

## LITTLE RED FEATHER COLLECTING FOR HOMETOWN BREEDERS' CUP by Chris McGrath



Billy Koch | Benoit

"Boy Trapped in Refrigerator Eats Own Foot."

Well, that got your attention, didn't it? Devotees of a certain spoof disaster movie may recall the spinning front-page story—but few will be aware that it may yet, in a roundabout way, lead to genuine headlines at the Breeders' Cup.

Bret Jones of Airdrie Stud was at a dinner a few years ago when someone passing behind his seat overheard him saying how much he enjoyed *Airplane!*

"I was in that movie," said Billy Koch.

On the face of it, it seemed unlikely. *Airplane!* came out in 1980, and it was plain to Jones that this guy could only have been a kid back then. But Koch explained that the film was produced by his grandfather Howard, who had asked to borrow a picture of young Billy.

"My second-grade picture," recalls Koch, shaking his head. "My hair was a disaster. I had cut it myself. But I didn't even know what it was for, so I gave him this picture."

Next thing he knows, he's gazing out of the newspaper as the face of an unusually hungry boy. Naturally Koch protested that he would have provided a much better picture, had he only known what it was for. But that, of course, was precisely the point of not explaining. And by now Koch is glad to accept and enjoy the notoriety—especially as the incidental benefits include a friendship that itself contained, with no greater calculation, a latent opportunity for shared professional success.

Three years ago Jones approached Koch, who operates Little Red Feather Racing with boyhood buddy Gary Fenton, about four Airdrie yearlings that had fallen short of their reserves. Jones was confident they would prove nicer than the market had recognized, not least a colt from the first crop of Collected out of GI Kentucky Oaks winner Believe You Can (Proud Citizen). Sure enough, with Madaket having also come in for a third, last year Phil d'Amato trained Conclude to win the GII Del Mar Derby and this time round the GII Del Mar Mile.

Suitably encouraged, last fall Little Red Feather and Madaket entered a similar deal for four Airdrie graduates—including another by Collected, a filly out of stakes winner Creative Thinking (Creative Cause), duly named **Thought Process**. She joined d'Amato, where her neighbors included a Collected colt bought from Airdrie at the September Sale, for \$130,000, by Little Red Feather's regular bloodstock agent John Dowd. He was named for Koch's pal, baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr., as Iron Man Cal.

Both Thought Process and Iron Man Cal broke their maidens at the Del Mar summer meet, where Little Red Feather ended up leading owners. (Madaket, evidently enjoying their partnership in the other horses, bought a minority stake in Iron Man Cal after his maiden success.) And a few days ago, both added graded stakes on the same Santa Anita card.

Some advert, for a \$10,000 sire! "I can't speak for everyone else, of course," Koch says. "But the Collecteds we've got all have really great minds. They're so smart. You can have a really good racehorse that might just be fast, right? But these horses have class, as well."



Thought Process | Benoit

D'Amato is now preparing Thought Process and Iron Man Cal for the juvenile turf racing at a Breeders' Cup staged at Little Red Feather's spiritual home—potentially the biggest thrill for the program since its breakout success, with the bargain Singletary, in the Mile at Lone Star in 2004.

"This game is a rollercoaster," Koch says. "We know that we're going to have highs, and we're going to have lows. But it so happened that we had an outstanding summer at Del Mar. We really do point for that meet. Our pre-opening day party is a real highlight of the summer. We like to say that LRF stands for Little Red Family, our clients all know each other and everybody loves to get together at Del Mar. I mean, they wear flip-flops and shorts, they just relax and have a great time. So when you have a memorable meet like that, it really makes your year."

Fenton explains that much of their 400-strong clientele is drawn from the vicinity.

"Generally, and this goes for a lot of partnership groups, it dissipates as you get farther from the racetracks," he says. "Half of our partners are in California and the rest are spread through Oregon, Washington, Denver, Arizona. So we set up our year for Del Mar, and keep our fingers crossed. And this year we hit it in every which way you could: with a sales purchase, with a European import, and especially with this partnership with Bret, which has just knocked it out of the park twice in a row."

Fenton admires how Jones put together a package that could work for all parties. "I think maybe one reason we get along so well is because Bret's doing some of the things that Little Red Feather did 20 years ago," he reasons. "Partnerships weren't really the thing when we first started. It was the Sport of Kings, and you owned your own horse. But gradually the communal experience has really taken over as the best way to own a racehorse. So just as we were bucking the trend back then, Bret is continuing to think in a very forward-thinking way."

These juveniles, moreover, can look up to a real senior pro on the program. This summer Gold Phoenix (Ire) (Belardo {Ire}) became the first triple winner of the GII Del Mar Handicap, and now returns to the GI Breeders' Cup Turf after his longshot fourth last year.

"He's an amazing creature," enthuses Koch. "No horse has ever won the same stake at Del Mar three straight years, so the Breeders' Cup will be his home turf. He loves it round there, and it's so exciting for our group to head into it with an old warrior like him."

