

SAUDI CUP DAY



4 – SAUDI (9:00 ET) 66
SAUDI DERBY (G3) \$1.5M, 1M DIRT

7 OBLITERATION	8-1
8 SATONO VOYAGE	7-2
14 TOKAI MA CHERIE	12-1
12 VERY CONNECTED	20-1

PICK: 7 OBLITERATION

Looked fantastic winning the first two starts. He met a fellow superstar two-year old, Ewing in the SAR Special in the third start. That one got loose and held this one at bay. The next time he was on the dirt was in the most recent start when he crushed the field despite stumbling at the start. Looks better if he doesn't really like the turf.

VALUE: 14 TOKAI MA CHERIE

A) 7,8 B) 2,6,12,13,14 C) 1,3,5,9 D) 4,5,10

5 – SAUDI (9:40 ET) 82
RIYADH DIRT SPRINT (G2) \$2M, 6F DIRT

5 IMAGINATION	5-2
1 AMERICAN STAGE	5-1
7 LOVESICK BLUES	7-2
12 YAMANIN CERCHI	8-1

PICK: 5 IMAGINATION

Really liked his chances in the BC Sprint last time as an 8-1 price. He ran huge but the winner is too good. He is now 7 for 11 and almost won the same BC Sprint in '24. Baffert is absolutely lethal when he comes into a sprint with sub 1:12 works as this one does. Winner 3 back won the G1 Godolphin Mile and the G1 Met Mile next two.

VALUE: 12 YAMANIN CERCHI

A) 1,5 B) 7,12,13 C) 6,8,10 D) 2,3,4,9,11

6 – SAUDI (10:25 ET) 67
TURF SPRINT (G2) \$2M, 6.75F DIRT

8 PANJA TOWER	10-1
5 LAZZAT	3-1
4 GEOGRAPHY	20-1
3 FORTUNE TIME	6-1

PICK: 8 PANJA TOWER

4YO colt from Japan tried the rich \$6.5M Golden Eagle last time out at Royal Randwick in Australia. He was bet down to 7-1 in there but the winner (who is now 8 for 8 in her career) was too good. This one was buried down on the inside and didn't get the best trip. G1 winner in the start 3 back in Tokyo at 25-1. He will get a better trip.

VALUE: 4 GEOGRAPHY

A) 4,5,8 B) 3,7,13 C) 1,2,9 D) 6,10,11,12

7 – SAUDI (11:10 ET) 45
NEOM TURF CUP (G1) \$3M, 1M 5/16 TURF

11 SURVIVE	5-1
4 GALEN	20-1
6 ROYAL CHAMPION	3-1
7 SHIN EMPEROR	7-2

PICK: 11 SURVIVE

Useful prep in the polytrack win last time out with Ryan Moore aboard. Kept a steady diet of Group 1 company against females and now faces her male counterparts. She was 7th in the Arc de Triomphe in 2024 at 70-1 when she beat 9 foes. Gets in light at 121 pounds. Has the top rider in Europe on her. Her best efforts came on firm turf.

VALUE: 4 GALEN

A) 4,6,7,11 B) 1,3,11 C) 5,8,9 D) 2,10

8 – SAUDI (11:50 ET) 61
RED SEA TURF HANDICAP (G2) \$2.5M, 1M 7/8 TURF

4 SONS AND LOVERS	4-1
1 PRESAGE NOCTURNE	7-2
12 TARRIANCE	6-1
6 TENNESSEE STUD	8-1

PICK: 4 SONS AND LOVERS

Exits a key race. The winner of that race came back and won a Group 1 in Germany. 5YO gelding has excelled at the longer distances in Ireland. He had a troubled trip in the start 3 back in a full and deep field. Notice he has been carrying 138 and 135 pounds of late so he gets to drop 10 pounds here. He will be forwardly placed today.

VALUE: 12 TARRIANCE

A) 1,4 B) 6,8,12 C) 2,3,7,9 D) 5,10,11

9 – SAUDI (12:40 ET) 86
SAUDI CUP (G1) \$20M, 1M 1/8 DIRT

3 FOREVER YOUNG	7-5
5 LUXOR CAFÉ	15-1
8 NYSOS	4-1
10 STAR OF WONDER	35-1

PICK: 3 FOREVER YOUNG

Superstar is now the all-time leading money earner for any thoroughbred after he took the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Classic. He's 10 for 13 and was probably best in the 2024 Kentucky Derby won by Mystik Dan. Won this last year by a neck (but the classy runner-up was 10 clear of the rest). This is a tougher field. He will need to be ready.

VALUE: 5 LUXOR CAFÉ

A) 3 B) 1,2,5,8,10,13 C) 7,9,11 D) 4,6,12,14