

SARATOGA: THE FALL PLACE TO BE

by Steve Sherack

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – If the 2024 racing season at Saratoga Race Course wrapped up Labor Day weekend, why are so many of the best horsemen in the country still sticking around? Overlooking the famed Oklahoma Training Track, and, at the moment, enveloped in bright fall foliage, the former home to 2023 Horse of the Year **Cody's Wish** (Curlin) seems like a good place to start.

“What did we win, five the last two years? That's not bad,” Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott said with a smile standing outside of his office at Barn 80 as training hours began to wind down on a gorgeous Saturday morning in mid-October at the Spa.

That, of course, is five, as in, five Breeders' Cup winners.

Cody's Wish successfully defended his GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile title at Santa Anita last year with a dramatic victory over next-out GI Pegasus World Cup winner National Treasure (Quality Road). Two-time champion sprinter **Elite Power** (Curlin) made it two straight authoritative scores in the GI Breeders' Cup Sprint. **Just F Y I** (Justify) capped her perfect three-for-three

championship season in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. And, for good measure, **Casa Creed** (Jimmy Creed) was third in the GI Breeders' Cup Mile.

The common denominator?

Mott prepared all four at his Saratoga base before heading out to the Championships.

“The (Oklahoma) track is good,” Mott said. “The weather is good. We enjoy it. The horses enjoy it. Some of them will grow a little fuzzy coat because they're getting ready for the colder weather. But they're doing well. They do well up here. I think they do well in the cold weather.”

Mott continued, “Some people don't like it because they grow that little fuzzy coat and they don't look like a horse with a summer coat. You go out to California and they're all gonna have dapples all over and have those summer coats on them. But that's just the difference in the weather between the two places. I think you'll see that when some of the horses come from Europe, too.”

Mott will be **well-represented by a quartet** at this weekend's Breeders' Cup at Del Mar, led by Glassman Racing's sensational GI Whitney Stakes winner **Arthur's Ride** (Tapit), who looks to bounce back in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic following a disappointing fifth in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup Sept. 1.

George Krikorian's popular 7-year-old mare **War Like Goddess** (English Channel), just a half-length shy of a third straight win against the boys in the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic at the Big A Sept. 28, will be making her fourth and potentially final trip to the event in the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf. She has been consigned by Hill 'N' Dale at Xalapa, agent, as **Hip 210** to Monday's Fasig-Tipton November sale.

'TDN Rising Star' Scylla (Tapit) heads to the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint after turning back to seven furlongs with a second-place finish in the GI Ballerina Handicap at Saratoga Aug. 24. The well-related Juddmonte homebred was previously second after looking long gone in the 1 1/16-mile GI Clement L. Hirsch Stakes three weeks earlier at Del Mar.



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Lawrence Goichman homebred **Scythian** (Tiz the Law) punched her ticket to the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf with an upset victory in the 'Win and You're In' GII Miss Grillo Stakes at the Belmont at Aqueduct meet Oct. 6.

Mott has won a total of 15 Breeders' Cup races throughout his brilliant training career.

"I had some monsters going last year," Mott said. "I wouldn't want to say I was overconfident, but I knew I was going with either the favorite or second choice in each race. Two horses (Cody's Wish and Elite Power) were already Breeders' Cup winners, they had already proven that they were that quality. It wasn't like we were guessing."

As for this year's group, Mott concluded, "They're all nice enough to warrant giving them a chance and seeing what we've got."

All four had their final breezes at Del Mar Oct. 27.



Hall of Famer Bill Mott celebrating the first of Cody's Wish's two wins in the Dirt Mile Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire



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Grizzly Bear Season

Speaking of monsters, or in this case, ahem, 'Grizzly Bears,' trainer Ken McPeek had one stabled at the Oklahoma Annex in Barn 86 up until late October.

Thorpedo Anna (Fast Anna) trained (and ran) like she owned the place shortly after putting on a dominating display on the first Friday in May in the GI Kentucky Oaks.

In a league of her own in Saratoga's GI DK Horse Acorn Stakes June 7 and GI Coaching Club American Oaks July 20, the '**TDN Rising Star**' lost absolutely nothing in defeat finishing a painful second to fellow '**TDN Rising Star**' **Fierceness** (City of Light)--more on him shortly--in a GI DraftKings Travers Stakes for the ages.



Thorpedo Anna feeling good after breezing on a picture perfect autumn morning at the Spa | Sherackatthetrack

A just-in-time winner after some anxious moments at 10 cents on the dollar in the GI Cotillion Stakes at Parx Sept. 21--her fourth win at the top level during her brilliant 3-year-old campaign--the \$40,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearling steal concluded her preparations for Saturday's GI Breeders' Cup Distaff, her first try versus older fillies and mares, with a five-furlong breeze in 1:01.24 (1/3) over the Oklahoma Oct. 26. The move was recorded in company with her multiple stakes-placed stablemate and 4-year-old gelding Denington (Gun Runner).

Thorpedo Anna is campaigned in partnership by Brookdale Racing, Mark Edwards, Judy Hicks and Magdalena Racing.

"She's in a really good routine up here and she's been very happy," McPeek, back in town after purchasing 21 yearlings at Tattersalls October and Fasig-Tipton October, said after watching her final breeze from the backstretch.

So why exactly did the Kentucky-based McPeek decide to keep Thorpedo Anna at the Spa all this time?



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Grizzly Bear Season: Thorpedo Anna at the Spa | Sarah Andrew

"I've got a solid team up here and I wanted the continuity of it all," he replied. "I also didn't want to change surfaces. Once a horse gets used to a surface and their routine, I think it's important to keep 'em in it if you can."

"Normally, I would've brought her and any others back to Kentucky. But because we've got a good set up up here and she was doing good, I left her. It's the first time I've ever done that--this is the latest we've ever stayed. It's a beautiful place to train. It's nice and quiet. She's thrived here. There wasn't any reason to switch it up. It seemed like the right thing to do."

McPeek concluded, "It's gorgeous up here, it's really beautiful."

The ageless Danny Ramsey (has 74 ever looked better?), a longtime employee of McPeek's and the regular exercise rider of Thorpedo Anna, is not lacking for confidence heading to the big dance.

"I'm looking for her to win the Breeders' Cup. I'd be shocked if she got beat," the affable Ramsey said of the Distaff 4-5 morning-line favorite in between sets as Thorpedo Anna drew a nice crowd of media (and blowing leaves) while cooling out following her Oct. 12 breeze.

"She's great. She's beautiful. She's just going with the flow. She really is. The track is much better (in the fall). With a lot of horses on that track (in the summer), it gets real real deep on you. But now the track is pretty good because there's not a lot of horses training on it. Kenny made the decision (to keep her at Saratoga), and he made the right one, because she gallops beautiful on this track, she really does."

Dermot Magner, McPeek's boots on the ground since setting up shop at the Spa this spring, added, "She just likes it here. She's in a good rhythm here. She likes the Oklahoma track. She's breezed weekly here consistently and ran consistently well from training here, too. The weather is also a big factor and we've

been pretty lucky."

McPeek, also responsible for this year's GI Kentucky Derby winner Mystik Dan (Goldencents), will be looking to break through with his first Breeders' Cup winner after getting shut out with his previous 37 previous starters. McPeek became the first trainer to pull off the Oaks/Derby double since Ben Jones did so in 1952.

Pletcher Power

With the rising sun beginning to reveal that aforementioned autumn backdrop worthy of a postcard, Mike Repole's Breeders' Cup-bound homebred City of Light full-brothers **Fierceness** and **Mentee** looked the part while training in their white bridles during Todd Pletcher's 7 a.m. set over the Oklahoma on the second Saturday in October.

Last year's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and Saturday's Breeders' Cup Classic morning-line 3-1 second-choice Fierceness remained at Pletcher's Saratoga base following his heart-stopping victory over Thorpedo Anna in the Travers. His 2-year-old full-brother and GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf contender Mentee returned upstate after making his grass debut a winning one in the GIII Futurity Stakes at Aqueduct Oct. 4.

Pletcher's Saratoga base was also the home of GII FanDuel TV Kentucky Turf Cup Stakes winner **Grand Sonata** (Medaglia d'Oro) (Turf) as well as narrow GII Pilgrim Stakes runner-up and maiden of three career starts **Noble Confessor** (Quality Road) (Juvenile Turf) this fall.

