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Countdown to the Breeders' Cup World Championships Newsletter

Advisory: This is the fourth of nine weekly news releases focusing on the horses and races leading to the 34th Breeders' Cup World Championships on Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4 at Del Mar. For more information, please visit www.breederscup.com. The Breeders' Cup will be televised live on NBC and NBCSN. You can follow all the contenders' activity leading up to the Breeders' Cup with Equibase's free "[Road to the Breeders' Cup](#)" *Virtual Stable* notification service.

An All-Irish Challenge This Weekend at Leopardstown and The Curragh

The "Win and You're In" action will have a solely Irish feel this weekend, when a total of five Breeders' Cup Challenge races are run at Leopardstown near Dublin and The Curragh in County Kildare. Saturday's Irish Champions Day card at Leopardstown highlights the action, with a trio of Challenge races in the QIPCO Irish Champion (GI), the Coolmore Fastnet Rock Matron (GI) and the Willis Towers Watson Champions Juvenile (GIII), which will award automatic starting berths into the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf (G1), Filly & Mare Turf (G1) and Juvenile Turf (G1), respectively. Sunday at The Curragh, the Moyglare Stud (GI) and Derrinstown Stud Flying Five (GII), will offer automatic starting berths into the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1) and Turf Sprint (G1), respectively.

As with most European Group I's, the path to the winner's circle goes through Coolmore and trainer Aidan O'Brien, as they will have decisive favorites in all three Leopardstown Challenge races. The \$1.314 million Irish Champion, run for 3yo & up at 1 ¼ miles, will be led by Michael Tabor, Mrs. John Magnier and Derrick Smith's CHURCHILL (IRE), who is trading at odds-on with the European punters off group I wins in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket and Irish 2000 Guineas at The Curragh this May. The 3-year-old son of Galileo (IRE) enters off a solid second-place finish to Ulysses (IRE) in another "Win and You're In" for the Turf, York's Juddmonte International (GI) August 23. Churchill is 7-for-10 lifetime and should improve off the International, which was his first start past a mile and against older horses.

Sir Peter Vela's EMINENT (IRE) would be the main danger, but isn't a confirmed starter at this point for trainer Martyn Meade. The 3-year-old son of Frankel (GB) won the Prix Saint-Germain (GII) at Deauville in his last start August 15 and is 3-for-6 lifetime. Churchill's Stablemate, Mrs. John Magnier's CLIFFS OF

MOHER (IRE), who was fourth in the International, is also expected for the Irish Champion, as is Cheveley Park Stud's homebred filly QUEEN'S TRUST (GB), who won last year's Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf at Santa Anita for trainer Sir Michael Stoute but will look to win for the first time after four straight losses.

The \$367,949 Coolmore Fastnet Rock Matron, run for fillies & mares at a mile, will also have a strong Coolmore/O'Brien feel to it, as their star 3-year-old filly WINTER (IRE), a daughter of Galileo (IRE), will go for her fifth straight group I after wins in the 1000 Guineas at Newmarket and Irish 1,000 Guineas at The Curragh in May, Coronation at Royal Ascot in June and Nassau at Glorious Goodwood August 3. Winter is 5-for-8 lifetime and, while she could also run in the Irish Champion, figures to stay within her own division.

Al Shaqab Racing's QEMAH (IRE) won the Duke of Cambridge (GII) at Royal Ascot in June, as well as last year's Coronation and Prix Rothschild (GI) at Deauville for trainer Jean-Claude Rouget. The 4-year-old daughter of Danehill Dancer (IRE) is 5-for-11 lifetime and was third in last year's Matron to Winter's stablemate ALICE SPRINGS (IRE), who is also expected, though she has struggled with her form since. Coolmore/O'Brien runners RHODODENDRON (IRE) and ROLY POLY could also start in the Coolmore Fastnet Rock Matron.

The \$105,128 Willis Towers Watson Champions Juvenile, run for 2-year-olds at 1-mile, is expected to lure the Aga Khan's homebred RIYAZAN (IRE) who impressed winning his debut at The Curragh August 7 for trainer Mick Halford, as well as any number of well-bred runners for Coolmore and O'Brien.