And then there was the horse of the meet, Iscreamuscream (Twirling Candy), a \$145,000 OBS 2-year-old who was one-third cashed out (at a \$1 million total valuation) through a Fasig-Tipton Flash Sale.

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**IN THE BREEDERS' CUP**

**CHANCER MCPATRICK**  
MG1W  
BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE (G1)  
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BREEDER: RIGNEY RACING  
TRAINER: CHAD BROWN

**QUICKICK**  
G1P  
BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES (G1)  
OWNER: GREGORY TRAMONTIN  
BREEDER: GAINESWAY & WHISPER HILL FARM  
TRAINER: THOMAS M. AMOSS

**SCOTTISH LASSIE**  
G1W  
BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES (G1)  
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"After the [GII] San Clemente, we got with Boyd Browning and our friends at TaylorMade, and decided just to try out a digital sale and see what we could do," Koch explains. "We want to be financially savvy with our partners. Listen, does it change anybody's life? No. But is it the responsible thing to do, sometimes to take money off the table? Absolutely. And Mark Martinez, a good friend of ours from Agave Racing Stable, bid \$330,000. Then two weeks later she went out and won the Del Mar Oaks, so his investment proved very smart. To have a Grade I winner at Del Mar and win horse of the meet, that's the pinnacle for us."



Gold Phoenix | Benoit

As chairman of the Thoroughbred Owners of California, however, Fenton does not confine himself to a parochial perspective. He's an ardent evangelist for the past, present and future of Californian racing, while candidly acknowledging its current problems.

"We love hosting the Breeders' Cup and welcoming the world to our amazing racetracks," Fenton says. "Sure, California is under pressure. Purses are becoming a little more competitive in other states and we're falling a little behind. But the leaders in California have been actively looking for ancillary revenues, the same way that Kentucky found it, the same way that New York found it. Yes, Golden Gate closed last year. But we're working on consolidating the industry. We believe that instead of a north and the south, one circuit incorporating both could fuel better purses for all the horsemen."

Naturally he appreciates the suggestion that the rest of the American industry cannot detach itself from California's issues. After all, it was not so long ago that Santa Anita found itself in the front line, in terms of our sport's exposure, and responded with astounding improvements.

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in the *Breeders' Cup Juvenile*  
to the *undefeated*

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"I think people realized in the last couple years how important California is--not only for American racing, but for their bottom lines as well," Fenton remarks. "Kentucky is capped out, unless they're going to use some of that money to build racetracks and add races. If California doesn't get better, then everybody's going to contract. People recognize that. I get calls almost every day: 'What can we do to help?' So I believe people will come together and make sure that California stays around for a long time."

And that, he believes, will be true even if the elephant in the room--the value of Santa Anita as real estate--gets up and leaves. "We have a beautiful racetrack run by a nonprofit down in Del Mar, on state-run property," he says. "They have a long-term lease. We already run basically the second half of the year at Del Mar. So we're prepared to run more dates there, hopefully with high enough purses to attract a lot of Midwest and East Coast trainers."

But nor should Little Red Feather itself be viewed in isolation as any kind of narrow, local program. They prospect in Europe as well as America, and in recent years have also developed a

pinhooking portfolio for about 60 partners. This has proved something of a revelation.

"When we first started, we thought we would say that this should be your business money," Fenton explains. "Racing is supposed to be your fun money, this would be more about your savings; about trying to do the same as the markets or better, with a little more risk, a little more reward. What we didn't anticipate was the hammer falling on one of our very first pinhooks, a \$100,000 Broken Vow colt, at \$1.2 million. And the euphoria, striking it like that, was like winning a stakes race."

"Now we were not just providing healthy returns, on a consistent and annual basis. We were also providing a fun and unique experience, involving our people in the whole process: picking a yearling, developing it over the following months. It's become something that mirrors the thrills that go along with the racing side."

With Tom McCrocklin's help, Little Red Feather has pinhooked seven horses for \$700,000 or more; and six that have gone on to either win or place at graded stakes level.



Iron Man Cal | Benoit

"We want people to look at us and say, 'We can buy good stock from them,'" Fenton says. "The Amestoys, who finished second in the [GI] Futurity at Del Mar [with McKinzie Street] had a maiden winner the same day, and both of those horses were pinhooked by us. That's something we really take a lot of pride in, and hopefully that kind of relationship continues."

Perhaps it's no coincidence that both Koch and Fenton first worked in Hollywood before reverting to the obsession they had shared as kids. Koch had started out in the family trade, working on his father's production team for Wayne's World before starting Little Red Feather in 2002; while Fenton, who came aboard in 2005, started as an attorney with the William Morris Agency. In other words, they were fully immersed in the daily functioning of the Hollywood economy, before transitioning to a parallel challenge on the Turf: making sure that the machinery will sustain the magic.

