



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

**Daily Notes  
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### **FILLY AND MARE SPRINT**

**Finley'sluckycharm** – Carl Moore's Finley'sluckycharm got her first feel of the Del Mar main track Tuesday morning, galloping a little more than a mile with trainer Bret Calhoun's wife Sara aboard.

Finley'sluckycharm arrived from Kentucky Monday afternoon in her bid to give Calhoun a second victory in the race to pair with Dubai Majesty's triumph at Churchill Downs in 2010. Listed as the third choice on the morning line at 6-1, Finley'sluckycharm will break from post position nine under Brian Hernandez Jr.

"I like it," Calhoun said of the post. "I wanted to be outside and that gives us options. She showed in her last race (the Thoroughbred Club of America at Keeneland) that she can come from out of it if necessary."

This is the first time Calhoun has been back to Del Mar since 2008 when he won his first Grade 2 race with Storm Mesa in the San Clemente.

**Unique Bella** – Filly & Mare Sprint favorite Unique Bella and her Dirt Mile contender stablemate Battle of Midway were expected to arrive in the barn of trainer Jerry Hollendorfer at approximately 1 p.m. Tuesday after taking the trip from the Hall of Famer's Santa Anita division.

Assistant Christina Jelm reported that Hollendorfer, who was overseeing his Northern California division at Golden Gate Fields, would be on the grounds soon to oversee the final preparations for his Breeders' Cup starters.

Jelm said that the shin injury that sidelined the 3yo Unique Bella following her win in the Santa Ysabel March 4 until her return to the races with a score in the L.A. Woman Oct. 8, is a thing of the past and she is restored to full health and ready to take on older fillies and mares Saturday. She is owned by Don Alberto Stable.

## SENTIENT JET JUVENILE

**Bahamian** – “The post is good and I think his training shows that he is a factor in spite of the morning line (30-1), said trainer Simon Callaghan as he prepared to send his 2yo son of Freedom Child for a morning gallop Tuesday.

“He’s been training very well here and I think he’s ready for a big effort.”

**Bolt d’Oro** – Undefeated Bolt d’Oro reacquainted himself with Del Mar Tuesday morning. Under exercise rider Carlos Aguilar, the 2yo son of Medaglia d’Oro jogged once around the track in the company of a pony after arriving from Santa Anita in the early morning hours.

”He didn’t leave our barn until 3 in the morning. He got in a trailer and came down here. He relaxed in the stall here for a couple hours and then went to the track. Nothing bothers him and he’s just a 2-year-old. It’s pretty cool,” owner/trainer Mick Ruis said.

Bolt d’Oro launched his racing career at Del Mar during the summer, winning his Aug. 5 debut and the Sept. 4 Del Mar Futurity before capturing the FrontRunner at Santa Anita Sept 30.

”I think it’s a definite advantage [having raced at Del Mar]. Del Mar is notorious as a horses-for-courses (racetrack),” Ruis said.

Ruis bought Bolt d’Oro at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Sale for \$630,000 at the urging of farm manager/trainer Ike Green.

”We just love him. Ike just kept going back to him and said, ‘Boss, I keep going back to this one.’ I said, ‘OK, I’ll go a half a million dollars.’ Well, that went pretty quick. I was on the phone with Ike and kept saying, ‘OK, one more, one more.’ The last bid we did, he said ‘Boss, I’m going to bid five-grand,’ and then I lost my connection. The next thing, I get a text and he said, ‘We got him.’ They were doing 25-thousand increments and the person bidding with us got upset because they took our five-thousand bid, threw his book down and walked away. That’s how we got him.”

**Free Drop Billy and Hollywood Star** – Veteran trainer Dale Romans says his two Juvenile horses, both owned by Albaugh Family Stables, are 2yo colts at different stages of development. Free Drop Billy is a Grade I winner already, but Hollywood Star, hasn’t been ready for that level and was second in both of his stakes races. The Juvenile will be his first Grade I race.

Free Drop Billy by Union Rags, won the Breeders’ Futurity, a “Win and You’re In” race on Oct. 7 at Keeneland by four lengths.