The Curragh to Offer Two Turf Bids Sunday

The "Win and You're In" action shifts to The Curragh on Sunday, when the \$367,949 Moyglare Stud (GI) is run for 2-year-old fillies at seven furlongs, with an automatic starting berth into the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf lying in the balance. Coolmore and trainer Aidan O'Brien will look to close out a potentially monstrous weekend with CLEMMIE (IRE), a full sister to their 3-year-old star Churchill (IRE), who is odds-on in Saturday's "Win and You're In" Irish Champion (GI) at Leopardstown (see above). The daughter of Galileo lost her first two starts but has since won the local Grangecon (GIII) in July and Duchess of Cambridge (GII) at Newmarket July 14.

Coolmore and O'Brien could also start MAGICAL (IRE) and HAPPILY (IRE), a pair of Galileo fillies who ran 1-2 in the local Debutante (GII) August 20. The former is 2-for-3 lifetime, while the latter is 2-for-4 lifetime, and both have shown high talent in their brief careers. ALPHA CENTAURI (IRE), second in Royal Ascot's Albany (GIII) June 23 for trainer John Harrington and MARY TUDOR (IRE), who has hit the board behind Magical in both career starts for trainer Willy McCreery, are also expected for the Moyglare Stud.

The \$315,385 Derrinstown Stud Flying Five (GII), run for 3yos & up at five furlongs, is expected to be led by Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor and Derrick Smith's CARAVAGGIO, who won his first six starts but will enter off two straight surprising losses. The O'Brien-trained 3-year-old son of Scat Daddy won Royal Ascot's Commonwealth Cup (GI) in June but lost at odds-on when fourth in the Darley July Cup (GI) at Newmarket and Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville August 6. O'Brien will cut back Caravaggio in the hopes he finds his best form, which would be far too much for what figures as a compact field.

News and Notes

Baden Baden Winners Gain Two 'Cup Berths

Baden Baden Racecourse in Germany awarded a pair of automatics starting berths into the Breeders' Cup this past weekend when the featured "Win and You're In" \$163,000 Longines Grosser Preis von

Baden (GI) was run Sunday and the "Win and You're In" \$73,640 T. Von Zastrow Stutenpreis (GII) was run Saturday.

The von Baden, at about 1 ½ miles, awarded a starting berth into the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf and it was Stall Ullmann's homebred GUIGNOL (GER) (Filip Minarik) posting a mild surprise when he beat heavily favored IQUITOS (GER) by 2 ½ lengths. Jean-Pierre Carvalho trained the winner, a 5-year-old son of Cape Cross (IRE) who also won the local Grosser Preis der Badischen Wirtschaft (GII) in May. Guignol is now 5-for-13 lifetime and has also run in France and Italy, so a trip to the United States isn't too much of a reach.

The "Win and You're In" action kicked off Saturday, when the \$73,640 T. Von Zastrow Stutenpreis (GII) at about 1 ½ miles, awarded an automatic starting berth into the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf. Eckhard Sauren's ASHIANA (GER) (Andrasch Starke) closed late for a half-length win over DIANA STORM (GER) in what was a mild upset. The 3-year-old daughter of Master Craftsman (IRE) won for the third time in five career starts for trainer Peter Schiergen but scored her first career group win. Sent off at 4-1, she surprised her owner, who hinted there could be a trip to Del Mar later this fall.

"We were hoping for a place, but she won," said Sauren. "We'll see what we do next, but a start in the Breeders' Cup is a possibility."

Mind Your Biscuits Still Pointing to Sprint

J Stables, Head of Plains Partners and trainer Chad Summers' MIND YOUR BISCUITS, who was third in last year TwinSpires Breeders' Cup Sprint (and moved up to second via disqualification) is still targeting the race this year at Del Mar, according to Summers. The 4-year-old New York-bred son of Posse was one of the divisional leaders this year off wins in the Dubai Golden Shaheen (GI) at Meydan in March and Belmont Sprint Championship (GII) in July, but disappointed when a sixth to last year's Sprint winner and champion Drefong in Saratoga's August 26 "Win and You're In" Forego (GI), an automatic qualifier for this year's race. Summers was encouraged by the way Mind Your Biscuits came out of the race and is looking forward to the ultimate goal later this fall.