"My father's a producer, my grandfather's a producer, and I was on that path," says Koch, whose sons have inherited a flair for the world of performance respectively as actor, editor and musician. "But I just had something inside of me that said, 'Be in the horse business.' My grandfather used to take me to the races when I was five years old. I mean, that's almost 50 years now, so I have a lot of historical perspective. I always just loved the sport, and I love the people.

"Maybe I didn't love the people in the entertainment industry!

They just weren't my style. Perhaps I might have been too honest for them, but it's a choice I made. And I really thank my lucky stars. I've been really blessed. Put together a great crew: brought in Gary; Phil has been amazing, as trainer; John, as bloodstock agent; and then Tom McCrocklin, who's one of my favorite humans on earth. My dad always said, 'Put people around you who are smarter than you are, and they'll make you look smarter too.' And I think I've done that."

And, really, the process is analogous: all the morning trackwork being rehearsal for the day the curtain goes up.

"Oh, absolutely," Fenton agrees. "But in the morning, when our partners are there, again it's all about servicing that partner—just like I did at William Morris. Whether you were servicing an actor or writer or director, your job was the same: to make their lives better. And it's the same, with these horses. Our job is to provide a first-class ownership experience."



Gary Fenton | Benoit

"I think there's a lot of pride," adds Koch. "There's an adrenaline rush with this sport you don't get elsewhere.

Koch continued, "Whether it's bidding on a horse, or watching a race, my heart will go 1,000 miles an hour. We do fractional shares, so we're going to have 12 to 15 people in a partnership. They bring their family, they bring their kids. So when we win a big race, you say: 'Oh my gosh. Look at these people. Look at their joy.' And that's what this sport does. It can bring that kind of energy, and that's what I feed off."

But however dynamic the vibe, it needs a stable base. And that's where all these relationships come in: whether with the partners, or within the management team, or with men like Jones who share the imagination to turn a world of challenges into one of opportunity.

"It's very special to do these things with people like Bret and Ben Henley at Airdrie," Koch says. "Just good people. That's hard

to find. I mean, there's some interesting characters in this sport. Let's leave it at that. But I can tell you that Bret is a very good man, a kind man who really cares about his horses and his team."

But he has no highest compliment than to describe his friend as worthy of the legacy developed at Airdrie by his late father, Brereton C. Jones.

"He was a genius at what he did," Koch says. "I went to his celebration of life, and it was so moving. He was so loved.

When you leave something like that, you just look at yourself, you look inward, and say, 'Okay, how can I be a better person?'" And it's that kind of attitude that underpins the whole Little Red Feather culture. These guys know the business: they understand that streaks like the one they have enjoyed this year won't last forever.

"We like to sleep well at night," Fenton says. "Horses may win, horses may lose. Our partners have to leave the track losing 80 percent of the time. But 100 percent of the time we want to make sure they have a great experience."

"We know this game is very, very difficult," Koch agrees. "And it's hard financially, as well. So we're going to try to give these people the best possible experience we can. If we can't always be successful on the racetrack, we damned well better be successful off it."



LANE'S END

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## FANDUEL BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE

**East Avenue** (Medaglia d'Oro) was all but crowned a champion when he glided home the easiest of winners in the GI Claiborne Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland Oct. 5 in just his second career start. The Godolphin homebred, who earned **'TDN Rising Star'** status when he opened his career with an eight-length romp at Ellis Park Aug. 24, has yet to be tested and will be favored to cement his status as champion of his division Friday at Del Mar.

"Since Day One, you couldn't help but love him," trainer Brendan Walsh said of the colt. "He's always been a lovely looking horse."

While East Avenue has been first at every call in his two outings, fellow **'TDN Rising Star'** **Chancer McPatrick** (McKinzie) has won his three lifetime starts while racing from off the pace.

The bay colt will get his first try at two turns Friday after top-level victories in the seven-furlong GI Hopeful Stakes and one-mile GI Champagne Stakes.

Distance is unlikely to faze the strapping bay with the Classic pedigree, especially considering his dramatic last-to-first win in the Champagne and he continues to impress trainer Chad Brown with his progress.

"I'm very excited to get him over two turns," Brown said. "Every time I've run him, I've been looking ahead to more distance. He's doing super right now, this horse. The way the track plays could work against him, but the distance will certainly help him. I do think

that maybe he could very well be a little more forward coming out of these one-turn races. I hope so."



**East Avenue** | Coady Media/Christine Hayden

# Good Luck

to

## BRIDLEWOOD TRAINING GRADUATES

### IMMERSIVE

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES

Owner/Breeder: Godolphin, LLC

Trainer: Brad H. Cox

### EAST AVENUE

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE

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**Ferocious** (Flatter), another ‘TDN Rising Star’, looked every bit of his \$1.3-million price tag when he recovered from a slow start to win his debut at Saratoga by 7 3/4 lengths and he has excuses for runner-up efforts behind Chancer McPatrick in the Hopeful and East Avenue in the Breeders’ Futurity.