Pletcher's remaining four Breeders' Cup entrants--**Candied** (Candy Ride {Arg}) (Distaff), **Gate to Wire** (Munnings) (Juvenile Turf Sprint), **Tapit Trice** (Tapit) (Classic) and **Tenacious Leader** (Not This Time) (Juvenile Turf)--were split between Belmont Park and Keeneland, respectively. Pletcher has won a total of 15 Breeders' Cup races.



Fierceness enjoying the fall at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew



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Owner/Breeder:

Repole Stable



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Jockey	#Winners
D. Wayne Lukas	20
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Aidan O'Brien	18
Bill Mott	15
Todd Pletcher	15
Charlie Appleby	10
Brad Cox	10

Cont.

“The main benefit (of staying in Saratoga) is that the surface seems to really do well this time of year,” Pletcher said. “It’s the lightest traffic flow that it has during the course of the season, so that’s part of it. The cooler weather--we’ve had some crisp mornings--but not much different than you would have in Lexington. We were in a position that if we felt like we needed to make a move, we could, but with things going well, we decided to not mess with it.”

Breeders' Cup Brothers

Repole paid \$200,000 for Fierceness and Mentee’s second dam Nonna Mia (Empire Maker)--named in honor of his grandmother--at the 2008 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale and she was a talented 2-year-old in her own right, breaking her maiden by 12 lengths at second asking at Belmont Park before finishing third to stablemate Devil May Care (Malibu Moon) in the 2009

GI Frizette Stakes. Nonna Mia, a close relative of MGSW sire Cairo Prince (Pioneerof the Nile), was an immediate hit in the breeding shed, first producing the multiple stakes-placed Nonna’s Boy (Distorted Humor) before a mating with Uncle Mo resulted in Outwork, the 2016 GI Wood Memorial S. hero.

Fierceness and Mentee were produced by her third foal, the 10-year-old mare Nonna Bella. She is a daughter of Repole’s 2011 GI Travers S. hero Stay Thirsty.

“Physically, they’re different types,” Pletcher said.

“Mentee is a more compact sort. They’re both very good-looking



Full-brothers Mentee and Fierceness with Luis Parrilla at Todd Pletcher’s Saratoga barn | Sarah Andrew

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horses, they just don’t look like full-brothers, necessarily. But they are both conformational very good horses and have similar personalities in a lot of ways. They’re both pretty laid back, quiet colts on a daily basis that on occasion will throw you a curve ball

and rear up like Fierceness did in the paddock at the Jim Dandy. But for the most part, they’re really straightforward, easy horses to train. They’ll go easy if you want them to, they’ll go fast if you want them to. Pretty push button that way.”

He added, “It’s a credit to Mike’s program. I know those mares (Nonna Mia and Nonna Bella) are important to him and he named them after his grandmother. It’s kind of cool that this mare has turned out to be a real

blue-hen and just keeps giving.”

BREEDERS' CUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Dams Who Have Produced Multiple BC Winners

Hasili (Ire)
(Banks Hill {GB}, Intercontinental {GB})

Leslie's Lady
(Beholder, Mendelssohn)

Primal Force
(Awesome Again, Macho Uno)

Senta's Dream (GB)
(Iridessa {Ire}, Order of Australia {Ire})

Sweet Life
(Life Is Sweet, Sweet Catomine)

Win Approval
(Miesque's Approval, World Approval)

Cont.

Only six mares--**Hasili (Ire)** (dam of Banks Hill {GB}/Intercontinental {GB}), **Leslie's Lady** (Beholder/Mendelssohn), **Primal Force** (Awesome Again/Macho Uno), **Senta's Dream (GB)** (Iridessa {Ire}/Order of Australia {Ire}), **Sweet Life** (Life Is Sweet/Sweet Catomine) and **Win Approval** (World Approval/Miesque's Approval)--have produced multiple Breeders' Cup winners.

"It's amazing having these full-brothers racing in the Breeders' Cup," Repole said. "Nonna Mia and Nonna Bella have always been special because they were named after my beloved grandmother. That the sire of Nonna Bella is Stay Thirsty, who won the Travers for me, is extremely special."

Repole added that he currently owns approximately 50 broodmares.

The Grass is Greener

Off the strength of top-level wins in the GI Sword Dancer Stakes at Saratoga Aug. 24 and GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Stakes at Aqueduct Sept. 28, 'TDN Rising Star' **Far Bridge** (English Channel) has established himself as the leading hope for 'Team America' in the GI Breeders' Cup Turf. The LSU Stables colorbearer was stabled with Christophe Clement's Saratoga division--overseen by his son and assistant trainer Miguel Clement--since the spring.

"The only negative is perhaps the weather," Miguel Clement said while watching the day's final set train through binoculars over the sun-splashed Oklahoma Training Track. "Because it really changes season-wise on you. You might be more prone to having a thicker coat. It's probably the only negative. The positives are that you're on the same track, you have a great training surface here, there's less traffic and you have access to turf. There are many benefits, but it's without a doubt that we are about 10 degrees cooler than on Long Island. Believe it or not, we're just three hours north."

As the \$455-million transformation of Belmont Park continues, there is currently no option to train on grass downstate. With Oklahoma's turf course looking as pristine and green as it did when first opening for business this season in April, Far Bridge concluded his preparations for the 1 1/2-mile Turf with a five-furlong breeze in 1:02.11 (1/2) Oct. 25.

"The majority of Far Bridge's works have been taking place on the turf and we're very comfortable with this turf course and we're able to read his works quite well," Miguel Clement said. "He shows an affinity here. He's got winning ways at the moment, so let's maybe not try to change too much."

Clement added, "I think he's already established and stamped himself as the best horse in America on the grass. Nevertheless, the Breeders' Cup is no easy task. We not only have to face the best Americans, but also the best in the world."

Big Invasion (Declaration of War), beaten just a neck in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, will attempt to go one better for the Clements in the five-furlong dash Saturday. He was based at Belmont this fall.



Far Bridge (outside) working over the Oklahoma turf Oct. 25 | Sarah Andrew

Leading Candidate for Juvenile Turf Sprint

Governor Sam (Improbable) will carry a four-race winning streak (there's no way he's anything near that 12-1 morning-line quote, right?) into Friday's GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint. Trainer George Weaver sent him out for a four-furlong spin in :50.66 (1/1) over the Oklahoma turf Oct. 17. For Weaver, a former assistant to the legendary D. Wayne Lukas as well as Pletcher, Saratoga is home.

"This is our base and has been ever since I've been on my own," Weaver said. "We keep horses at Belmont as well, but I spend the majority of my time in Saratoga from May to November. Obviously, it's a great place to live and a great town, but the horses do very well up here and we've done very well

basing our horses out of here for all these years. There's access to the turf course and the track is great to train over."

He continued, "After the meet ends, it quiets down quickly as far as the town and the amount of horses up here training. We've had a very nice September/October for the most part. It's been really nice. Every year you can expect it to cool off quicker than it would down by Belmont Park. You get some pretty crisp mornings up here."

Governor Sam, a \$50,000 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Yearling turned \$275,000 OBS April breezer, is campaigned by Bregman Family Racing and Swinbank Stables. His four career victories have each come over four different turf courses, led by his neck victory in Keeneland's Indian Summer Stakes last out Oct. 6.

"He's put together a real nice resume as a 2-year-old, he's undefeated ever since getting beat in his first start in a stake race (Royal Palm Juvenile Stakes at Gulfstream May 11) that probably was a little bit of a push," Weaver said. "I respect that it's the Breeders' Cup, they don't give these races away, and I'm sure these will be nice horses that we're competing against. I'm happy with the condition of the horse and the way he's training going into it. At the end of the day, he's gonna have to go over there and prove that he's the best of this group again."



Skippy Longstocking (outside) breezing at Saratoga Oct. 25

Sarah Andrew

Saratoga Saffie

After enjoying a breakthrough meeting at Saratoga this summer saddling 11 winners from 35 starters (31%), it was hardly a surprise to see the blue-and-yellow saddle towels of trainer Saffie Joseph, Jr. still in action over the Oklahoma once the leaves began to change color.

Joseph will saddle four Breeders' Cup runners this weekend: **Skippy Longstocking** (Exaggerator) (Dirt Mile), **Batucada** (Union Rags) (Distaff), **Honor D Lady** (Honor Code) (Distaff) and **Soul of an Angel** (Atreides) (F/M Sprint).