"I thought he was a little flat in the paddock and I didn't really love how he warmed up. He just didn't run," Summers said. "Hats off to Drefong; he's a champion and he showed up. We got beat eight lengths and we know what the target is in the Breeders' Cup."

Mind Your Biscuit is 6-for-17 lifetime and could target Belmont Park's Vosburgh (GI) September 30.

COUNTDOWN TO THE BREEDERS' CUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

A listing of the upcoming major stakes races this weekend:

BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC

September 9 – \$150,000 British Columbia Derby (GIII) at Hastings Park. Run at 1 1/8 miles for 3yos.

BREEDERS' CUP MILE

September 9 – \$473,077 Qatar Prix du Moulin de Longchamp (GI) at Chantilly. Run at 1-mile on the turf for 3yos & up.

LONGINES BREEDERS' CUP TURF

September 9 – \$1.314 million QIPCO Irish Champion (GI) at Leopardstown. Run at 1 ¼ miles on the turf for 3yos & up.

September 9 – \$600,000 Kentucky Cup Turf Cup (GIII) at Kentucky Downs. Run at 1 ½ miles on the turf for 3yos & up.

September 9 – \$525,641 Irish St Leger (GI) at The Curragh. Run at 1 ¾ miles on the turf for 3yos & up.

BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE TURF

September 9 – \$367,949 Coolmore Fastnet Rock Matron (GI) at Leopardstown. Run at 1-mile on the turf for fillies & mares.

September 9 – \$367,949 Prix Vermeille (GI) at Chantilly. Run at 1 ½ miles on the turf for fillies & mares.

September 9 – \$350,000 Kentucky Downs Ladies Turf (GIII) at Kentucky Downs. Run at 1-mile on the turf for fillies & mares.

BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT

September 9 – \$319,800 Sprint Cup (GI) at Haydock. Run at six furlongs on the turf for 3yos & up.

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF

\$367,949 Vincent O'Brien National (GI) at The Curragh. Run at seven furlongs on the turf for 2yos.

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

\$367,949 Moyglare Stud (GI) at The Curragh. Run at seven furlongs on the turf for 2yo fillies.

MAJOR STAKES RECAP

August 30-September 3

A review of the major global races in the corresponding Breeders' Cup divisions from last week. Winning jockeys' names are in parenthesis in each recap. The top Breeders' Cup Points' leaders and Breeders' Cup Challenge winners by division are listed at the end of each section. Breeders' Cup Point earners are limited to horses who finish first, second or third in Graded Stakes races. Horses based outside of the U.S., who have not won a Breeders' Cup Challenge race, are selected into World Championships races by the Breeders' Cup Racing Directors/Secretaries Panel at the Pre-Entry stage, Oct. 23. An asterisk in the points section denotes a foreign contender. A complete Breeders' Cup Points list is available at: <https://members.breederscup.com/championships/pointsleaderboard.aspx>

Race:	\$750,000 Woodward (GI), 3yos & up, 1 1/8 miles
Track:	Saratoga
Finishing Order:	1 – GUN RUNNER, 2 – RALLY CRY, 3 – NEOLITHIC
Margins:	10 ¼, 1 ¼, 2 ¼
Also ran:	WAR STORY, DISCREET LOVER
Winning Connections:	Owner: Winchell Thoroughbreds & Three Chimneys Farm; Trainer: Steve Asmussen; Jockey: Florent Geroux.
Time:	1:47.43 (fast)

Countdown to the Breeders' Cup Classic – Winchell Thoroughbreds and Three Chimneys Farm's GUN RUNNER (Florent Geroux) further solidified his status as one of the favorites for the Breeders' Cup

Classic with a thoroughly dominant 10 ¼-length victory over RALLY CRY in Saratoga's \$750,000 Woodward (GI). Steve Asmussen trained the winner, a 4-year-old son of Candy Ride (ARG) who has risen to the top of the Classic division off rousing victories in Churchill Downs' "Win and You're In" Stephen Foster (GI) in June and Saratoga's "Win and You're In" Whitney (GI) in his last start August 5. Gun Runner earned an automatic starting berth into the Classic by winning the Foster. Gun Runner, who raised his lifetime record to 10-for-17 in the Woodward., was second in last year's Las Vegas Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) at Santa Anita, had his lone blemish from five starts year when he finished second to Arrogate in the Dubai World Cup (GI) at Meydan in March. The Woodward was his final start before he gets a chance at revenge at Del Mar. "This was our last race heading into the Breeders' Cup and I thought it went as well as we could have hoped," Asmussen said. "If we can get out to California in good shape we'll hope to finish off the year. Asmussen indicated Gun Runner would ship back Churchill Downs and begin preparations for the Classic for two to three weeks before shipping to Del Mar.