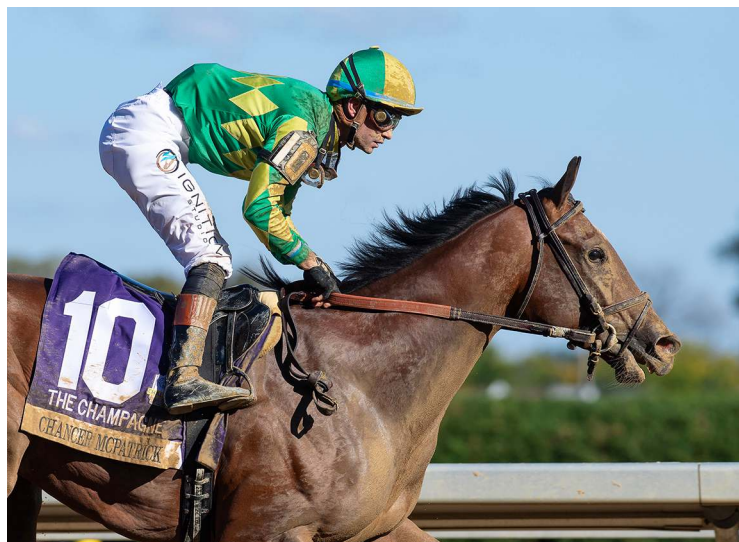
**Ferocious** | Sarah Andrew

**Citizen Bull** (Into Mischief), one of a trio of Bob Baffert runners in the field, was third behind reopposing stablemate **Gaming** (Game Winner) in the Sept. 8 GI Del Mar Futurity before wiring the field in the Oct. 5 GI American Pharoah Stakes where he defeated stablemate **Getaway Car** (Curlin). He has been training forwardly, including a best-of-51 five furlongs in :58 4/5 at Santa Anita last Saturday.

“He cruised around there and is getting better with every work,” Baffert said after the bullet work. “He is a horse that was a little heavy first out, but he is getting fitter and fitter.”

### Let’s Go to the Videotape ...

Race	Juvenile runner	Date
<b>GI Champagne S.</b>	Chancer McPatrick	Oct. 5
<b>GI Breeders' Futurity</b>	East Avenue	Oct. 5
<b>GI American Pharoah S.</b>	Citizen Bull	Oct. 5
<b>GIII Iroquois S.</b>	Jonathan's Way	Sept. 14
<b>GI Del Mar Futurity</b>	Gaming	Sept. 8
<b>GIII Best Pal S.</b>	Getaway Car	Aug. 11



**Chancer McPatrick** | Sarah Andrew

### Wild Card...

**Shin Believe** (Constitution), an \$800,000 OBS March graduate, returns stateside after a head-turning debut win at Niigata in August. Owned by Forever Young’s owner Susumu Fujita, the colt has made just that one start to date and this will likely be a tough task, but he looks a horse with a big future.



**Citizen Bull** | Benoit



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## NETJETS BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES

In the waning weeks of summer and the beginning weeks of fall, prime time each year for the 2-year-old cream to rise to the top with 'Future Stars Friday' as a target, there were eight graded stakes on the dirt from coast to coast specifically for juvenile fillies. Seven individual fillies won those eight stakes with five of the seven entered in Friday's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, making it a true championship event.



Immersive wins the Alcibiades | Madison Becker/Coady Media

While each filly is full of promise and has shown enough to her connections to warrant a spot in the gate here, the edge has to go to Godolphin's homebred **Immersive** (Nyquist). The undefeated GI Darley Alcibiades Stakes and GI Spinaway Stakes winner stands head and shoulders above the rest on sheer accomplishments. With just four domestic Grade I contests in the books for this division, Immersive has taken down two of them. She's already won at the distance, while her Beyers stack up nicely against most of the field. Trainer Brad Cox, who won the Juvenile Fillies in 2019 with British Idiom, looks to win his 11th Breeders' Cup race since 2018.

Immersive may have the most glittering CV, but it's impossible to ignore the looming presence of **Scottish Lassie** (McKinzie), whose win in the GI Frizette Stakes stamped her as the 5-2 favorite here. After a debut third at Saratoga behind fellow Juvenile Fillies entrants **Quickkick** (McKinzie) and **Snowyte** (Good Magic), she trounced all comers in the Frizette to break her maiden by nine widening lengths. It was the manner in which she did it, as well as her 90 Beyer--which no one else in the field can hold a candle to--that made the sport sit up and take notice.