Both Skippy Longstocking, third in last year's GI Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile and second in the GII Woodward Stakes Sept. 28, and GII Beldame Stakes runner-up Batucada, recorded their final

breezes for the Championships in Saratoga Oct. 25. Honor D Lady remained in Lexington following a fifth-place finish in the GI Juddmonte Spinster Stakes Oct. 6 while Soul of an Angel stayed in South Florida following her win in the GIII Princess Rooney Stakes at Gulfstream Sept. 21.

"They were all in Saratoga the whole summer," Joseph said.

"Last year was the first year we did it (kept a division in Saratoga after the meet). Skippy ran from there last year and

he ran third in the Mile. We liked staying there after, it's a good place to train. It's very quiet. We did well with the horses when they left from there. We figured we'd follow the same protocol."

He continued, "You always try to learn and get better. We learned that getting in there early was a plus. The horses acclimatize and they get to work over the track. It's quite deep early in the meet. We did it last year and we followed it this year. That's gonna be our routine that we're gonna keep now. Try to get in there in May and stay to the end of October. I feel like it compliments the horses. They strive up there and they gain weight. There's a lot of grass areas to graze and they run well even when they leave there to ship to other races. It's a good base that we want to keep going."

"Saratoga has been good to us," Joseph concluded.

'The Best Place in the World to Train a 2-Year-Old'



Sealed With a Kiss: Danny Gargan celebrates Dornoch's Belmont Stakes victory | Sarah Andrew

Snowyte (Good Magic), a maiden of two career starts for trainer Danny Gargan, including a distant runner-up finish in the GI Frizette Stakes at Aqueduct Oct. 5, will look to emulate her leading young sire with an upset victory on the 'Future Stars Friday' program.

Good Magic also finished second in his first two career starts, including the GI Champagne Stakes at Belmont Park, before graduating in style in the 2017 GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Del Mar.

"I think she can be any kind of horse in the future," Gargan said in [these same pages in our 'Second Chances' series](#) following her runner-up finish on debut this summer.

Snowyte, a \$250,000 Keeneland September yearling graduate, is campaigned in partnership by Pine Racing Stables, Belmar Racing and Breeding, LLC and R. A. Hill Stable. Breeder Don Alberto Stable is also on the ownership line.

Snowyte breezed four furlongs for the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies in :49.77 (6/29) over the Oklahoma Oct. 18 before shipping to Del Mar.

"I couldn't rave enough about that surface and the job that (NYRA's Executive Vice President, Operations and Capital Projects) Glen (Kozak) does," said Gargan, who trained the recently retired Dornoch (Good Magic) to a 17-1 upset victory in this year's GI Belmont Stakes at Saratoga.

"I've been going up there for three years and we've already won a Classic race. I credit Saratoga. I credit Glen and the track maintenance crew. It's the best place in the world to train a 2-year-old. That's why I go there."

"The big key is keeping them sound and keeping them racing. Being able to train on those tracks is the key to where the future stars come from. It's a tremendous place. You've got so many good horses that are trained up there and stay sound and run and become legends. I'm fortunate enough that I've trained one."

Stay Until November

Open annually for training from April to November, the Oklahoma features a one-mile dirt surface and a seven-furlong turf course. There's also access to the infield for galloping.

The New York Racing Association completed a major renovation of the Oklahoma in the spring of 2021, adding a limestone base, a renovated surface layer, a modernized drainage system and an inner safety rail. The track was also widened by 10-to-14 feet. Serving as consultants on the Oklahoma renovation were Dr. Mick Peterson and the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory.

"The work that was done up at the Oklahoma, it just complimented what that track was and what Saratoga is for spring and fall training, really," Kozak said.

"The capital that was invested up there got it just the way we wanted from the ground up with the drainage, base, and cushion, and having that be consistent with what we have on the main-track side and also what we're building at Belmont for the main track."

Kozak concluded, "The thing about Saratoga that's so special is a horse can be a horse up there. It's a great environment."

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Sunrise over Saratoga's famed Oklahoma training track

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PNC BANK BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE SPRINT



Ways and Means | Sarah Andrew

East and West collide in this competitive renewal of the GI Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint, which is highlighted by Klaravich Stables' **Ways and Means** (Practical Joke) who enters this race riding a three-race winning streak. Sporting the trifecta of good looks, top-class pedigree and a much-envied race record, the Chad Brown runner placed in last year's GI Spinaway Stakes at the Spa following a sparkling debut in Upstate New York when crushing her rivals by 12 3/4 lengths en route to **'TDN Rising Star'** honors.

Giving the Classics a go early in 2024, she was runner up in the 1 1/16-mile GII Gulfstream Park Oaks in March before running a credible fourth in the GI Kentucky Oaks. Despite her professional route attempts, she has been virtually unbeatable since cutting back to a mile or less. A sparkling 8 1/4-length winner going a mile in Saratoga June 6, she followed up with confident score in the Spa's GI Test Sakes and GII Gallant Bloom Stakes at the Big A.

Further bolstering her appeal, the 3-year-old also packs a punch on paper. She is out of the SW Strong Incentive, dam of Grade I winner Surge Capacity (Flintshire {GB}) and GSW Highly Motivated. In foal to Good Magic, she brought \$2.15 million at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Mixed Sale.

On the left coast, John Gallegos's **One Magic Philly** (Good Magic) has been making some noise as well, winning three of four lifetime starts, including the GIII Chillingworth Stakes at Santa Anita in her latest trip to the post on Oct. 5. Trained by Phil D'Amato, her only defeat was at the hoofs of subsequent graded winner Hope Road (Quality Road), however, she remains undefeated in a pair of sprint starts at Del Mar.

Steve Asmussen packs a 1-2 punch for this year's renewal, courtesy of last-out winners **Society** (Gun Runner), winner of last season's GI Madison Stakes, and **Zeitlos** (Curlin).

Campaigned by Peter Blum, the former most recently defeated **Scylla** (Tapit) and **Vahva** (Gun Runner) in the 7-furlong GI Ballerina at Saratoga Aug. 24. Additionally, the latter has rarely put a foot wrong this season, winning six of eight starts for Stonestreet Stables and Peter Leidel. This fall, the Stonestreet homebred won Churchill's Open Mind Stakes Sept. 14 before taking the six-furlong GII TCA Stakes at Keeneland Oct. 5.

Wild Card

Vahva has found a home running at the Filly & Mare Sprint distance, having made her six latest starts at seven eighths. Finding the talented Alva Starr (Lord Nelson) a 1/2-length too good in her seasonal debut in the Apr. 6 Madison, the 4-year-old won her next two at Churchill Downs--the GI Derby City Distaff May 4 followed by the GIII Chicago Stakes June 22. Favored in the Ballerina, she had to play the bridesmaid that day, however, her trainer Cherie DeVaux has been firing on all pistons of late and team DeVaux should not be counted out.--C Bossinakis

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	F/M Sprint runner	Date
GI Derby City Distaff S.	Vahva	May 4
GIII Chicago S.	Vahva	June 22
GII Fleur de Lis S.	Scylla	June 29
GI Test S.	Ways and Means	Aug. 3
GI Ballerina H.	Society	Aug. 24
GIII Princess Rooney Inv. S.	Soul of an Angel	Sept. 21
AOC (Los Alamitos)	Pleasant	Sept. 22
GII Gallant Bloom S.	Ways and Means	Sept. 29
GII Thoroughbred Club of America	Zeitlos	Oct. 5
GIII Chillingworth S.	One Magic Philly	Oct. 5



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BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT

America's fastest turf sprinter descends on Del Mar Saturday. **Cogburn (Not This Time)**, who blitzed his way into the North American record books with a 5 1/2-furlong dash in :59.80 to win the GI Jaipur Stakes in June, comes in clearly the class of the field. His three straight wins, including a last-out 3 1/4-length win in the GII Ainsworth Turf Sprint at Kentucky Downs Sept. 7, have seen him go gate to wire for trainer Steve Asmussen. The now 5-year-old, who will retire to WinStar Farm following the Breeders' Cup, began his career on the dirt and, while no slouch there, really hit his stride once switched to the grass where only one off-the-board finish keeps him from being perfect in his last seven starts. Entering 2024 off a long layoff, Cogburn lit up the Derby undercard at Churchill Downs with a 2 1/4-length effort in the GII Twin Spires Turf Sprint Stakes. While several of his most

recent works have been at Churchill, the 7-5 morning line got his first taste of the Del Mar grass with a three-furlong work in :37 4/5 (2/2) Oct. 28.