Video: [The Woodward](#)

Race:	\$300,000 Smarty Jones (GIII), 3yos, 1 1/16 miles
Track:	Parx Racing
Finishing Order:	1 – PAVEL, 2 – TALK LOGISITICS, 3 – COLONELSDARKTEMPER
Margins:	6, 1, half
Also ran:	BONUS POINTS, BATTALION RUNNER, HENCE
Winning Connections:	Owner: Paul Reddam; Trainer: Doug O'Neill; Jockey: Mario Gutierrez.
Time:	1:42.27 (fast)

Countdown to the Breeders' Cup Classic – Paul Reddam's PAVEL (Mario Gutierrez) announced his presence as a leading contender for the Parx Racing's September 23 Pennsylvania Derby (GI) with a dominant 6-length win over TALK LOGISITICS in the local prep, the \$300,000 Smarty Jones (GIII). The 3-year-old son of Creative Cause has come a long way in a short period of time for trainer Doug O'Neill, as he didn't debut until July 1 at Del Mar, when he won a sprint to break his maiden before running fourth in his next start going two turns in Saratoga's Jim Dandy (GII) July 29. Pavel clearly broke through in the Smarty Jones, in what was only his third lifetime spot, and, in a division there for the taking, could be an exciting fresh new face this fall. Video [The Smarty Jones](#)

Breeders' Cup Classic – Breeders' Cup Challenge (BCC) Winners and Points Leaders

<u>Classic</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>
BCC Winner	Collected	Bob Baffert	Speedway Stables LLC
BCC Winner	Girvin	Joe Sharp	Brad Grady
BCC Winner	Gun Runner	Steven M. Asmussen	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, Three Chimneys Farm LLC
24	Shaman Ghost	James A. Jerkens	Stronach Stables, Inc.
20	Gunnevera	Antonio Sano	Peacock Racing Stables LLC
20	Irap	Doug F. O'Neill	Reddam Racing, LLC
16	Arrogate	Bob Baffert	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.
16	West Coast	Bob Baffert	Gary & Mary West Stable's Inc.
12	Keen Ice	Todd A. Pletcher	Donegal Racing, Calumet Farm
10	Cupid	Bob Baffert	Michael Tabor , Mrs. John Magnier , Derrick Smith

Race:	\$250,000 Bernard Baruch (GIII), 3yo & up, 1 1/8 miles (turf)
Track:	Saratoga
Finishing Order:	1 – HEART TO HEART, 2 – FORGE (GB), 3 – DELTA PRINCE
Margins:	1 ¼, 2 ¼, 2 ¼
Also ran:	RING WEEKEND, PROJECTED (GB), TAKEOVER TARGET, GLORIOUS EMPIRE (IRE)
Winning Connections:	Owner: Terry Hamilton; Trainer: Brian Lynch; Jockey: Irad Ortiz.
Time:	1:42.45 (yielding)

Countdown to the Breeders' Cup Mile – Terry Hamilton's HEART TO HEART (Irad Ortiz) led every step of the way en route to a 1 ¼-length win over FORGE (GB) in Saratoga's \$250,000 Bernard Baruch (GII). The 6-year-old son of 2007 Breeders' Cup Turf winner English Channel has been a stalwart in the middle-distance turf ranks the past several years for trainer Brian Lynch and has won multiple graded stakes, including the Canadian Turf (GIII) at Gulfstream Park in March. Heart to Heart, who is now 13-for-30 lifetime, broke a two-race losing streak in the Baruch and will look to win his first career Grade I in his next start at Keeneland October 7, which Lynch thinks will set him up well for a possible run at Del Mar later this fall. "We will go the Shadwell (Turf) Mile, that is a "Win and You're In" (for the Breeders' Cup Mile) and if he runs well then I think this horse will be very effective at Del Mar with those tight turns," Lynch said. "I have always said that I think one of his biggest assets is how he runs the turns. So that would be the end of the year goal for him." Video: [Bernard Baruch](#)