### DEL MAR ARRIVALS

DATE	RACE	NAME	SOLD
10/01	JUVFILLIES	SCOTTISHLASSIE	KEESEP23
10/01	JUVFILTURF	VIXEN	KEESEP23
10/01	JUVTURFSPR	PALIKITTEN	KEENOV22
10/01	JUVTURF	TENACIOUSLEADER	KEESEP23
10/02	CLASSIC	RATTLENROLL	KEESEP20



GI WINNER KEESEP GRAD  
SCOTTISH LASSIE

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The question has to be whether she was a one-hit wonder and if she'll regress after such a monster effort. Even though trainer Jorge Abreu won his first graded race in the Frizette, he's no stranger to the top as a former assistant to both Nick Zito and Chad Brown. He also nearly captured this race last year with 17-1 neck runner-up Jody's Pride (American Pharoah). Abreu co-owns Scottish Lassie with Sportsmen Stable, Parkland Thoroughbreds, Photos Finish LLC, and Corms Racing Stable.

Despite the exploits of Immersive and Scottish Lassie, it's impossible to ignore the home team, especially when the Breeders' Cup is held in California. Bob Baffert's powerhouse stable lost GII Oak Leaf Stakes winner **Non Compliant** (Tiz the Law), who was withdrawn Tuesday, but is still represented by 'TDN Rising Star' **Nooni** (Win Win Win).

Nooni, who backed up her \$1.8-million OBS price tag with a GIII Sorrento Stakes win at this track before weakening in a GI Del Mar Debutante Stakes duel, redeemed herself with a second to Non Compliant in the Oak Leaf. The Zedan Racing Stables runner is 15-1 on the morning line, but we've seen Baffert win big races with a lesser-regarded part of his entry more than once.

The aforementioned Quickkick and Snowyte have been playing bridesmaids, each second to Immersive and Scottish Lassie, respectively, in the Alcibiades and Frizette. Neither has ever finished off the board and while their speed figures are just a cut below the leaders here, they may still have room to improve. It wouldn't be a giant leap to see either one

blossom at this time of year.

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This year's Juvenile Fillies favorite, **Scottish Lassie** (outside), works at Belmont Oct. 26 with last year's runner-up, **Jody's Pride**  
*Sarah Andrew*

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**Wild Card...**

Japan's **American Bikini (Jpn)** (American Pharoah) is the unknown danger. Conceived on these shores after her dam was sold for \$1.95 million at Fasig-Tipton, the Silk Racing runner has won two of three by open daylight and is from the always-active Broodmare of the Year Best in Show family. In 2021, the last time the Breeders' Cup was held at Del Mar, Japan's two winners unofficially kicked off a flurry of global prizes for Japanese-based runners in short order. --*Jill Williams*



**American Bikini** | Horsephotos

**Let's Go to the Videotape ...**

Race	Runner	Date
GI Frizette Stakes	Scottish Lassie	Oct. 5
GII Oak Leaf Stakes	Non Compliant	Oct. 5
GI Alcibiades Stakes	Immersive	Oct. 4
GIII Pocahontas Stakes	La Cara	Sept. 14
GI Spinaway Stakes	Immersive	Aug. 31
GIII Sorrento Stakes	Nooni	Aug. 10

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**Breeders' Cup Friday – POST TIMES (ET)**

Race	Televised
Juvenile Turf Sprint--5:45 p.m.	USA/FanDuel TV
Juvenile Fillies -- 6:25 p.m.	USA/FanDuel TV
Juvenile Fillies Turf -- 7:05 p.m.	USA/FanDuel TV
Juvenile -- 7:45 p.m.	USA/FanDuel TV
Juvenile Turf -- 8:25 p.m.	Peacock/FanDuel TV

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Bentornato	Howard Wolowitz	Senor Buscador
Big Invasion	Iron Man Cal	Skippy Longstocking
Cabo Spirit	Johannes	Smash It
Candied	Kale's Angel	Soul of an Angel
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Chili Flag (FR)	Mixto	Sunset Glory (IRE)
Citizen Bull	Moira (ON)	Supa Speed
Content (IRE)	More Than Looks	Tapit Trice
Derma Sotogake (JPN)	Motorious (GB)	There Goes Harvard
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Fierceness	Nooni	Ushba Tesoro (JPN)
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Gaming	Pali Kitten	Ways and Means
Getaway Car		Win for the Money



## BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF



**New Century (left) winning the Summer Stakes with Al Qudra (right) in hot pursuit** | *Michael Burns Photo*

While the Juvenile Fillies Turf division is stacked heavy on the firepower from Europe, the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf has a bit more grace to give as Japan, the U.S., and Europe all have entries in here with strong arguments to make in their favor for

this Friday nightcap of Day One of the World Championships.

It will be tough to overlook Godolphin's SW-Eng & GISP **Al Qudra (Ire)** (No Nay Never) for Charlie Appleby, especially given that he's been in the States since at least late August with his first recorded work being Aug. 23 over the Saratoga turf training track. A stakes-winner at Ascot in the Listed Pat Eddery July 27 over returning rival, Qatar Racing's SW-Eng & GISW **New Century (GB)** (Kameko), he's one of several Europeans to have come early enough to acclimate to the North American racing scene, and a closer shipping distance--he was stabled at Keeneland all of October--can be a huge boon for horses who don't enjoy traveling.