“He’s a push-button horse. He always has been,” Romans said. ”He’s one of the horses that you know you have to deal with the least. He’s sound. He’s smart. He always does everything right. He’s always happy. From Day 1 galloping him on the racetrack he was such an efficient mover we really liked him. We thought that as he was stretched out he would get better. You never know until they try it, but he did it and it worked. He did improve.”

Free Drop Billy, purchased as a yearling for \$200,000, has already earned \$428,020. Hollywood Star by Malibu Moon cost \$550,000 as a yearling and is 1-2-0 in three starts. In his most recent start he was second to The Tabulator in the Iroquois Sept. 16 at Churchill Downs.

“He’s a horse that hasn’t woke up yet,” Romans said. “He’s never been worse than second, but he’s never, in my opinion, bellied down and given his all yet. He’s got all the talent

in the world and when he figures it all out – hopefully it could be this weekend - he'll be having a coming out party.”

## **14 HANDS WINERY JUVENILE FILLIES**

**Heavenly Love, Gio Game, Wonder Gadot** –Three times before, Mark Casse has come into the Juvenile Fillies or Juvenile Fillies Turf with a horse with a solid chance of winning, and each time the horse has drawn to the outside and been compromised. This year, the racing gods smiled more favorably upon the nine-time Sovereign Award winner and Canadian Hall of Famer.

In the Juvenile Fillies, Darley Alcibiades winner Heavenly Love will depart from the rail and Gio Game will be in post four. Wonder Gadot wasn't as lucky, drawing post 11 in the field of 13.

“Heavenly Love drew the one. It's not ideal but it's better than the outside. Twice I drew the outside in the Juvenile Fillies Turf coming in with the favorite and it killed us both times,” said Casse, who saddled My Conquestadory (fourth in 2013 from post 14) and Conquest Harlanate (11<sup>th</sup> in 2014 from post 10) plus Valadorna (second from post 10) in the 2016 Juvenile Fillies.

Darley Alcibiades winner Heavenly Love is a Debby Oxley homebred. Gio Game, a daughter of Gio Ponti (second in both the 2008 Classic and the 2009 Mile) is owned by John Oxley.

This is believed to be the first time that horses owned individually by a wife and husband have competed against one another in a Breeders' Cup race.

“I'm just glad they didn't draw next to each other. It's interesting to see their horses in the same race,” said Casse.

Wonder Gadot is owned by MGM Studio head Gary Barber and he named her for Gal Gadot, the former Miss Israel, international supermodel and star of the blockbuster film “Wonder Woman.”

Said Casse, “Everyone keeps asking me is Gadot is coming to the race. She knows all about the fillies, follows her races and is very interested in her.”

All three fillies arrived Monday afternoon along with the rest of the Casse Breeders' Cup contingent of seven and just stretched their legs with an easy jog once around the track Tuesday morning.

**Moonshine Memories** – “She got a great post and should be able to put herself in great position,” said trainer Simon Callaghan. “She's been training really well and we're hopeful she'll be able to have one of her best races.”

She galloped Tuesday and will be ridden Saturday by Flavien Prat.

**Piedi Bianchi** – “She's been training really good for us,” said assistant trainer Leandro Mora, “and we're hoping for good things from her Saturday. We think she has a lot of potential.”

She galloped a mile Tuesday and will be ridden in the Juvenile Fillies by Mario Gutierrez.

**Best Performance** – The Christophe Clement trainee, who arrived last week in advance of her stablemates and Turf Sprint competitors Purse Sensation and Disco Partner, continued to train beautifully for her start in the Juvenile Fillies Turf.

Terry Finley of West Point Thoroughbreds, who owns her with Tango Uniform Racing, said after the draw that he was pleased with her assignment in post one.

### **TWINSPIRES SPRINT**

**B Squared** – The 3yo son of Square Eddie galloped a mile and a half Tuesday over Del Mar's main track as he headed closer to Saturday's date in the Sprint.

“You know we tried him at some Derbies, but the trainer [Doug O'Neill] and owner [Reddam Racing] decided we should stick to the Sprint,” said assistant trainer Leandro Mora.