Breeders' Cup Mile – Breeders' Cup Challenge (BCC) Winners and Points Leaders

Points	Horse	Trainer	Owner
BCC Winner	Bal a Bali	Richard Mandella	Calumet Farm
16	World Approval	Mark E. Casse	Live Oak Plantation
14	Time Test (GB)	Chad C. Brown	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.
7	Blackjackcat	Mark Glatt	Al Kirkwood , Sandra Kirkwood
4	Deauville (IRE)	Aidan P. O'Brien	Fitri Hay , Derrick Smith , Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor
*	Home of The Brave (IRE)	Hugo Palmer	Godolphin
*	Lancaster Bomber	Aidan P. O'Brien	Michael Tabor , Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith
*	Lightning Spear (GB)	David Simcock	Qatar Racing Limited
*	Mondialiste (IRE)	David O'Meara	Geoff & Sandra Turnbull
*	Ribchester (IRE)	Richard A. Fahey	Godolphin
*	Suedois (FR)	David O'Meara	George Turner
*	Zelzal (FR)	Jean-Claude Rouget	Al Shaqab Racing

Race:	\$300,000 Saranac (GIII), 3yos & up, 1 1/8 miles (turf)
Track:	Saratoga
Finishing Order:	1 – VOODOO SONG, 2 – YOSHIDA (JPN), 3 – BRICKS AND MORTAR
Margins:	Neck, ½, 2 ¾
Also ran:	ROCKETRY, MR HAVERCAMP, MAKARIOS, CAVIAR CZAR (IRE), MASTER PLAN
Winning Connections:	Owner: Barry Schwartz; Trainer: Linda Rice; Jockey: Jose Lezcano.

Time: | 1:46.18 (firm)

Countdown to the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf – Barry Schwartz's homebred VOODOO SONG (Jose Lezcano) went wire-to-wire for the fourth time at the meet while holding off a furious late charge from YOSHIDA (JPN) by a neck in Saratoga's \$300,000 Saranac (GIII). Linda Rice trained the winner, a 3-year-old son of 2007 Breeders' Cup Turf winner English Channel who has been a revelation of sorts since transferring from trainer Mike Hushion after he retired following the Belmont Park spring/summer meet. Voodoo Song made his first start for Rice on July 22 and went wire-to-wire in a \$40,000 claiming race, then did it again four days later in a state-bred allowance and was entered after winning a state-bred optional-claimer August 23. He's now 5-for-9 lifetime and could run in the Hill Prince (GII) at Belmont Park October 7. Video: [The Saranac](#)

Race:	\$250,000 Del Mar Derby (GII), 3yos, 1 1/8 miles (turf)
Track:	Del Mar
Finishing Order:	1 – SHARP SAMURAI, 2 – BIG SCORE, 3 – BOWIE'S HERO
Margins:	Half, half, neck
Also ran:	COLONIST, FASHION BUSINESS (GB), RITZY A. P., DOUBLE TOUCH (GB), MONSTER MAN, MARCKIE'S WATER, HARBOUR MASTER (GB)
Winning Connections:	Owner: Red Baron's Barn, Rancho Temescal & Mark Glatt; Trainer: Glatt; Jockey: Gary Stevens.
Time:	1:48.03 (firm)

Countdown to the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf – Red Baron's Barn, Rancho Temescal and trainer Mark Glatt's SHARP SAMURAI (Gary Stevens) closed strongly to reel in BIG SCORE by a half-length in the \$250,000 Del Mar Derby (GII). The 3-year-old son of First Samurai doubled up at Del Mar after winning the La Jolla (GIII) on August 6 and has been a new horse since switching to the turf, as he's now won 4-of-5 after going 1-of-3 on the dirt to begin his career. Sharp Samurai figures a leading local candidate for the Hollywood Derby (GI) over the course November 25. Video: [Del Mar Derby](#)

Longines Breeders' Cup Turf – Breeders' Cup Challenge (BCC) Winners and Points Leaders

