

TRACK PHANTOM'S 2017 BREEDER'S CUP GUIDE - DAY 1



FRIDAY, 11-3-17
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RACE 1 .50C P5 \$540

- 1ST 1, 6, 7
 2ND 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 11
 3RD 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10
 4TH 1, 4, 6, 8, 9
 5TH 3, 7

RACE 4 \$2 P6 \$1,152

- 4TH 1, 8, 9
 5TH 1, 3, 7, 8
 6TH 1, 2, 7, 10, 11, 14
 7TH 2, 3, 6, 9
 8TH 6
 9TH 2, 6

RACE 6 .50C P4 \$490

- 6TH ALL (14 RUNNERS)
 7TH 2, 3, 6, 9, 10
 8TH 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13
 9TH 2, 6

BEST BET OF THE DAY

#6 MASAR (8TH)

BEST LONGSHOT CHANCE

#2 GIANT EXPECTATIONS (7TH)

MOST LIKELY WINNER

#7 HARD ACES (5TH)

NON-BREEDERS' CUP RACES

<p>1 DEL MAR RACE 1 (11:25) 75 DAMASCUS STAKES, 200K, 7F DIRT</p> <p>6 MR. HINX 3-1 Ortiz 1 SILENT BIRD 5-2 Desormeaux 7 LOOSE ON THE TOWN 7-2 Castellano 4 KOBE'S BACK 8-1 Gutierrez</p> <p>1st: 6 MR. HINX (3-1) There was nothing cheap about his 41-1 placing in the G1 SA Sprint. He pressed the fast pace, put away other speed, and ran right with a BC Sprint fav, Roy H, all the way to the end. Runner he dueled with 2 back finished dead last. Will sit nicely behind an expected fast pace.</p> <p>VALUE: 7 LOOSE ON THE TOWN (7-2) He was only beaten 2 lengths behind some BC players in the Phoenix last out. He did that despite losing a lot of ground on the turn when shuffled. Gets Castellano back (he's 4 for 4 in the top two on him). Perfect post.</p> <p>A) 1,6 B) 7 C) 4,5</p>	<p>2 DEL MAR RACE 2 (12:00) 41 OPTIONAL CLAIMING, 75K, 1M 1/16 TURF</p> <p>1 MALIBU MUSIC 12-1 Gonzalez 11 RITZY A. P. 7-2 Prat 6 SOGLIO 9-2 Pasquier 9 CHEEKABOOMBOOM 5-1 Bejarano</p> <p>1st: 1 MALIBU MUSIC (12-1) Certainly established the fact that he wants to run on the turf. Nearly pulled off a 100-1 upset 3 back. Came flying in only start on this turf when a close 4th at 15-1 two back. 4 next out winners from that race. He could easily track in 3rd behind two dueling on the front end.</p> <p>VALUE: 11 RITZY A. P. (7-2) Most likely winner of this race on paper but a wide 11 post hurts his chances some. Split the field from a 10 post in the Del Mar Derby and the same in a key race 4 back (winner took 250k KD grass stakes next start).</p> <p>A) 1,11 B) 2,6,9 C) 3,4,5,7</p>	<p>3 DEL MAR RACE 3 (12:35) 28 OPTIONAL CLAIMING, 75K, 7F DIRT</p> <p>3 DONWORTH 6-1 Gutierrez 1 PRIME ISSUE 9-2 Roman 2 CITY OF LIGHT 7-2 Stevens 10 DABSTER 6-1 Prat</p> <p>1st: 3 DONWORTH (6-1) O'Neill and Reddam have won with the move from G1 to high claiming before. O'Neill tried blinkers last out but they come right off here. Certainly has back class and should like the cutback in distance. If he still has something under the hood, he'll be tough to hold off.</p> <p>VALUE: 10 DABSTER (6-1) Not likely that this Baffert colt goes off near the 6-1 morning line. Show finisher in last ran 4th by just one length in the G1 Santa Anita Derby 3 starts later. Place from debut won the Cal Dby at GG next. Strong works.</p> <p>A) 1,2,3,10 B) 9 C) 4,6,7,11</p>
<p>4 DEL MAR RACE 4 (1:10) 68 GOLDEN ST JUVENILE FILLIES, 200K, 7F DIRT</p> <p>8 SPICED PERFECTION 5-1 Talamo 9 FAMILY GIRL 10-1 Prat 1 ONE FAST BROAD 7-2 Nakatani 4 SHOW IT N MOE IT 5-1 Roman</p> <p>1st: 8 SPICED PERFECTION (5-1) The word was apparently out prior to her 1st start. She was hammered down to 4-5 odds. Got away slow both of her first two starts but finished well in each. Finally put it together two back. Notice the runner-up in both wins was clear of 3rd. Been prepping 2 months for this.</p> <p>VALUE: 9 FAMILY GIRL (10-1) Ran a solid 2nd to the top choice here 2 back. They put blinkers on her in her next start and she flopped as a 4-5 favorite. Blinkers are removed here. There seems to be a fair amount of speed. She'll track in perfectly.</p> <p>A) 8 B) 1,4,6,9 C) 3,7</p>	<p>5 DEL MAR RACE 5 (1:45) 63 MARATHON-G2, 200K, 1M 3/4 DIRT</p> <p>7 HARD ACES 5-2 Gonzalez 3 DESTIN 5-1 Velazquez 1 ARCHANOVA 4-1 Landeros 8 DRESSED IN HERMES 8-1 Blanc</p> <p>1st: 7 HARD ACES (5-2) Thought he ran a pretty game race when finishing 2nd in this last year. The winner had the rail and was only speed, forcing this one out of his tracking style. There is plenty of speed in this race where he can relax just behind. Millionaire has run well on this DMR surface.</p> <p>VALUE: 8 DRESSED IN HERMES (8-1) Dirt the main question as he's run on it three times without success. Did run only 4 behind Cupid in the Brubaker here 2 back. That effort could put him in the mix. Late style will be beneficial considering the pace.</p> <p>A) 3,7 B) 1,8 C) 5,6</p>	<p>10 DEL MAR RACE 10 (5:17) 45 SENATOR KEN MADDY-G3, 150K, 5F TURF</p> <p>5 VIGOR 5-1 Ortiz 2 BELVOIR BAY 4-1 Prat 1 SO SWEETITIZ 6-1 Desormeaux 4 FIRSTHAND REPORT 7-2 Castellano</p> <p>1st: 5 VIGOR (5-1) Ships in from NY where she was 2nd in a BEL allowance last out. Winner went off favored after she ran well in back to back stakes at SAR. 3rd was 2nd by a head in the G1 Frizette last year. Dam a full brother to BC Classic winner, Blame. Good to see a bullet drill over this turf.</p> <p>VALUE: 1 SO SWEETITIZ (6-1) She has fired fresh 5 of 6 times, the only poor try from a break was her last start when facing males in the G3 Eddie D. Desormeaux may have had other options but lands here. Works are strong. Needs some racing luck.</p> <p>A) 1,2,5 B) 4,9,10 C) 3,8</p>