Cogburn | Sarah Andrew

Opposing the American is European invader and 'TDN Rising Star' **Bradsell (GB)** (Tasleet {GB}) for Archie Watson and Victorious Racing. With Hollie Doyle aboard, the 4-year-old, who also retires to stud following the Breeders' Cup, earned wins this season in both the G1 Nunthorpe Stakes and the G1 Flying Five Stakes, both over five furlongs. He was second last out over soft ground as the beaten favorite in the G1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp in France Oct. 6.

Drawn farthest outside Saturday, Bradsell has the early speed to go with Cogburn, and even with showers in the forecast for Del Mar, he's unlikely to face less-than-ideal conditions. **Cont.p11**

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The heavily diverse field, which includes an age range of 3 to 6, features a trio of girls taking on the boys as **Believing (Ire)** (Mehmas {Ire}), **Ag Bullet (Twirling Candy)** and 'TDN Rising Star' **Star of Mystery (GB)** (Kodiac {GB}) all line up here.

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	TS runner(s)	Date
G1 Jaipur Stakes	Cogburn	June 8
GIII Quick Call Stakes	Star of Mystery	July 14
G2 King George S.	Big Evs, Believing	Aug. 2
G1 Nunthorpe S.	Bradsell, Believing, Starlust, Big Evs	Aug. 23
GII Ladies Turf Sprint	Ag Bullet	Aug. 31
GII Ainsworth Turf Sprint	Cogburn	Sept. 7
G1 Flying Five S.	Bradsell, Believing	Sept. 15
G1 Prix de l'Abbaye	Bradsell, Believing, Starlust	Oct. 6

Wild Card

Give me Star of Mystery, a 3-year-old Godolphin homebred who debuted in Europe and showed her prowess in the United Arab Emirates with a win in the G2 Blue Point Sprint Stakes and runner-up efforts in both the G3 Nad Al Sheba Turf Sprint Stakes and the G1 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan Mar. 30. Since shipping to North America early this summer, she's run third to Cogburn in the Jaipur, won the GIII Quick Call Stakes at Saratoga in 1:00.97 and just missed by three-quarters last out in the GII Franklin Stakes at Keeneland Oct. 13 for trainer Charlie Appleby. William Buick, aboard for several of her biggest efforts in Europe, gets back in the irons here and she's been working forwardly at Keeneland as recently as Oct. 27.--S. Grimm



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Star of Mystery taking the Quick Call Stakes at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

LONGINES BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF

Often one of the most compelling races on championship Saturday, the \$2-million GI Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff had the wind momentarily knocked out of its sails when reigning winner and Eclipse champion Idiomatic (Curlin) was withdrawn and retired last Friday with a minor knee injury.

Although the showdown everyone was hoping for won't happen, the sport still gets the privilege of witnessing 3-year-old filly champion-elect **Thorpedo Anna** (Fast Anna) in what is likely to be the swan song of her sophomore season.

The **'TDN Rising Star'** has been nothing short of spectacular all year as she mopped up the 3-year-old filly division. Her five wins from five starts against her compatriots have included the GI Kentucky Oaks, the GI Acorn Stakes, the GI CCA Oaks, and the GI Cotillion Stakes, making her a lock for the Eclipse. The Kenny McPeek trainee's best race, however, was undoubtedly her only loss, when she took on the boys in the GI Travers Stakes and gave last year's champion 2-year-old, GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner, and **'TDN Rising Star'** Fierceness (City of Light) all he could handle. Her head defeat earned her a brilliant 111 Beyer Speed Figure, co-tops for the year on the dirt along with Fierceness and GISW Arthur's Ride (Tapit), who will both be in the GI Breeders' Cup Classic starting gate.

If there's any knock against Thorpedo Anna, it's her not-as-powerful win in the Cotillion Sept. 21. Questions arose from all corners as she didn't show her usual dominance, but she still won. Isn't that what good horses do? Maybe she wasn't at her very best on the day, but she still gutted out the victory under her usual pilot Brian Hernandez, Jr. Since then, she's shown nothing but her usual excellence in training with four bullet works, has displayed good-feeling energy after her ship to Del Mar, and truly stands head and shoulders above this field. Her ownership team--Brookdale Racing, Mark Edwards, Judy B. Hicks, and Magdalena Racing--has got to love her chances. McPeek hasn't won a Breeders' Cup yet, but at this time six months ago, he hadn't won a GI Kentucky Derby or Oaks yet either and look how those turned out.



Thorpedo Anna earlier this month at Saratoga | Sarah Andrew

Despite Thorpedo Anna having earned every bit of her 4-5 favoritism, there are no walkovers in the Breeders' Cup. The unknown quantity here is undoubtedly Insel Racing's **Awesome Result** (Justify), who shipped from Japan undefeated in seven

lifetime starts. She looks to be versatile, having won from both the front end and the tail end, and she's beaten the boys. Conditioner Yasutoshi Ikee has started just one in the Breeders' Cup before--Trailblazer (Jpn) (Zenno Rob Roy {Jpn}) for a fourth in the 2012 GI Turf--and legendary Japanese rider Yutaka Take has been on eight, but has yet to get his first win. **Awesome Result**, a half-sister to GISW Sippican Harbor (Orb), comes to California off a

victory in the Aug. 27 Breeders' Gold Cup at Mombetsu, incidentally the same race used as a springboard to a Distaff win by Marche Lorraine (Jpn) (Orfevre {Jpn}) the last time the Breeders' Cup was held at Del Mar.

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Half-sister Smash Ticket (Hip 383) sells in foal to Nyquist

JUVENILE

Chancer McPatrick

Half-sister Split Decision (Hip 798) sells as a broodmare prospect

Ferocious

Half-sister Strong Play (Hip 75) sells as a broodmare prospect

Gaming

Weanling half-brother by Union Rags (Hip 2859)

Jonathan's Way

Weanling half-sister by Nashville (Hip 981)

JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

Scythian

Half-sister Bonita Cat (Hip 1746) sells in foal to Gunite

Thought Process

Weanling half-brother by Win Win Win (Hip 2594)

Vixen

Dam Top Mission (Hip 247) sells in foal to Mitole; weanling half-sister by Mitole (Hip 2084)

DIRT MILE

Skippylongstocking

Half-sister Olivia Twist (Hip 1137) sells as a racing or broodmare prospect

SPRINT

Federal Judge

Weanling full sister by Army Mule (Hip 2984)

Meta Max

Half-sister Truly Louise (Hip 2887) sells in foal to Daredevil

Nakatomi

Dam Applelicious (Hip 1304)

Raging Torrent

Dam Violent Wave (Hip 100) sells in foal to Up to the Mark

MILE

Johannes

Half-sister Sea Dancer (Hip 246) sells as a racing or broodmare prospect

CLASSIC

Arthur's Ride

Full sister Genetics (Hip 189) sells as a broodmare prospect

DISTAFF

Thorpedo Anna

Half-sister Charlee O (Hip 148) sells in foal to Bolt d'Oro

FILLY & MARE TURF

Anisette (GB)

Sells as racing or broodmare prospect (Hip 229)

Sunset Glory (IRE)

Sells as racing or broodmare prospect (Hip 79)

FILLY & MARE SPRINT

Society

Half-sister Finesse (Hip 983) sells in foal to Nyquist

Soul of an Angel

Weanling half-brother by Army Mule (Hip 979)

Vahva

Sells as racing or broodmare prospect (Hip 236); half-sister Signal From Noise (Hip 63) sells as racing or broodmare prospect

TURF SPRINT

Ag Bullet

Half-sister Neom (Hip 1537) sells in foal to Mage

Arzak

Half-sister Ana L (Hip 1297) sells in foal to Arabian Lion

Cogburn

Half-sister Empire of My Own (Hip 172) sells in foal to Curlin

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Raging Sea (Curlin) handed Idiomatic a loss in the Aug. 23 GI Personal Ensign Stakes and has done little wrong since finishing third to champion Wonder Wheel (Into Mischief) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies in 2022. The now-4-year-old has won six of her last seven, including five graded stakes, is sporting a three-race win streak, and is exiting a brave GII Beldame Stakes win Oct. 6. It also can't hurt that the Alpha Delta Stables runner is by Curlin, who leads all sires, living or deceased, by wins at the Breeders' Cup.