<u>Turf</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>
BCC Winner	Beach Patrol	Chad C. Brown	James Covello , Sheep Pond Partners, Head of Plains Partners LLC
BCC Winner	Enable (GB)	John Gosden	Prince Khalid Abdullah
BCC Winner	Hunt (IRE)	Philip D'Amato	Michael House
BCC Winner	Sadler's Joy	Thomas Albertrani	Woodslane Farm
BCC Winner	Ulysses (IRE)	Sir Michael R. Stoute	Flaxman Holdings Limited
24	Bigger Picture	Michael J. Maker	Three Diamonds Farm
24	Oscar Performance	Brian A. Lynch	Amerman Racing, LLC
20	Itsinthepost (FR)	Jeff Mullins	Red Baron's Barn LLC
12	Money Multiplier	Chad C. Brown	Klaravich Stables Inc , William H. Lawrence
*	Highland Reel (IRE)	Aidan P. O'Brien	Michael Tabor , Mrs. John Magnier , Derrick Smith
*	Winter (IRE)	Aidan P. O'Brien	Derrick Smith , Mrs. John Magnier , Michael Tabor

Race:	\$200,000 Glens Falls (GIII), fillies & mares, 1 3/8 miles (turf)
Track:	Saratoga
Finishing Order:	1 – HARMONIZE, 2 – GRATEFUL, 3 – WAR FLAG
Margins:	Neck, 1 1/2, 1 3/4
Also ran:	ESTRECHADA (ARG), LOTTIE, SUMMERSAULT, SWEET CNADY,

Winning Connections:
Time:

SARANDIA (GER), HAPPYNESS (GB)
Owner: Larkin Armstrong; Trainer: Bill Mott; Jockey: John Velazquez.
2:15.59 (firm)

Countdown to the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf – Larkin Armstrong's HARMONIZE (John Velazquez) wore down a stubborn pacesetter in GRATEFUL for a neck win in Saratoga's \$200,000 Glens Falls (GIII). Bill Mott trained the winner, a 4-year-old daughter of Scat Daddy who broke a six-race losing streak, dating back to her Grade I win in last August's Del Mar Oaks. Harmonize has tackled the best of her division this year, as she was fourth in Belmont Park's Just a Game (GI) in June and fourth in Saratoga's Diana (GI) behind Lady Eli in her last start July 23. She's now 5-for-16 lifetime and could run next in Belmont Park's October 8 Flower Bowl (GI), which is a "Win and You're In" for the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf.

Video: [Glens Falls](#)

Race:	\$200,000 John C. Mabee (GII), fillies & mares, 1 1/8 miles (turf)
Track:	Del Mar
Finishing Order:	1 – CAMBODIA, 2 – GOODYEARFORROSES (IRE), 3 – MADAME STRIPES (ARG)
Margins:	¾, 1 ¾, 1
Also ran:	INSTANT ERMA, DECKED OUT, KISS ME NOW (BRZ), MRS MCDUGAL, PRETTY GIRL (ARG), AMBOSELI, LADY VALEUR (IRE), HILLHOUSE HIGH, BARLEYSUGAR (IRE), FRENZIFIED (GB)
Winning Connections:	Owner: Winter Quarter Farm; Trainer: Tom Proctor; Jockey: Drayden Van Dyke.
Time:	1:47.79 (firm)

Countdown to the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf – Winter Quarter Farm's homebred CAMBODIA (Drayden Van Dyke) held off a late charge from GOODYEARFORROSES (IRE) to win Del Mar's \$200,000 John C. Mabee (GII) by three quarters of a length. Tom Proctor trained the winner, a 5-year-old daughter of War Front who has turned the corner this year and developed into one of California's top female turf horses after doubling up off a win in the local Yellow Ribbon (GII) August 5. Cambodia is now 6-for-13 lifetime, and, with a 2-for-2 record over the local turf course, has her owner Don Robinson pondering a run in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf later this fall. "We never thought we had a Breeders' Cup filly, but she likes this track a lot and I'll leave it up to Tom Proctor," Robinson said. "She has been steady running all year and Tom gives her lots of time and kindness and she's thriving. If she's happy and sound, the sky's the limit." Video: [John C. Mabee](#)

Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf – Breeders' Cup Challenge (BCC) Winners & Points Leaders