Granted, the last time Al Qudra and the Andrew Balding-trained New Century faced each other in the States, the latter came out the winner by 1 1/4 lengths in the 'WAYI' GI Summer Stakes at Woodbine after the pair spent most of the race never more than a couple of lengths apart. New Century came eight wide en route to victory and earned a 93 Beyer for the effort while the former was given a 91. Neither had the cleanest trip in the Canadian Grade I, but Breeders' Cup races infrequently provide those as well.

# GOOD LUCK IN THE BREEDERS CUP DJ STABLE



## DREAM ON

*JUVENILE TURF*

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## VIXEN

*JUVENILE FILLIES TURF*

Breeder Jason Edward Howard  
Consignor SGV Thoroughbreds

*Both selected at OBS April  
by Lauren Carlisle  
& trained by Mark Casse*

Hailing from New York, and with his full-brother set to do battle with City of Troy in the Classic, GSW **Mentee** (City of Light) will fly the flag for Repole Stables and Todd Pletcher after securing his spot via the 'Win and You're In' GIII Futurity Stakes at the Belmont Big A meet. This one was very green on debut--opening up a massive margin only to have it eaten away to a nose on the wire--but also fast, as that effort in the June maiden broke the track record for five furlongs over the Aqueduct main track.

To the outside of the rush for positions, MGSW & G1SP-Ire **Henri Matisse (Ire)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) will be the Aidan O'Brien representative here racing in the Coolmore-navy colors. A winner of three straight at the Curragh in Ireland, including two Group 2 races, he took his first step up into elite company two back Sept. 15 in the G1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National Stakes and begrudgingly yielded in the closing yards to finish second by three-quarters of a length. He took his show on the road Oct. 6 to France, finishing fifth in the G1 Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere after being knocked around early on and finding himself farther back than ideal. They're removing the blinkers for this start, and Ryan Moore is back in the irons.



Henri Matisse | Scoop Dyga

### Wild Card...

The closest to the rail, and arriving with a strong fleet of Japanese runners, is G3 Hakodate Nisai Stakes winner **Satono Carnival (Jpn)** (Kitasan Black {Jpn}). A blow-out maiden score by seven lengths going left-handed at seven furlongs back in June, and then a 1 1/4-length win last out July 13 in the aforementioned group race going right-handed are thus far his entire career. And yes, he last ran in July. Still, Team Japan has the uncanny ability to pull off the seemingly impossible when the time calls for it, and it would not surprise me at all to see this one defy expectations in a big way.

Like Thought Process in the Juvenile Fillies Turf, GSW **Iron Man Cal** (Collected) is another who could turn his experience over this Del Mar turf course into the ultimate boon, as he too enjoys an open-lengths victory over it from back in September. True it was against maidens, and he'll need to improve a lot more than he already has to beat this bunch, but the importance of prior experience in young horses cannot be overstated. Iron Man Cal was last seen being elevated to victory in the GIII Zuma Beach Stakes at Santa Anita. -- *Patrycja Szpyra*

### Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	JF Turf runner	Date
GIII Zuma Beach S.	Iron Man Cal	Oct. 6
GIII Futurity S.	Mentee	Oct. 4
G1 Vincent O'Brien S.	Henri Matisse	Sept. 15
G1 Summer S.	New Century, Al Qudra	Sept. 14
G3 Hakodate Nisai S.	Satono Carnival	July 13

### Breeders' Cup Saturday – POST TIMES (ET)

Race	Televised
F/M Sprint -- 3:00 p.m.	USA/FanDuel TV
Turf Sprint -- 3:41 p.m.	NBC/FanDuel TV
Distaff -- 4:21 p.m.	NBC/FanDuel TV
Turf -- 5:01 p.m.	NBC/FanDuel TV
Classic -- 5:41 p.m.	NBC/FanDuel TV
F/M Turf -- 6:25 p.m.	USA/FanDuel TV
Sprint -- 7:05 p.m.	USA/FanDuel TV
Mile -- 7:45 p.m.	USA/FanDuel TV
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## JOHN DEERE BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES TURF



Lake Victoria winning the Cheveley Park | *Racingfotos.com*

Team Europe almost always brings some nice horses for a crack at this championship match, but almost surprisingly, they are 3-for-16 in the race. However, to ignore their presence is a fool's errand, and they shipped over some titans this year for just about every turf division, as well as the Classic. Combined

with the American hopefuls in this race, the 2024 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf is shaping up to be one of the most exciting races of the World Championships.

It's hard to knock a juvenile multiple Group 1-winner, and **'TDN Rising Star' Lake Victoria (Ire)** (Frankel {GB}) is the deserving favorite in this race. Drawn on the rail, she's undefeated from four starts in her young career, but has already ascended the highest level of the sport on two occasions with a stylish three-length win last out Sept. 28 in the G1 Juddmonte Cheveley Park Stakes and two back Sept. 15 in the G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes. As of Sept. 30, she is **Timeform's highest-rated** 2-year-old filly in Europe and her victory in the Cheveley Park gave conditioner Aidan O'Brien a record-breaking fifth in that contest.