She's quietly put together a very nice summer and fall, winning Monmouth's Lady's Secret Stakes by open daylight before finishing second or third in a string of Grade I events: the CCA Oaks, the Alabama Stakes, and the Spinster Stakes. The Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners and Bobby Flay competitor gets blinkers on for the Distaff.--*Jill Williams*

Wild Card

Last year's GI Alcibiades Stakes winner and Juvenile Fillies third **Candied** (Candy Ride {Arg}) always seems to be right there at the finish.

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	Runner	Date
GII Beldame Stakes	Raging Sea	Oct. 6
GII Zenyatta Stakes	Sugar Fish	Sept. 29
GI Cotillion Stakes	Thorpedo Anna	Sept. 21
GI Travers Stakes	Thorpedo Anna	Aug. 24
GI Personal Ensign Stakes	Raging Sea	Aug. 23
GI CCA Oaks	Thorpedo Anna	July 20



Awesome Result | Horsephotos



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LONGINES BREEDERS' CUP TURF

Godolphin's **Rebel's Romance (Ire)** (Dubawi {Ire}) looks to join fellow European raiders Conduit (Ire) and High Chaparral (Ire) as multiple winners of the \$5-million G1 Longines Breeders Cup Turf and he would become the first of that trio to accomplish the feat in non-consecutive runnings.

The 6-year-old homebred isn't certainly overrated this season by any means--this will be his sixth run of the season--but he's done it the 'tough' way, with a season-opening victory in the G3 H H The Amir Trophy in February followed by a two-length defeat of 2023 Turf third **Shahryar (Jpn)** (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 Dubai Sheema Classic in March, having returned to England in between. An easy winner of the G1 Standard Chartered Champions and Chater Cup in Hong Kong May 26, the dark bay was third in the G1 King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes

July 27 behind the G1 Japan Cup-bound Goliath (Ger) (Adlerflug {Ger}) and Bluestocking (GB) (Camelot {GB}), future winner of the G1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. He prepped for this weekend's test in the Sept. 22 G2 Preis von Europa at Cologne--same as he did prior to winning the Turf at Keeneland in 2022--and while he got the job done, he was all out to do it at 3-5 against suspect competition. He is a win candidate in this modest renewal, but he's drawn deep and he's been on the go for some time.

Conversely, Shahryar is will begin from a low draw for Cristian Demuro and his last-out fifth in the G2 Sapporo Kinen is probably best forgiven, as he was first up since the Sheema and racing over an unsuitable 2000 meters.



Rebel's Romance winning the Sheema Classic | Horsephotos

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BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC (G1)

FOREVER YOUNG (JPN)

Family of **On Alert** i/f **Charlatan** (Hip 166)
Family of **Princess Adaleigh** (Hip 175)

NEWGATE

Weanling half-sister by **Life Is Good** (Hip 149)
Full sister **Denim and Pearls** (Hip 240)

SIERRA LEONE

Family of **On Alert** i/f **Charlatan** (Hip 166)
Family of **Princess Adaleigh** (Hip 175)

BREEDERS' CUP TURF (G1)

CABO SPIRIT

Dam **Fancy Day (IRE)** i/f **Cody's Wish** (Hip 251)

BREEDERS' CUP DISTAFF (G1)

HONOR D LADY

Racing/broodmare prospect (Hip 266)

BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT (G1)

NAKATOMI

Full sister **Mainline** i/f **Authentic** (Hip 287)

BREEDERS' CUP MILE (G1)

CHILI FLAG (FR)

Racing/broodmare prospect (Hip 235)

JOHANNES

Family of **Elm Drive** (Hip 246)

RAMATUELLE

Racing/broodmare prospect (Hip 310)

GOLIAD

Family of weanling colt by **Jack Christopher** (Hip 24)

BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE TURF (G1)

FULL COUNT FELICIA

Racing/broodmare prospect (Hip 260)

MOIRA

Racing/broodmare prospect (Hip 293)

WAR LIKE GODDESS

Racing/broodmare prospect (Hip 210)

BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE SPRINT (G1)

ONE MAGIC PHILLY

Weanling half-brother by **Street Sense** (Hip 312)

SOUL OF AN ANGEL

Racing/broodmare prospect (Hip 191)

VAHVA

Family of **Miss Justify** (Hip 306)

WAYS AND MEANS

Dam **Strong Incentive** i/f **Into Mischief** (Hip 196)
Half-sister **Surge Capacity** i/f **Into Mischief** (Hip 197)

BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT (G1)

AG BULLET

Racing/broodmare prospect (Hip 216)

BIG INVASION

Weanling half-brother by **Bolt d'Oro** (Hip 90)
Dam **Curly in Place** i/f **Not This Time** (Hip 239)

COGBURN

Dam **In a Jif** i/f **Into Mischief** (Hip 272)

BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE (G1)

SEIZE THE GREY

Half-sister **Shoppingforpharoah** i/f **Jack Christopher** (Hip 187)

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE (G1)

JONATHAN'S WAY

Family of **Nueva Fragancia (ARG)** i/f **American Pharoah** (Hip 164)

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES (G1)

IMMERSIVE

Family of weanling filly by **Into Mischief** (Hip 103)
Family of **Elle Sueno** i/f **Gun Runner** (Hip 245)

Plus on the Saturday Undercard:

BAYAKOA S. (G3)

SADDLE UP JESSIE Racing/broodmare prospect (Hip 185)

GOLDIKOVA S. (G3)

FLUFFY SOCKS Racing/broodmare prospect (Hip 257)

KATHMANDU (IRE) Racing/broodmare prospect (Hip 276)

SACRED WISH Family of **Radio Days** (Hip 181)

Jayarebe (Fr) (Zoffany {Ire}) has a mark of 3-1-1 from his five starts this season, including a smart success in the G3 Hampton Court Stakes at Royal Ascot and a victory in the G2 Prix Dollar Oct. 5 either side of a bang-up second to next-out G1 Irish Champion S. hero Economics (GB) (Night Of Thunder {Ire}) in the G2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano Aug. 15. He's never been past 2,100 meters (1 5/16 miles) in any of his races and is perhaps one of the biggest 'unders' horses at the entire meeting at 4-1, but trainer Brian Meehan is a two-time winner of this race and would know best what his horse is capable of. Since his sire won the 2007 Turf at Monmouth Park, American-based horses have won the race just three times and only once in the last nine runnings, and **'TDN Rising Star' Far Bridge** (English Channel) stands the best chance among the U.S. runners here.

Only ninth as the 2-1 favorite in the GI United Nations July 20, he was given an enterprising, front-running ride by Joel Rosario in the GI Sword Dancer Inv. Aug. 24 and defeated Godolphin's heavily favored Measured Time (GB) (Frankel {GB}) by a length. Content to take back off the speed in the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic last time, he rallied inside and held off two-time defending champion War Like Goddess (English Channel).

Wild Card

Ballydoyle relies on just one horse in this year's Turf, the classy **Luxembourg (Ire)** (Camelot {GB}), whose lone trip to the winner's circle this term came when given a perfect ride from the front by Ryan Moore in the 12-furlong G1 Coronation Cup at Epsom in May. Part of the team used to try to set things up for Auguste Rodin (Ire) (Deep Impact {Jpn}) in the G1 King George & Queen Elizabeth July 27, he found himself sandwiched between two monsters in the straight--Auguste Rodin and Rebel's Romance--and capitulated readily to finish a well-beaten sixth to Goliath after chasing a pacesetting stable companion. Sent to the lead in the Irish Champion, the bay gave it everything he had and held reasonably well into the final furlong before fading into sixth. Moore is back in the irons and while there is some other speed signed on, the pace may not be all that demanding and the three-turn configuration could aid his cause.--*Alan Carasso*

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

G1 Dubai Sheema Classic	Rebel's Romance	Mar. 30
G1 Coronation Cup	Luxembourg	May 31
G1 King George & QE S.	Rebel's Romance	July 27
GI Sword Dancer Inv.	Far Bridge	Aug. 24
G1 Prix Vermeille	Emily Upjohn	Sept. 15
G2 Preis von Europa	Rebel's Romance	Sept. 22
GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic	Far Bridge	Sept. 28
G2 Prix Dollar	Jayarebe	Oct. 5



Breeders' Cup OBS GRADS

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LONGINES BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC

How will G1 Epsom Derby winner and **'TDN Rising Star' City of Troy** (Justify) handle the dirt? That's the \$7-million dollar question heading into Saturday's GI Breeders' Cup Classic at Del Mar.

