



Breeders' Cup World Championships Friday, Nov. 3 and Saturday, Nov. 4

Post Position Draw Quotes Monday, October 31, 2017

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Trainer Bob Baffert (Arrogate, Classic, post 1; Mubtahij, Classic, post 6; West Coast, Classic, post 8; Collected, Classic, post 11; Abel Tasman, Distaff, post 4, Drefong, Sprint, post 2, Cupid, Dirt Mile, post 7, and Mor Spirit, post 6) – “Arrogate always seems to get the one a lot. He has it and you can't change. They're all spread out. I just didn't want them to all draw in next to each other. We have a long run to the turn. I like being on the outside better, but I've got a lot of good horses on the outside. It will all work out. They are spread out everywhere. It was a good draw for Collected, on the outside, West Coast is in a good spot there. Mubtaahij comes from off the pace anyway. At least there is separation there.”

“I could tell by the look on Bo Derek's face when she got the card. I knew that's got to be Arrogate. That's sure not Gun Runner.”

“The whole draw didn't really go that great...When Drefong drew the 2. Having a good horse is more important than drawing well.”

(Abel Tasman) “That was all right. I was hoping to be further outside with her.”

“I think the only horses that drew well were in the Dirt Mile. Mor Spirit and Cupid are right next to each other. The rest of the draws were nothing to jump up and down about.”

(Drefong) “I wanted to be outside with him because he had that bad experience earlier in the summer in the one-hole (dropping jockey Mike Smith in the Bing Crosby). Since then they've put a strip there. He has to break really well. Going short at Del Mar, having an outside post is a big advantage. Some tracks it's not, but at Del Mar it's a big advantage. But he had the 2-hole last year and I was fretting about that until he won the race.”

Assistant trainer Scott Blasi (Gun Runner, Classic, post 5) – “It's one of those races where you can't worry about what everybody else is going to do. You just have to ride your own horse. Gun Runner is always one of those horses where you're happy with where you're at. If they go too fast, he'll stay back. If not, he's happy to be there. He's much more turned off (this year) and that really will help him get a mile and a quarter.”

Trainer Antonio Sano (Gunnevera, Classic, post 9) – “That post is fine for my horse. The speed will go and my horse will have a long run to get position. I'm hoping there is a lot of speed. It will help my horse.”

George Papaprodromou (Mr. Roary, Mile, post 3; Win the Space, Classic, post 3): “I’m happy with posts (3). They’re good for both horses. I expected them to be less than 30-1 but I’ll take it. I hope the speed horses go out and kill each other and then we’ll come running.”

Trainer Brian Lynch (Heart to Heart, Mile, post 2; Oscar Performance, Turf, post 14) – (Heart to Heart) “We’re not going to be hanging around too long. We’re going.

(Oscar Performance) “The same with Oscar Performance. We aren’t going to be hanging around too long. We will let him break and he’ll be up there. I’m not saying we are going to make the lead, but we will definitely let him run away from there and get comfortable and find his stride. I thought he had a lovely work over the track and also gave him a little stamina work at Keeneland before we left. I have him a good little sharpener here to see how he got over this track. He worked great over the racetrack and came off the track like a horse who’s doing really good and ready to run. It’s critical to get a good trip over this track. I’m going to make sure he doesn’t have a lot of traffic in front of him.”

Trainer Dale Romans (Free Drop Billy, Juvenile, Post 5 and Hollywood Star, Juvenile, Post 12) – “One good post and one bad post, but we’ll take it. With Free Drop Billy doing as well as he is, drawing the 5-hole, it seems like a lot of good things are going right for him. With Hollywood, we’ll just see what happens. We’ll just take back and make one run.”

Trainer Mick Ruis (Bolt d’Oro, Juvenile, Post 11) – “I kind of like it. He’s tactical. The horse on the outside of him and the horse to the inside of him – I don’t see a whole bunch of speed, so he’ll be able to get out of there. Corey (Nakatani) can take it from there.

Part owner Jeff Bloom (Skye Diamonds, Filly & Mare Sprint, post 12) – “We love the post. We wanted to be outside and we have a lot of horses inside that we wanted there. She has been training lights out. She’s coming to the race better than she has ever been. The distance is perfect and she loves the track.”

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