<u>Points</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>
BCC Winner	Ashiana (GER)	Peter Schiergen	Eckhard Sauren
BCC Winner	Birdie Gold	Juan Suarez	Stud Couet
BCC Winner	Dacita (CHI)	Chad C. Brown	Sheep Pond Partners, Bradley Thoroughbreds
32	Lady Eli	Chad C. Brown	Sheep Pond Partners
28	Dickinson	Kieran P. McLaughlin	Godolphin Racing LLC
17	Cambodia	Thomas F. Proctor	Don M. Robinson
14	New Money Honey	Chad C. Brown	eFive Racing Thoroughbreds
14	Quidura (GB)	H. Graham Motion	Gestut Fahrhof
1	Miss Temple City	H. Graham Motion	Sagamore Farm, LLC, Allen Rosenblum ,

*	Ajman Princess (IRE)	Roger Varian	The Club Racing LLC
*	Alice Springs (IRE)	Aidan P. O'Brien	Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum Michael Tabor , Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith
*	Nezwaah (GB)	Roger Varian	Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum
*	Qemah (IRE)	Jean-Claude Rouget	Al Shaqab Racing
*	Roly Poly	Aidan P. O'Brien	Michael Tabor , Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith
*	Senga	Pascal F. Bary	Flaxman Holdings Limited
*	So Mi Dar (GB)	John H.M. Gosden	Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber
*	Winter (IRE)	Aidan P. O'Brien	Derrick Smith , Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor

Race:	\$250,000 Prioress (GII), 3yo fillies, six furlongs
Track:	Saratoga
Finishing Order:	1 – VERTICAL OAK, 2 – NONNA MELA, 3 – DAWN THE DESTROYER
Margins:	5 ¼, 1 ¼, neck
Also ran:	GOLDEN MISCHIEF, STUDENT BODY, DOWNTOWN MAMA, ROYAL INHERITANCE, YORKIEPOO PRINCESS
Winning Connections:	Owner: Kirk & Judy Robison; Trainer: Steve Asmussen; Jockey: John Velazquez.
Time:	1:10.00 (sloppy)

Countdown to the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint – Kirk and Judy Robison's VERTICAL OAK (John Velazquez) relished the slop in a 5 ¼-length win over NONNA MELA in Saratoga's \$250,000 Prioress (GII). Steve Asmussen trained the winner, a 3-year-old daughter of Giant Oak who won the Miss Preakness (GIII) at Pimlico in May but entered off three straight losses, including a fifth-place finish in the local Test (GI) August 5. Vertical Oak is now 5-for-12 lifetime and could step up against older fillies and mares in Belmont Park's Gallant Bloom (GII) September 24. Video: [The Prioress](#)

Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint – Breeders' Cup Challenge (BCC) Winners and Points Leaders

<u>Points</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>
BCC Winner	By the Moon	Michelle Nevin	Samantha Siegel
BCC Winner	Curlin's Approval	Happy Alter	Bridlewood Farm; Happy Alter
26	Paulassilverlining	Chad C. Brown	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.
24	Finest City	Ian Kruljac	Seltzer Thoroughbreds LLC
20	Highway Star	Rodrigo A. Ubillo	Chester Broman and Mary Broman
14	American Gal	Simon Callaghan	Kaleem Shah, Inc.
14	Constellation	Jerry Hollendorfer	LNJ Foxwoods
12	Finley'sluckycharm	W. Bret Calhoun	Carl R. Moore Management
12	Skye Diamonds	William Spawr	Tom Acker , Allen Racing LLC, Bloom Racing Stable LLC
8	Carina Mia	Chad C. Brown	Three Chimneys Farm LLC
2	Champagne Room	Peter A. Eurton	Ciaglia Racing LLC

Race:	\$350,000 Hopeful (GI), 2yo, seven furlongs
Track:	Saratoga
Finishing Order:	1 – SPORTING CHANCE, 2 – FREE DROP BILLY, 3 – GIVEMEAMINIT
Margins:	Neck, head, 4
Also ran:	FIRENZE FIRE, NATIONAL FLAG, OSKAR BLUES, MOJOVATION, PSYCHOANALYZE
Winning Connections:	Owner: Robert Baker & Bill Mack; Trainer: D. Wayne Lukas; Jockey: Luis Saez.
Time:	1:23.71 (good)