The son of 2018 Triple Crown winner Justify, a brilliant winner over his elders in the G1 Coral Eclipse July 6 and G1 Juddmonte International Stakes Aug. 21, has been pegged as the 5-2 morning-line favorite in the Classic despite making all seven of his previous career starts on grass. He only has one loss on his stacked resume, a ninth-place finish while making his sophomore debut in the G1 English 2000 Guineas May 4.

Considered by Aidan O'Brien as the best horse that he's ever trained, the Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith and Michael Tabor colorbearer was produced by the Galileo (Ire) mare Together Forever (Ire), winner of the 2014 G1 Dubai Fillies Mile at Newmarket.

O'Brien is winless from 17 previous cracks at the Classic, led by runner-up finishes by Giant's Causeway in 2000 and Henrythenavigator in 2008 and a third-place finish from Declaration of War in 2013.

One of the storylines heading into this summer's GI Travers Stakes at Saratoga was that champion 2-year-old and **'TDN**

Rising Star' Fierceness (City of Light) couldn't fire his best shot in back-to-back races. Seems pretty silly now, doesn't it?

The Repole homebred atoned for his disappointing 15th-place finish as the favorite in the GI Kentucky Derby with a win over **'TDN Rising Star' Sierra Leone** (Gun Runner) in the GII Jim Dandy Stakes July 27 and doubled up with a heart-stopping nose victory over GI Breeders' Cup Distaff horse-to-beat Thorpedo Anna (Fast Anna) with Sierra Leone back in third in a Travers for the ages Aug. 24.

Trained by Todd Pletcher, Fierceness seeks to become the first GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner to add a win in the Classic. It is yet to happen from eight previous attempts.

Arthur's Ride (Tapit) punched his ticket to the Classic with a powerful, front-running victory in the GI Whitney Stakes at Saratoga Aug. 3, but could do no better than fifth behind **Highland Falls** (Curlin) in the GI Jockey Club Gold Cup at the Spa Sept. 1. The stunning gray will be on the engine beneath Junior Alvarado from post 12.

Everyone's favorite marathoner **Next** (Not This time) will finally get his chance on the big stage, shortening up to 1 1/4 miles after winning seven straight versus overmatched company at extended distances.

Good Luck IN THE BREEDERS' CUP

ARTHUR'S RIDE

Owner: Glassman Racing
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BREEDERS' CUP
CLASSIC (G1)

TAPIT TRICE

Owner: Whisper Hill Farm & Gainesway
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CLASSIC (G1)

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BREEDERS' CUP
F&M SPRINT (G1)

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TWIRLING CANDY

AG BULLET

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Calvin Nguyen & Joey C. Tran

Breeder:

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Hall of Famer and four-time Classic-winning trainer Bob Baffert could be coming in under the radar with GI Santa Anita Handicap winner and 'TDN Rising Star' **Newgate** (Into Mischief), who adds blinkers following a strong third with a wide trip off the bench in the inaugural GI California Crown Stakes at Santa Anita Sept. 28. He's made a strong impression during training hours this week at Del Mar.

Mixto (Good Magic) was freshened after upsetting the track-and-trip GI FanDuel Pacific Classic Stakes Aug. 31.

Wild Cards

Japan will be represented by a trio of Classic runners, headed by the rail-drawn **Forever Young (Jpn)** (Real Steel {Jpn}), who suffered his lone career defeat finishing a troubled third, beaten only a head, in this season's Kentucky Derby. He's made only one start since, prepping for this with a win in the Japan Dirt Classic Oct. 2. His trainer Yoshito Yahagi won two Breeders' Cup races with Marche Lorraine (Jpn) (Distaff) and Loves Only You (Jpn) (Filly & Mare Turf) the last time the Championships were held at Del Mar in 2021.

Derma Sotogake (Jpn) (Mind Your Biscuits), a longshot second in last year's Classic, has gone winless in three subsequent attempts, including a fifth-place finish behind **Senor Buscador** (Mineshaft) in the G1 Saudi Cup Feb. 24. Trainer Hidetaka Otonashi will add blinkers here. Fifth at a well-backed 7-2 in last year's Classic, **Ushba Tesoro (Jpn)** (Orfevre {Jpn}) has finished second in his last three trips to the post, including the Saudi Cup and the G1 Dubai World Cup Mar. 30. --*Steve Sherack*

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Japan Dirt Classic	Forever Young (Jpn)	Oct. 2
GIII Greenwood Cup S.	Next	Sept. 21
GI Jockey Club Gold Cup S.	Highland Falls	Sept. 1
GI Pacific Classic S.	Mixto	Aug. 31
GI Travers S.	Fierceness	Aug. 24
GI Whitney S.	Arthur's Ride	Aug. 3
G1 Epsom Derby	City of Troy	June 1
G1 Saudi Cup	Senor Buscador	Feb. 24



City of Troy takes his first spin over the Del Mar main track | Breeders' Cup/Eclipse Sportswire

MAKER'S MARK BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE TURF

The last North American-based trainer to win the GI Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf was Chad Brown six years ago. The top turf conditioner in the U.S. does not have an entry



Cinderella's Dream | Sarah Andrew

this year, so it will be up to a handful of other barns to take up the chase and snatch the title away from the Europeans.

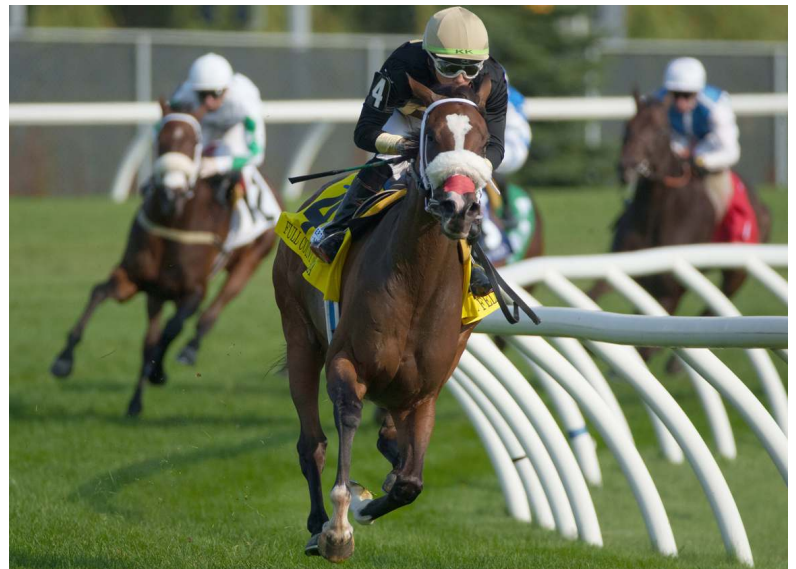
Speaking of occidental Thoroughbred dominance, look for Godolphin homebred **Cinderella's Dream (GB)** (Shamardal) to garner a good bit interest, especially since the 3-year-old already raided the GI Belmont Oaks Invitational July 6 and the Saratoga Oaks Invitational Aug. 2. Trained by Charlie Appleby, the filly's strong late kick and penchant for firm ground could make her the favorite come post time.

Making everything more interesting from the European perspective is **Soprano (Ire)** (Starspangledbanner {Aus}) who is trained by George Boughey. A tough campaigner in England at two and three, the chestnut came to the U.S. by invitation and ran second in the GI Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Keeneland Oct. 12.

Very much in the mix is **Content (Ire)** (Galileo {Ire}) for trainer Aidan O'Brien. A runner-up this summer in the G1 Irish Oaks at The Curragh, the filly won by 3/4 of a length the G1 Yorkshire Oaks a month later, but her next two attempts--at ParisLongchamp and at Ascot against Group 1 company--were decidedly a miss. Retaining the services of Frankie Dettori can only help her cause in a spot like this one.

As for North American hopes and dreams, there is class to be found in both MGSW **Anisette (GB)** (Awtaad {Ire}) and GISW **Didia (Arg)** (Orpen), who over the local course were third and fourth, respectively, in the GII John C. Mabee Stakes Sept. 7.

