPRINT-G1, \$1M, 7F DIRT

11 UNIQUE BELLA 9-5 Smith
 2 PAULASSILVERLINING 8-1 Ortiz
 12 SKYE DIAMONDS 5-1 Pereira
 14 AMI'S MESA 20-1 Contreras

1ST: 11 UNIQUE BELLA (9-5)

Expensive 3YO filly has done nothing wrong in her 6 race career. After a defeat in her debut, a race she was clearly given as a prep, she's been untouchable since. Whipped Ky Oaks champ Able Tasman. Little trouble beating 2016 Juv Fillies winner, Champagne Room, three back. Works are tremendous and this trainer is one of the best w/ this kind. Will be tough.

2ND: 2 PAULASSILVERLINING (8-1)

If you throw out the Ballerina in 2017 and 2016, she has not run a bad race otherwise since in the either of the last two years. Was 3rd in this race from the 9 post at 15-1 last year. She beat a lot of these in most of her starts in 2017. Like many, she'll be up near a quick pace but can sit a bit and close late. Certainly has an accomplished team managing her chances.

3RD: 12 SKYE DIAMONDS (5-1)

What a claim this filly is turning out to be. Taken for 40k nine starts ago. She's won 6 of 8 for the owners that took her and the two losses were solid second place finishes. She looked very strong winning the G2 two back and easily got the best of two of her foes in here. Could easily settle into a perfect trip in back of a congested forward group. Must use here.

A) 11 B) 2,7,9,12,14 C) 1,4,5,10

HISTORICAL TRENDS (10 Years)

Zero wire to wire winners in 10 years of this event. Last year's winner, Finest City, traveled in the top 3 early, grinding out the win at 9-1 odds. The TCA Stakes at Keeneland has been a key prep (5 of the 10 winners came out of that race). No 3YO filly has ever won. A deep closer been in top 2, 8 of 10 years.