BREEDERS' CUP RACES

<p>6 DEL MAR RACE 6 (2:25) 60 JUV FILLIES TURF-G1, \$1M, 1M TURF</p>	<p>7 DEL MAR RACE 7 (3:05) 43 DIRT MILE-G1, \$1M, 1M DIRT</p>	<p>8 DEL MAR RACE 8 (3:50) 83 JUV TURF-G1, \$1M, 1M TURF</p>	<p>9 DEL MAR RACE 9 (4:35) 81 DISTAFF-G1, \$2M, 1M 1/8 DIRT</p>
<p>10 SEPTEMBER 6-1 2 HAPPILY 9-2 7 CAPLA TEMPTRESS 6-1 11 RUSHING FALL 7-2</p>	<p>3 SHARP AZTECA 9-2 6 MOR SPIRIT 3-1 2 GIANT EXPECTATIONS 12-1 9 BATTLE OF MIDWAY 10-1</p>	<p>6 MASAR 9-2 5 BECKFORD 8-1 13 MY BOY JACK 8-1 7 JAMES GARFIELD 6-1</p>	<p>6 FOREVER UNBRIDLED 4-1 2 STELLAR WIND 5-2 5 ELATE 3-1 4 ABEL TASMAN 4-1</p>
<p>1ST: 10 SEPTEMBER (6-1) Sire was 2x Japan horse of the year '05 and '06. Dam won 4 Group 1 turf races. She seemed to improve with the extra furlong and just exploded late to miss by a nose. Trainer is having a fantastic season (26 G1's). Turned the tables on Magical (in front of her 2 back) as that one was 4th in her last start. First Lasix.</p>	<p>1ST: 3 SHARP AZTECA (9-2) Was left flat-footed by the huge move Mor Spirit made in the G1 Met. This 4YO ran huge himself in that race, as it was another 3 back to 3rd. Crushed them in the Kelso, traditionally a key prep race for this spot (2 winners from that prep in last 5 years). Rider is 2 for 2 on him. Has a blistering 5F drill over this track.</p>	<p>1ST: 6 MASAR (9-2) He looks awfully similar to the winner of this race in 2013, Outstrip, who was also trained by Appleby. 2 losses were to fillies in BC Juv Filly Turf, see how they run. Dam won two Dubai G1's. 3rd dam is half to a superstar, Galileo, and '09 Arc winner, Sea the Stars. He really does check a lot of boxes coming here.</p>	<p>1ST: 6 FOREVER UNBRIDLED (4-1) Surprising abbreviated season, just 2 starts. She did look great in both. Her win in the G2 two back was superb. She was not asked any point in there. Outgamed Songbird in last. Sharp 3rd in this behind Beholder in '16. Hasn't run a bad race since her 11th in the 2015 Ky Oaks. Would benefit from heated pace.</p>
<p>2ND: 2 HAPPILY (9-2) All 4 of her sibs won turf stakes and led by 4x G1 winner Gleneagles. Her dam is a full sister to Giants Causeway winner of \$3M and one of the world's top sires. She's won back to back Group 1's and beat the top choice in Ire. She did beat our top choice in the Juv Turf last out, Masar. She's getting Lasix for 1st time.</p>	<p>2ND: 6 MOR SPIRIT (3-1) Trainer Bob Baffert picked this one out of the sales himself and really thought he was going to be something. His only poor race was in the Ky Dby. He got 117 Beyer in last and that just jumps off of the page. Rider Mike Smith has won 25 Breeders' Cup races. Undefeated 3 for 3 at 1M. Is the one they'll have to beat.</p>	<p>2ND: 5 BECKFORD (8-1) Dam is half to 818k turf winner, Poet's Word, who just ran 2nd in back to back Group 1's in Europe. This one appears to be more of a grinder that wants the added ground he gets here. He got into it far too late as the 7-2 choice in most recent start but was finishing strongly. Gets L1 and a firmer ground. Late rush.</p>	<p>2ND: 2 STELLAR WIND (1-1) She's an absolute machine, 10 wins in 15 career starts. Legit excuses in her 5 loses (debut at sprint, Ky Oaks, Distaff, Comeback in a G1 to Beholder and the Distaff again). Didn't break well in this last year and thought she was flat late. She tries hard and is the definition of gameness. Also 3 for 3 here at Del Mar.</p>