The winner of the John C. Mabee is present and accounted for here in **Hang the Moon** (Uncle Mo). The 4-year-old cemented a F&M Turf starting gate position when the Phil D'Amato trainee captured the GII Rodeo Drive Stakes at Santa Anita Oct. 5. Incidentally, the third-place runner from that Arcadian grass race comes calling too in **Beach Bomb (SAf)** (Lancaster Bomber). Trained by Graham Motion, the 4-year-old is a multiple Grade 1 stakes winner in her native South Africa.



Full Count Felicia | Michael Burns

The Canadian contingent is making the trip to Southern California and trainer Kevin Attard is bringing some first-class stardom on the plane. **Full Count Felicia** (War Front) won the GII Canadian Stakes at Woodbine Aug. 10 and then followed that up by sailing gate to wire in the GI E.P. Taylor Stakes in Toronto Sept. 14. The horse she defeated was her stablemate and Canadian Horse of the Year **Moir** (Ghostzapper).

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	F&M Turf runner	Date
GI Saratoga Oaks Inv.	Cinderella's Dream (GB)	Aug. 2
G1 Yorkshire Oaks	Content (Ire)	Aug. 22
GI E.P. Taylor S.	Full Count Felicia/Moir	Sept. 14
GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic S.	War Like Goddess	Sept. 28
GII Rodeo Drive Stakes	Hang the Moon	Oct. 5

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Wild Card

Imagine an experienced, accomplished 7-year-old, who is on the cusp of being a \$3-million earner, being called a 'wild card' in a Breeders' Cup race. **War Like Goddess** (English Channel) is a multiple Grade I stakes winner, but she does not have a purple and white trophy under a vitrine.

That could change this year, but the 5-2 morning-line favorite is going to have to give it her best.

Lest we forget, the Bill Mott trainee has been through the wars and she continues to do more than just show up. She's had three stabs at the Breeders' Cup and in 2021 at Del Mar she faded to third in this very race.

War Like Goddess comes in fit for her Hall of Fame trainer after entering in four higher-level contests over the summer and into the early fall. Last seen facing the boys for the fifth time in her career, the mare was the runner-up in the GI Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Stakes at the Big A Sept.28.

To describe her as dangerous in the F&M Turf would be an understatement.

"She is the same now as she was three years ago," said owner George Krikorian. "Her workout today [Sunday] was as good as her best workout. She is right on the top of her game and she has not regressed at all. She has done everything you could expect and more. She has been a gift and I'm grateful to have her. She is 7 and we are keeping our options open [for racing next year]. We have not made a decision yet."

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War Like Goddess | Sarah Andrew

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In a division lacking the major star power of years past with 2022/2023 division leader and Eclipse champion Elite Power (Curlin) having stood his first season at stud with Juddmonte, the Breeders' Cup Sprint will crown a new champion Saturday. **Mullikin** (Violence), who has been working lights out at Keeneland nearly the entire month of October in his lead up, seeks a fifth straight win for Rodolphe Brisset and the ownership group of Siena Farm LLC and WinStar Farm LLC and enters off a career-high performance in a gate-to-wire 5 3/4-length trouncing of the field in the GI Forego Stakes at the Spa Aug. 24. The 105 Beyer Speed Figure earned in that effort is second only to **Federal Judge** (Army Mule) who put up a 106 in the GII Phoenix Stakes at Keeneland Oct. 4 going this distance. He cuts back to six furlongs for the first time since his Keeneland unveiling this April, the start of his winning cycle and another 5 3/4-length win albeit facing allowance runners. Mullikin's win in the Forego also makes him one of three Grade I winners in the field, joining this year's GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt Stakes winner **Nakatomi** (Firing Line), a six-furlong specialist, and GI Churchill Downs Stakes winner **Gun Pilot** (Gun Runner) who was runner

up behind Mullikin in the Forego.

Mullikin is one of several contenders with win streaks on the line Saturday. **Raging Torrent** (Maximus Mischief), also one of only two 3-year-olds in the field, comes in with three straight scores and picked up a valuable win over the local surface in the GII Pat O'Brien Stakes Aug. 24. And, like Mullikin, he'll also be cutting back after contesting seven furlongs in each of his last three starts and only trying six panels in a pair of thirds in the GIII Best Pal Stakes last August and this year on the turf at Santa Anita against optional claimers. The aforementioned Federal Judge is on two straight wins and no streak count can be mentioned without bringing up **Skelly** (Practical Joke) who, while running second in his last three, at one point owned as many as seven straight wins for trainer Steve Asmussen.

Wild Card

MyRacehorse, who also brings in Dirt Mile contender Seize the Grey (Arrogate), sport a local hero in **Straight No Chaser** (Speightster) for trainer Dan Blacker. A debut winner on the Del Mar turf, the 5-year-old earned wins last year in GIII Maryland Sprint Stakes on the Preakness undercard and came off a layoff in just his second start of 2024 to dominate the GII Santa Anita Sprint Championship Stakes in his final prep Sept. 29. He's also plenty experienced at the six furlongs, having contested the distance each of his last five trips in a record that includes three wins and a third. Blacker primed his sprinter with a near-bullet at Santa Anita Oct. 27, going four furlongs in :47 1/5 (2/65).--S. Grimm



Mullikin | Tod Marks

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

GI Forego Stakes	Mullikin	Aug. 24
GI Alfred G. Vanderbilt Stakes	Nakatomi	July 27
GI Churchill Downs Stakes	Gun Pilot	May 4
GII Stoll Keenon Ogden Phoenix	Federal Judge	Oct. 4
GII Pat O'Brien Stakes	Raging Torrent	Aug. 24

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Batucada	Highland Falls	Seize the Grey
Beach Bomb (SAF)	Honor D Lady	Senor Buscador
Bentornato	Howard Wolowitz	Skippy Longstocking
Big Invasion	Iron Man Cal	Smash It
Cabo Spirit	Johannes	Soul of an Angel
Candied	Kale's Angel	Straight No Chaser
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Che Evasora (ARG)	Miss New York	Sunset Glory (IRE)
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Content (IRE)	More Than Looks	There Goes Harvard
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FANDUEL BREEDERS' CUP MILE

Trainer Charlie Appleby has saddled the last three winners of the GI FanDuel Breeders' Cup Mile--Space Blues (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}), who was one of his three to salute at Del Mar in 2021; Modern Games (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) at Keeneland in 2022; and Master of the Seas (Ire) (Dubawi {Ire}) in that thrilling renewal at Santa Anita last November. Godolphin's **Notable Speech (GB)**

(Dubawi {Ire}) has a golden opportunity to extend the streak of both the conditioner and his incredible sire Saturday afternoon at Del Mar.

Unbeaten in three runs over the Kempton all-weather to begin his career, the homebred made a somewhat unconventional switch to the turf for the May 4 G1 English 2000 Guineas, and when City of Troy (Justify) failed to show up, proved the chief beneficiary, defeating Rosallion (Ire) (Blue Point {Ire}). The

latter went on to annex the G1 Irish 2000 Guineas and defeated Notable Speech into an excuse-free seventh--by Appleby's own admission--in the G1 St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot June 18. Brilliant when quickening through in the open stretch to defeat older milers in Goodwood's G1 Sussex Stakes July 31, Notable Speech plainly struggled with the easy underfoot conditions in the G1 Prix du Moulin in Paris Sept. 8 and gets the quicker ground he prefers here.

Females have won the Mile no fewer than 10 times in its history--most recently Uni (GB) (More Than Ready) in 2019--and a pair of 3-year-old fillies have their claims this weekend. The American-owned **Porta Fortuna (Ire)** (Caravaggio) has blended considerable talent and some golden trips into victories in the G1 Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot June 21, the G1 Falmouth Stakes over the July course at Newmarket and a latest success in the Sept. 14 G1 Matron Stakes at Leopardstown, gaining left-

handed experience in the process. A multiple group winner and Group 1-placed at two, **'TDN Rising Star' Ramatuelle** (Justify) was just touched out of second by Porta Fortuna in the G1 English 1000 Guineas, was a non-threatening third in the Coronation and was most recently the very impressive winner of the G1 Prix de la Foret at ParisLongchamp Oct. 6 in soft ground

she seemed to relish.

'Rising Star' Diego Velazquez (Ire) (Frankel {GB}), a close fourth in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains over a mile in the spring, struggled over longer trips in a pair of subsequent appearances, but bounced back with victories in the G3 Meld Stakes at the Curragh July 18 over nine panels and the one-mile G2 Solonaway Stakes at Leopardstown Sept. 14.