BREEDERS' CUP RACES

<p>7 DEL MAR RACE 7 (2:00) 47 F&M TURF-G1, \$2M, 1M 1/4 TURF</p> <p>5 WUHEIDA 20-1 Buick 9 LADY ELI 5-2 Ortiz 2 SENGA 20-1 Pasquier 10 QUEEN'S TRUST 12-1 Dettori</p> <p>1ST: 5 WUHEIDA (20-1) Royally bred Godolphin filly for top Euro outfit was a G1 winner in just her 2nd start and had this rider up for that win. Interestingly, her first three starts all came on harder footing and she won twice and was 2nd to star, Roly Poly. She doesn't want softer footing and neither did her dam. Scratched due to a corn in her foot from QEII at KEE but doing superbly at DMR.</p> <p>2ND: 9 LADY ELI (5-2) Absolute superstar has 10 wins and 3 seconds from her 13 career starts. All three of her losses were in a photo finish. Just incredible! She was beaten a nose in this spot last year by the one to her right. Trainer Chad Brown has won this 3 times since 2012. 5th in last, On Leave, is in the 1st today, and did win back in a LRL stakes. Think she's facing tougher this year.</p> <p>3RD: 2 SENGA (20-1) Might just be better on firm footing. She was beaten in the last two starts on soft footing but won the G1 Prix de Diane three back on firm footing. Her other two wins came on firm turf, as well. Runner-up two back returned to run 2nd in the Belmont Oaks back in July to New Money Honey. She has a strong grass pedigree, draws well and will be rolling in the lane.</p> <p>A) 5,9 B) 2,7,10,14 C) 8,11,12</p>	<p>8 DEL MAR RACE 8 (2:37) 86 SPRINT-G1, \$1.5M, 6F DIRT</p> <p>8 ROY H 7-2 Desormeux 9 RANSOM THE MOON 12-1 Prat 10 IMPERIAL HINT 9-2 Castellano 2 DREFONG 5-2 Smith</p> <p>1ST: 8 ROY H (7-2) Thought he got a lot out of the SA Sprint. He was in a bit of a fight with 41-1 outside Mr. Hinx but put him away with an aggressive hand ride. He' turned into a monster this year for Peter Miller. The lone defeat was not his fault. Drefong lost his rider and carried Roy H to the middle of the track on the turn and in the stretch. He'll sit perfect behind the speed today.</p> <p>2ND: 9 RANSOM THE MOON (12-1) He has a strong mid-stretch move and that may be handy when the speed starts to stagger a bit late in the game. For no real reason, he flopped last time out in the G1 SA Sprint. Prior to that he looked great in So. Cal. Willing to give him that last race and take him here in the exotics, at least. This race normally plays kindly to those with some late stretch punch.</p> <p>3RD: 3 IMPERIAL HINT (9-2) When you look at Drefong, other than this race last year when he went wire to wire on a speed favoring track, the other two G1 wins he was able to go :45.2 and :45.4, the equivalent to jogging for runners with his class. This wickedly fast speedball is able to toss up sub :44 fractions and may outrun Drefong. Beat G1 types Awesome Banner, Stalkwalkin' Dude lately.</p> <p>A) 8 B) 2,7,9,10 C) 5,6</p>	<p>9 DEL MAR RACE 9 (3:19) 40 TURF MILE-G1, \$2M, 1M TURF</p> <p>6 ZELZAL 20-1 Benoist 10 RIBCHESTER 7-2 Buick 5 WORLD APPROVAL 9-2 Velazquez 8 SUEDOIS 6-1 Tudhope</p> <p>1ST: 6 ZELZAL (20-1) He was bet down to 4-1 in the Sussex Stakes 2 back at Goodwood while Lancaster Bomber was 8-1 and Ribchester was 3-5. This one was stuck right on the rail the entire time and the footing down there, on that very soft footing, was deep. Finally gets back to firm ground after 2 wet. The Prix de la Foret same prep Karakontie ran 7th in before winning this in '15.</p> <p>2ND: 10 RIBCHESTER (7-2) One of the best milers in Europe comes in off a very short rest, first time in his career when back on less than 4 weeks off. He was in front of Classic entrant Churchill in the QEII at Ascot as the 2-1 favorite. The winner was a longshot 4YO filly. He likes to be near the pace but that might not be the spot to travel in today. Classy enough but will be overbet in this one.</p> <p>3RD: 5 WORLD APPROVAL (9-2) Form is just too good to look past in this spot but he really is a horse you should try to beat. He's won 4 of 5 starts and is now 2 for 2 at the distance. He got a dream run on the rail in the Woodbine Mile and got away from them late while many of the late comers were stymied. Should sit 5th or so in here and get 1st jump on the closers. Another classy, talented horse.</p> <p>A) 5,6,8,10 B) 4,12,13 C) 7,11</p>
<p><u>HISTORICAL TRENDS (18 Years)</u> Euros have been in 30 of the 52 trifecta spots (58%) in this race despite the fact that they have only had roughly 35% of the starters. Last year, Euro Queen's Trust, nipped Lady Eli by a nose. Had Lady Eli won, it would have given trainer Brown a 4th win since '12. So Cal based horses are 0 for 40 with 3 in the top 3.</p>	<p><u>HISTORICAL TRENDS (33 Years)</u> The Sprint has the 2nd highest average superfecta payout in all the Breeders' Cup races. It normally produces a price or two in the top 4. Drefong went wire to wire last year but that was only the 3rd time a runner wired this in last 20 years. Also, it is worth noting that the SA track was favoring speed in 2016.</p>	<p><u>HISTORICAL TRENDS (33 Years)</u> European imports and closers have performed well in this race in most years. In 2016, neither Euros or closers did well. Prior to last year, you'd have to go all the way back to 1993 the last time a deep closer didn't hit the board. 5 different runners have taken this more than one time (led by Goldikova 3 times).</p>