As a side thought, said trainer has gone on record saying that Lake Victoria looks to be a **'G1 1000 Guineas filly'**, and when the man who consistently breaks records every year says that, then who are we to argue otherwise?

Lake Victoria may not be quite as unconquerable as it seems, given she does have some hurdles to overcome here, one of those being the oft-referenced lack of experience on turns, as well as shipping and new surroundings.

# Good Luck IN THE BREEDERS' CUP

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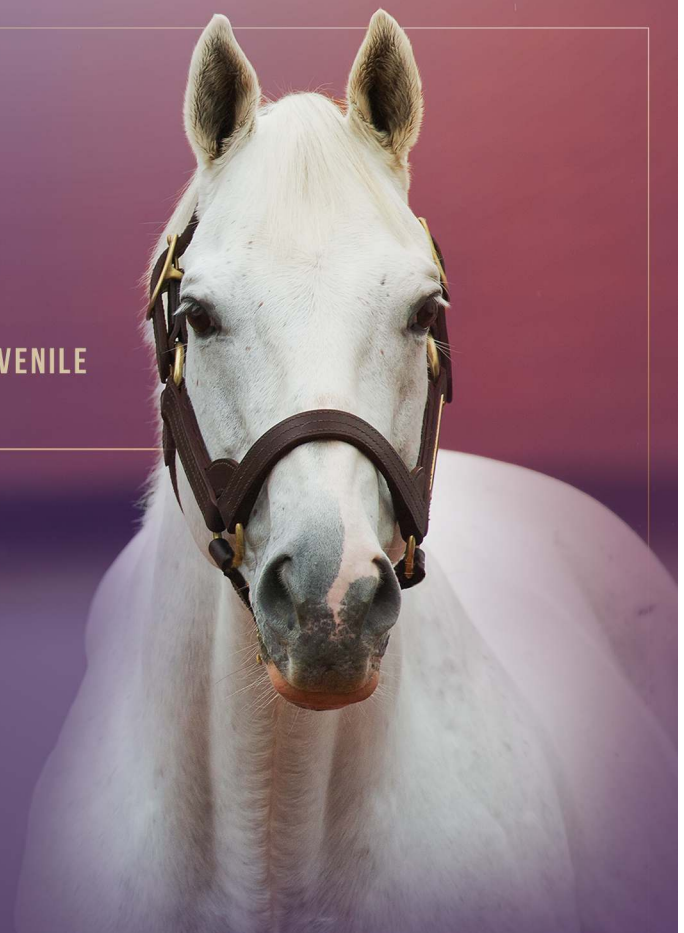
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She's only ever raced on straightaways, which might pose a problem for her come the first turn when the pack descends on the fence to secure a good path for the race. It's going to be loud, and busy, and when it's show time, it's show time...whether you're ready or not.

The second of the two-sided advance of the O'Brien camp--and leaving gate eight at the center of the field--comes from Irish group winner **Heavens Gate (Ire)** (Churchill {Ire}). Like Lake Victoria, she has only ever run in a straight line, and in seven starts has only been off the board once. This is a consistent filly, and she's been the favorite in her last four consecutive races, including last out Sept. 29 in the G3 Weld Park Stakes.

Facing each other for the second time, she gamely fought off a challenge in the final yards from MGSP-Ire **Fiery Lucy (GB)** (Without Parole {GB}), who has also drawn into this Juvenile Fillies Turf to the far outside. Heavens Gate's regular rider Ryan Moore went to Lake Victoria while she picked up Wayne Lordan for this trip.

From the American front, GSW **Thought Process** (Collected) is a serious contender from the Southern California circuit, as she's a two-time winner over this turf course and doesn't need the lead to win for fun. Her maiden-breaking victory Aug. 17 was by 3 1/2 lengths, the Sept. 7 score in the Listed Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Turf Stakes was by two lengths, and she picked up her first

graded black-type last out Oct. 6 at Santa Anita. Dominating the GIII Surfer Girl Stakes by 4 1/2 lengths, her Beyer figures have steadily increased with each successive effort to a current high of 86. The experience at Del Mar, along with her good early foot, might help her get the jump on the Europeans, who will no doubt be coming like a train, late.



Thought Process | Benoit



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**Wild Card...**

GII Jessamine Stakes victress **May Day Ready** (Tapit) has three wins from as many jumps to her name, and never in the same place. Her debut at Saratoga Aug. 4 was decided in a photo, where she won by a nose after going a route of ground, and then relished the Kentucky Downs turf Sept. 8, winning the Kentucky Downs Juvenile Fillies Stakes over a course considered an enigma and a mystery to many. She followed that performance up with another nail-biter at Keeneland last out Oct. 4, getting the best of SW **Totally Justified** (Justify) by a nose. That one returns here as well, and while she will be jumping from the middle of the gate, May Day Ready has drawn two spots in from the far outside. Considering she has shown the flexibility to come from the clouds or mid-pack, that 12 slot might be the least of jockey Frankie Dettori's concerns here.