No California-based miler has taken this event since Singletary (Sultry Song)

caused a 16-1 upset at Lone Star 20 years ago, but **Johannes** (Nyquist) is a live chance to halt that streak. A homebred for Joe and Debby McCloskey's **Cuyathy LLC**, the 4-year-old came from midfield to win the GI Shoemaker Mile at Santa Anita in May, added a handy score in the nine-furlong GII Eddie Read Stakes over this course July 28 and validated 4-5 favoritism when dominating the GII City of Hope Mile in Arcadia Sept. 28.

'TDN Rising Star' Carl Spackler (Ire) (Lope de Vega {Ire}) invades from New York for Uni's trainer Chad Brown on a three-race winning streak. The chestnut has raced prominently in each of those tallies, coming from just off the pace to take out the GIII Kelso Stakes and GI Fourstartdave Handicap at Saratoga before making all from the outside gate in the GI Coolmore Turf Mile at Keeneland Oct. 5. He is marooned in 12 for this test, but with **Goliad** (War Front) the only confirmed front-runner in the field, he may be able to get across without burning too much fuel.



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More Than Looks (More Than Ready), two lengths' sixth from a dreadful draw in last year's Mile, raced freely in his return to action in a slow-paced renewal of the Fourstardave--his first run in nine months--but still managed to toss in the quickest final quarter-mile in :22.78 to finish a very useful second. A fitter sort for the Coolmore Turf Mile, the dark bay colt was away slowly and was bothered into the first turn, but was taking ground off Carl Spackler in the final stages and was beaten a length while closing off in a slick :22.50. There should be a decent, if not breakneck, pace to run at Saturday and he can be in the finish, albeit at a fraction of his 20-1 morning-line odds. --*Alan Carasso*

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	Mile runner(s)	Date
G1 English 2000 Guineas	Notable Speech	May 4
G1 Victoria Mile	Ten Happy Rose	May 12
G1 Coronation S.	Porta Fortuna, Ramatuella	June 21
G1 Sussex S.	Notable Speech	July 31
G2 Solonaway S.	Diego Velazquez	Sept. 14
GII City of Hope Mile	Johannes	Sept. 28
G1 Coolmore Turf Mile	Carl Spackler, More Than Looks	Oct. 5
G1 Prix de la Foret	Ramatuella	Oct. 6

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Sire	# Winners
Curlin	8
Dubawi (Ire)	7
Into Mischief	7
More Than Ready	7
Tapit	7
Galileo (Ire)	6
Sadler's Wells	6
Unbridled's Song	6
City Zip	5
Danzig	5
Kris S.	5
Smart Strike	5
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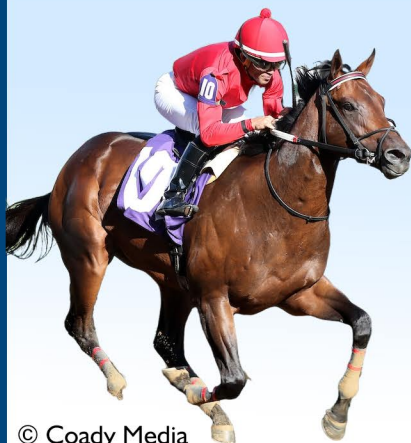
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BIG ASS FANS BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE

Often becoming a collector of rerouted Classic contenders, this year's Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile remains loaded despite the recent defection of MGISW National Treasure (Quality Road). Despite the fact that Klaravich Stables' **Domestic Product** (Practical Joke) initially cut his teeth as a Triple Crown contender, the Chad Brown trainee has been molded into a legitimate miler. Runner-up in Gulfstream's GIII Holy Bull Stakes before gaining a narrow score in the GIII Tampa Bay Derby last March, the dark bay was a well-beaten 13th on the First Saturday in May, prompting the decision to cut back for the second half of the season.

A well-beaten second to Tuscan Sky in Monmouth's 8 1/2-furlong Pegasus Stakes June 15, the homebred rebounded to score by 7 1/2 lengths in the one-mile GIII Dwyer Stakes at the Belmont at the Big A meet in July before underscoring the point in a next

out victory in Aug. 24 GI H. Allen Jerkens Stakes at the Spa.

Zedan Racing's **Muth** (Good Magic), winner at distances ranging from five furlongs to 1 1/8 miles, has proven time and again that he cannot be left off the ticket. Named a 'TDN Rising



Domestic Product working at Belmont last weekend | Sarah Andrew

Star' after a scintillating debut victory at Santa Anita in June of 2023, the \$2-million OBS March topper subsequently added a victory in the 8 1/2-furlong GI American Pharoah before having to settle for second behind ultimate juvenile champ Fierceness (City of Light) in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

Kicking off a three-race win skein in his sophomore bow in the seven-panel GII San Vicente Stakes, the Bob Baffert representative took Oaklawn's

GI Arkansas Derby over nine furlongs in March but had to sit out the Kentucky Derby given his trainer's final season of exclusion.

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An ill-timed temperature forced the bay out of the Preakness, also causing him to miss some training. Fresh and ready for his return, he came home a two-length winner in the Sept. 1 Shared Belief Stakes at Del Mar before making one more attempt at nine furlongs in Sept. 28 GI California Crown, but had to settle for sixth that day. The cut back to a one-mile distance should hit squarely between the eyes.



Muth winning the Shared Belief | Benoit

Initially leaning toward the Classic, trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. announced that Daniel Alonso's **Skippylongstocking** (Exaggerator) would line up in the Dirt Mile instead after National Treasure's removal from consideration. Third to Cody's Wish and National Treasure in last year's Dirt Mile, the 5-year-old was walked off following the GI Pegasus World Cup Invitational in January but rebounded to take Tampa's GIII Challenger Stakes Mar. 9 followed by the nine-furlong GII Oaklawn Handicap in April. Third in the GI Stephen Foster Stakes at Churchill Downs on June 29, the bay came home fifth in a muddy renewal of the GI Whitney Stakes at the Spa Aug. 3 before returning to air by 5 3/4 lengths in the 1 1/8-mile GII Charles Town Classic on Aug. 23. Backed down to 4-5 favoritism for the Sept. 28 GII Woodward Stakes while facing a muddy strip at the Big A, he was caught late by Tapit Trice and had to settle for second. With all of his victories coming at 8 1/2 furlongs or beyond, Skippylongstocking will need to have his running shoes on if he wants to position himself from his far outside draw.

Last season's GI Pennsylvania Derby winner **Saudi Crown** (Always Dreaming)--two-for-two in his North American starts in 2024--comes into this off a last out victory in the R.A. 'Cowboy' Jones Stakes Aug. 11 at Ellis. Trained by Brad Cox, the grey also finished a close-up third in the 1 1/8-mile G1 Saudi Cup last winter.

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Seize the Grey
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Wild Card

MyRacehorse's **Seize the Grey** (Arrogate) has afforded his connections the luxury of being considered for both the Dirt Mile and the 10-furlong Classic. Failing to draw into this year's Kentucky Derby, the versatile colt nonetheless came home a sparkling winner on the Derby Day undercard, taking the GII Pat Day Mile before giving Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas his seventh GI Preakness Stakes win at Pimlico May 18. Tiring late to be seventh in the 12-furlong GI Belmont Stakes, the grey finished fourth in the nine-panel GII Jim Dandy Stakes won by Fierceness but once again showed he was not to be counted out when coming home a 3 3/4-length winner in the nine-furlong Pennsylvania Derby at Parx on Sept. 21. While showing he likely requires everything to go perfectly when extending beyond 8 1/2 furlongs, Seize the Grey should appreciate the mile distance here and will try to extend his Hall of Fame trainer's Breeders' Cup record to 21 career wins.--C Bossinakis

Let's Go to the Videotape ...

Race	Dirt Mile runner	Date
GIII Louisiana Stakes	Saudi Crown	Jan. 20
GI Arkansas Derby	Muth	Mar. 30
GI Pat Day Mile	Seize the Grey	May 4
GI Preakness S.	Seize the Grey	May 18
GII Charles Town Classic	Skippylongstocking	Aug. 23
GI H. Allen Jerkens Memorial	Domestic Product	Aug. 24
Shared Belief S.	Muth	Sept. 1
GI Pennsylvania Derby	Seize the Grey	Sept. 21
GIII Vosburgh S.	Mufasa (Chi)	Sept. 28

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