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10 DEL MAR RACE 10 (3:58) 84 JUVENILE-G1, \$2M, 1M 1/16 DIRT	11 DEL MAR RACE 11 (4:37) 80 TURF-G1, \$4M, 1M 1/2 TURF	12 DEL MAR RACE 12 (5:35) 82 CLASSIC-G1, \$6M, 1M 1/4 DIRT
<p>11 BOLT D'ORO 9-5 Nakatani 7 THE TABULATOR 20-1 Valdivia 6 GOOD MAGIC 8-1 Ortiz 3 FIRENZE FIRE 6-1 Ortiz</p>	<p>5 ULYSSES 7-2 Dettori 13 SADLER'S JOY 12-1 Leparoux 10 FANCIFUL ANGEL 12-1 Ortiz 3 HIGHLAND REEL 5-1 Moore</p>	<p>5 GUN RUNNER 9-5 Geroux 7 CHURCHILL 15-1 Moore 1 ARROGATE 2-1 Smith 8 WEST COAST 6-1 Castellano</p>
<p>1ST: 11 BOLT D'ORO (9-5) Have a feeling you're going to see 4-5 odds on him at post time. He is undefeated in 3 starts and the G1 Front Runner was spectacular. The 2YO counterpart prep on that day for fillies was run in 1:46.1 and the Zenyatta for older was run in 1:44.1. Trainer said he didn't have him fully cranked up for that race. Favs have run in exacta in 10 of the last 11 years in this.</p>	<p>1ST: 5 ULYSSES (7-2) If not for the superstar 3YO filly, Enable, this would have been the Euro turf champion. He has won 2 G1 races and two runs in the money behind Enable in G1's, including the prestigious Arc. Those who have run in the Arc have won 7 of the last 16 times in this event. He was 4th last year but got little pace to run at. The pace will be more than honest time around.</p>	<p>1ST: 5 GUN RUNNER (9-5) People talk about how Arrogate ran him down four back in the Dubai World Cup. But that track was wet and Gun Runner has shown he wants firm footing. Since a 2nd place finish in the Dirt Mile last year, he's been just fantastic. He hardly took a breath in the 5 wins since the Mile. Has an easy tracking style that will give Geroux options. Reportedly working strong.</p>
<p>2ND: 2 THE TABULATOR (1-1) No question this undefeated 3 for 3 colt is going to have to improve to compete but he has the look of one that is doing just that. He looked sensational at Prairie Meadows in the paddock and then he ran to those looks in beating the 2-5 favorite. Trainer has said he expects a big race from this Mineshaft colt. Bred to want distance. Is playable at very long odds.</p>	<p>2ND: 13 SADLER'S JOY (12-1) Just like Ulysses, he'll benefit from what should be a contested pace. He did not get serious pace to run into in the Turf Classic last time out. While fractions looked ok, 150-1 rabbit went out by 7 as if not in the race. Those 2nd and 3rd early finished 1st and 3rd. Has a serious 15 for 20 turf winner (13 graded stakes) in female tree (Sabin). Sneaky longshot player in here.</p>	<p>2ND: 7 CHURCHILL (15-1) Most of the Aidan O'Brien runners didn't run well in the Classic (he's 3 for 13 in the money with 0 wins). But he ran 2nd twice and was in a 3-way photo when 3rd a head. With a little luck, he could be shooting for his 4th BC Classic. There is class here, no doubt, but the big question is the surface. If he handles it, and no way to know if he will, with L1, he rates a chance.</p>
<p>3RD: 6 GOOD MAGIC (8-1) Million dollar colt for Chad Brown is still a maiden but really ran a winning race in the Champagne. He moved a bit soon into a fast pace and tired slightly and was tagged by Firenze Fire, who had a perfect pace set up as a big closer into a fast pace. Tons of stakes winners in the female family, best might be Magical Maiden, 3rd place finisher in the '93 Distaff.</p>	<p>3RD: 10 FANCIFUL ANGEL (12-1) There may not be a better example of how good the Euro turf runners are. This one finished 2nd in two of the most important G1 turf races in the US this year but was little more than minor stakes winner in GB. Broke poor and had to close into a paceless race in the Arlington Million but got up for 2nd at 73-1. Is now w/ Chad Brown. Worthy of using in all exotic wagers.</p>	<p>3RD: 1 ARROGATE (2-1) Not at all impressed with what he did at Del Mar this summer. Was flat as a board in the San Diego when off at 1-20 odds. Was spinning his wheels until very late in the Pacific Classic. He did rally late and came on for 2nd. Mike Smith said his energy wasn't where it was earlier. Might try tactic used in Travers when he was sent from the rail. Quite obvious w/ his best.</p>
<p>A) 11 B) 3,5,6,7 C) 1,2,4,9,12</p>	<p>A) 5,13 B) 3,4,10 C) 1,9,12,14</p>	<p>A) 5 B) 1,7,8 C) 6,9,10,11</p>
<p><u>HISTORICAL TRENDS (33 Years)</u> Favorites are clicking at near 34% in this. Top 2 last year were 2nd and 1st favorites, separated by a neck at the end. The G1 Champagne (East) and G1 Front Runner (West) are not surprisingly the 2 races that have turned out live runners in this. It's been fairly run over the years without a bias to a running style.</p>	<p><u>HISTORICAL TRENDS (33 Years)</u> European runners have dominated this race. They made up the superfecta last year. Euros have won 22 of 33 all-time. Aidan O'Brien won for the 6th time in 2016. A Euro who had previously run in the Arc de Triomphe has won 7 of the past 16 runnings of this race. They finished in the exacta in 5 straight years.</p>	<p><u>HISTORICAL TRENDS (33 Years)</u> East Coast runners have done well in this. The G1 Jockey Club Gold Cup has been a solid prep as has been the G1 Whitney, both major NY summer races. The preferred style been midpack. Recent winners like Bayern and American Pharoah won wire to wire but did so at Santa Anita speed friendly racetracks.</p>