**Calculator** – Trainer Peter Miller's Sprint prospect walked the shedrow Tuesday following a sharp 5f workout in 59 4/5 on Monday. On post position 1 for the 5yo son of In Summation for Saturday's race, Miller said, “I prefer not having him on the rail. He generally comes from off the pace and I'd like him to be in good position.”

**Drefong** – Tuesday was a ship-and-walk day for the defending Sprint champion owned by Baoma Corp. Drefong and 10 other Breeders' Cup-bound horses trained by Bob Baffert made the two-hour trip from Santa Anita to Del Mar between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. Tuesday morning.

All of the Baffert horses walked after arriving at Del Mar. Drefong worked 4f in 48 3/5 under jockey Martin Garcia Monday at Santa Anita.

Drefong will be ridden by Mike Smith, who has a 2-2-0 record in 15 starts in the Sprint. He picked up his first Sprint win in 1994 at Churchill Downs on Cherokee Run and won again on Amazombie in 2011.

**Roy H** – Coming into Saturday's Sprint with four victories in his last five starts, Roy H topped off his preparation for the race by posting a bullet 3f workout in 36 4/5 Tuesday morning on Del Mar's main track. It further enhanced trainer Peter Miller's stance on the 5yo gelding's prospects after saying of Monday's post position draw of No. 8, “He drew just great. He can sit third or fourth off the pace and we're hopeful he'll be good enough to pull it off [the win].”

**Whitmore** – Whitmore, who arrived Monday from Kentucky, jogged 2 M Tuesday under assistant trainer Laura Moquett, wife of trainer Ron Moquett, in his first trip to the Del Mar track.

Monday afternoon the 4yo son of 2003 Classic winner Pleasantly Perfect drew post five for the Sprint.

“That's perfect for us,” Moquett said. “He likes to mix things up and he'll be right in the middle. I was hoping for anything between four and seven, so five is perfect.

“He's doing really well. I like the way the plan is coming together and I like the way he's acting.”

### **LAS VEGAS DIRT MILE**

**Battle of Midway** – Don Alberto Stable and WinStar Farm's Las Vegas Dirt Mile starter Battle of Midway was expected to arrive later Tuesday afternoon along with his Filly & Mare Sprint contender stablemate Unique Bella.

Battle of Midway is named for the most famous battle in the naval history of the United States, which was waged in the Pacific theatre during WWII. Perhaps as an omen, the U.S.S.

Midway, which is an aircraft carrier and is also the namesake of the critical naval victory, is docked at the U.S.S. Battle of Midway Museum in San Diego.

In his lone Del Mar start, Battle of Midway was an easy 6 ¼-length winner of the Shared Belief, which is named for the champion also trained by Hollendorfer, at the distance of 1m.

## **TURF SPRINT**

**Buccherò** – Iron Horse Racing’s Buccherò got a feel for the Del Mar turf for the first time Tuesday morning and galloped once around under exercise rider Doug Morley during the 7:15 a.m. training time. He will school Wednesday in the gate, gallop over the main track Thursday and then walk on Friday.

“He’s going to need to improve his numbers to win, but we felt like he deserved the shot after his last few races,” trainer Tim Glyshaw said.

Buccherò, who most recently won the Woodford Stakes at Keeneland, enters the Turf Sprint on a three-race win streak after being elevated to first from second in the Senator Robert C. Byrd Memorial Stakes Aug. 5 after the winner was disqualified for a medication violation.

The 5yo Kantharos horse drew post 11 of 12 in the Turf Sprint, but Glyshaw said it was better than the alternative.

“I think at the time there was just the one, the seven and 11 (post positions) left,” he said. “I definitely didn’t want the one.”

**Richard's Boy and Stormy Liberal** –Trainer Peter Miller was pleased with how both his Turf Sprint runners were coming into the race. Richard’s Boy galloped 1m on the main Del Mar track, while Stormy Liberal worked 3f in 37 3/5 at San Luis Rey Downs Tuesday.

“He went very well,” Miller said.

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