<p>3RD: 7 CAPLA TEMPTRESS (6-1) Filly is 3 for 4, her only loss coming in a G3 two back when she was finishing w/ interest. Got in tight in the G1 at W0 in her last start but found room and won with style. The pace was actually fairly slow and she was the only one closing any ground. Mott got her a work on the grass course here at DMR. Rolling late.</p>	<p>3RD: 2 GIANT EXPECTATIONS (12-1) Just don't think we saw his best in the G1 Sprint last out. He was fractious at the gate and never out of 2nd gear any point in the race. His win on this track in the Pat O'Brien was very good. 4th in there Mr. Hinx came back to run 2nd in the SA Sprint. Could carve out a perfect trip saving ground. Working very quick.</p>	<p>3RD: 13 MY BOY JACK (8-1) Improved every start for Desormeaux which is typical of his training method. Kent D gave him a great ride last start in the 100k Zuma Beach. Closers won 65% of the turf route races at Del Mar during the summer. Kent a master at making one run from far back. Turf influencer Explodent in female family.</p>	<p>3RD: 5 ELATE (3-1) She is just a headbob away from being 4 for her last 4. That head loss came to Abel Tasman. Was a tough loss without a great trip. Ran and hid in both NY Grade 1's in her last two starts. Bred to improve with age, which she has. 3YO fillies have done well in this race with 7 straight in the top 2. Big win chance.</p>
<p>A) 2,10 B) 1,7,11,14 C) 3,4,8,9,12</p>	<p>A) 2,3,6 B) 9,10 C) 1,4,5,7,8</p>	<p>A) 6 B) 4,5,7,8,9,13 C) 1,2,10,11</p>	<p>A) 2,6 B) 4,5 C) 1,7,8</p>
<p>HISTORICAL TRENDS (9 Years) Chad Brown has 3 victories and 2 close runner-up finishes in 9 years this race has been run (56%). He won it last year with 7-1 shot New Money Honey. West Coast based runners hit the board just twice, 0 wins. Euros won this in '12 and '13 with Irish bred. The Ms. Grillo prep in NY produced 4 winners of this race.</p>	<p>HISTORICAL TRENDS (10 Years) Late runners have done quite well in this race over its 10 year history. Santa Anita held the BC 4 of the last 7 years, with the other 3 at KEE and twice at CD. Two at CD saw the winner close from dead last. The Kelso, a Belmont G2, has been the strongest prep. 3YO's won 2x (10 Caleb's Posse and 13 Goldcents).</p>	<p>HISTORICAL TRENDS (10 Years) Lancaster Bomber, ran a close 2nd last year in this race. Had he won, it would have been 8 winners from Europe in 10 this race has been run. It typically favors deep closers (they ran 2nd, 3rd, 4th in 2016). Favs hit once (10%). Aidan O'Brien has 3 wins and 3 seconds. Cal-based runners have been just terrible.</p>	<p>HISTORICAL TRENDS (33 Years) One of the original 7 BC races. This has been dominated with low prices in 33 years. Since '07, 31 of 38 trifecta spots included those at under 10-1 (81%). Those with early speed have done very well, as have 3YO fillies, who've been part of the exacta in each of the past 7 years. It's typically a very formful race.</p>