- Patrycja Szpyra



May Day Ready | Renee Torbit/Coady Media

**Let's Go to the Videotape ...**

Race	JF Turf runner	Date
GIII Surfer Girl S.	Thought Process	Oct. 6
GII Jessamine S.	May Day Ready/Totally Justified	Oct. 4
G3 Weld Park S.	Heavens Gate & Fiery Lucy	Sept. 29
G1 Cheveley Park S.	Lake Victoria	Sept. 28

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Juvenile Turf

**Would like to wish the best of luck  
to all the connections at the 2024 Breeders' Cup**

## BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF SPRINT

The GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint, the first offering over two days of championship racing at Del Mar, last year served as the coming-out party for fan-favorite **Big Evs (Ire)** (Blue Point {Ire}). The colt held the lead from the top of the lane to the wire after rating just off the speed up the backstretch and around the far turn. It's always difficult to predict whether being forwardly placed while turf sprinting is a help or a hindrance. Big Evs exhibited his tactical strength and uncorked at the right opportunity. What is guaranteed in this year's race is that a scamper down the lane will create another exciting contest for these juveniles.



**Whistlejacket** | *ScoopDyga*

Coming into the seaside oval's shortest distance on the grass, look for 5-1 **Whistlejacket (Ire)** (No Nay Never) and 8-1 **Ides of March (Ire)** (Wootton Bassett {GB}) to potentially outrun their respective morning-line odds. The Aidan O'Brien runners have the services of superstar jockeys Ryan Moore and Frankie Dettori, respectively. How many great duels have these two engaged in?

Whistlejacket's dossier got a nice boost when the colt won the G1 Prix Morny Stakes at Deauville two races back Aug. 18, while Ides of March scooped up his first stakes score in the G3 Round Tower Stakes at The Curragh Aug. 31.

Standing in their way are other continental players like **Aesterius (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}), **Big Mojo (Ire)** (Mohaarther {GB}) and **Magnum Force (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}). The trio finished the trifecta in the G2 Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster Sept. 13.

Also present is **Shareholder (Ire)** (Not This Time), who notched a signature win in the G2 Norfolk Stakes at the Royal Meeting in mid-June for owner Wathnan Racing and the **intriguing breeder at Skyfall Thoroughbreds.**



**Shareholder (outside)** | *Horsephotos*

Toss in the ultra-consistent **Arizona Blaze (GB)** (Sergei Prokofiev) for Amo Racing and this is a good bunch of Europeans.

Let's not overlook, though, the 7-2 morning-line favorite, **Ecoro Sieg** (Twirling Candy). The \$250,000 OBS March grad is owned by Masatoshi Haramura and trained by Hideyuki Mori. The dark bay broke a record that stood for over 20 years when he won the open-class Canna Stakes at Nakayama Racecourse Sept. 21. The colt posted the fastest 2-year-old time at six furlongs (1200m) in Japanese Racing Association history and if he can replicate his performance from that day, then the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint might be his for the taking.

Though outnumbered, the Americans are not on idle here and are certainly up for defending their own turf. **Governor Sam** (Improbable) is coming out of the Indian Summer Stakes at Keeneland Oct. 6 where he outbattled the Juvenile Turf Sprint scratched Out On Bail (Tiz the Law) all the way to the wire. Part-owned by MLB star Alex Bregman and his family, Governor Sam had just enough left in the tank after leading from the break, but Out On Bail certainly made it interesting.

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## Wild Card

With **Mentee** (City of Light) heading to the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, that means **Gate to Wire** (Munnings) will be the lone representative to come out of the GIII Futurity Stakes that was run at Aqueduct Racetrack Oct. 4. The chestnut was the runner-up that day, but he has talent in spades. With turf underneath on his dam side, the Todd Pletcher trainee is going to be a massive price, but he gets the services of multiple Eclipse winner Irad Ortiz, Jr. In a race where anything can happen, Gate to Wire could do just that in the end. --@campbellparlay



Gate to Wire breaks his maiden at the Spa | Sarah Andrew

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### Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	JTS Runner	Date
Indian Summer S.	Governor Sam/Out On Bail	Oct. 6
GIII Futurity S.	Gate to Wire	Oct. 4
Canna S.	Ecoro Sieg	Sept. 21
G2 Flying Childers S.	Aesterius (Ire)/Big Mojo	Sept. 13
G3 Round Tower S.	Ides of March (Ire)	Aug. 31
G1 Prix Morny S.	Whistlejacket (Ire)	Aug. 18
G2 Norfolk S.	Shareholder/Arizona Blaze	June 20



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