Countdown to the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile– Robert Baker and Bill Mack's SPORTING CHANCE (Luis Saez) survived an inquiry to post a neck win over FREE DROP BILLY in Saratoga's \$350,000 Hopeful (GI). The 2-year-old son of 2000 and 2001 Breeders' Cup Classic winner Tiznow entered off a maiden win over the track July 22 for trainer D. Wayne Lukas and looked a sure winner when he showed his greenness nearing the line and veered out badly, which caused Free Drop Billy's jockey Robby Albarado to change paths to the winner's inside, though he never was forced to stop riding or check-up. Sporting Chance is now 2-for-3 lifetime and has his Hall of Fame trainer looking forward to longer distances later this fall, including the October 7 Claiborne Breeders' Futurity (G1). "I'm going to get together with the owners, my first blush reaction is to maybe get a two-turn race." Lukas said. The October 7 Breeders' Futurity, which could also attract Free Drop Billy, is a "Win and You're In" race for the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Video: [The Hopeful](#)

Race:	\$300,000 Del Mar Futurity (GI), 2yos, seven furlongs
Track:	Del Mar
Finishing Order:	1 – BOLT D'ORO, 2 – ZATTER, 3 – RUN AWAY
Margins:	¾, 4 ¾, nose
Also ran:	DIA DE PAGO, SOUL STREIT, TATTERS TO RICHES, GRACIDA, MASTER RULER, FLEETWOOD
Winning Connections:	Owner: Ruis Racing; Trainer: Mick Ruis; Jockey: Corey Nakatani.
Time:	1:22.91 (fast)

Countdown to the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile – Trainer Mick Ruis' BOLT D'ORO (Corey Nakatani) wore down ZATTER late to post a three-quarter length win in the \$300,000 Del Mar Futurity (GI). The son of Medaglia d'Oro made it 2-for-2 at the meet, as he won his career debut August 5 while dueling on the lead but showed a new dimension in the Futurity, as he broke slow and was forced to make a wide, sustained run entering the far turn. Ruis purchased Bolt d'Oro for \$630,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Yearling Sale in Saratoga Springs and he's already proven his worth, though his confident trainer thinks there's plenty more left in the tank. "I had this horse maybe 70 percent cranked. I'll have him a little bit tighter for the Front Runner, so we're real excited about that," Ruis. "Then we'll see about the big race here (Breeders' Cup Juvenile) What does the sign say up front – Fifty-Nine Days away?" Santa Anita's September 30 FrontRunner (GI), which will also likely attract Zayat Stable's Zatter, is a "Win and You're In" race for the Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Video: [Del Mar Futurity](#)

Sentient Jet Breeders' Cup Juvenile – Breeders' Cup Points Leaders

<u>Points</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>
10	Bolt d'Oro	Mick Ruis	Ruis Racing LLC

10	Sporting Chance	D. Wayne Lukas	Robert C. Baker , William L. Mack
8	Copper Bullet	Steven M. Asmussen	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC, Willis D. Horton
8	Free Drop Billy	Dale L. Romans	Albaugh Family Stables
6	Zatter	Bob Baffert	Zayat Stables, LLC
4	Firenze Fire	Jason Servis	Mr. Amore Stable
4	Ten City	Kenneth G. McPeck	Tommie M. Lewis

Race:	\$350,000 Spinaway (GI), 2yo fillies, seven furlongs BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE RACE
Track:	Saratoga
Finishing Order:	1 – LADY IVANKA, 2 – MAYA MALIBU, 3 – SEPARATIONOFPOWERS
Margins:	¾, 2 ¼, 2 ½
Also ran:	PURE SILVER, OBVIOUS TWO
Winning Connections:	Owner: Michael Dubb & Bethlehem Stable; Trainer: Rudy Rodriguez; Jockey: Irad Ortiz.
Time:	1:24.97 (fast)

Countdown to the 14 Hands Winery Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies – Michal Dubb and Bethlehem Stable's LADY IVANKA (Irad Ortiz) took advantage of a torrid speed duel between favorites SEPARATIONOFPOWERS and PURE SILVER and held off a strong late charge of MAYA MALIBU for a three-quarter length win in Saratoga's "Win and You're In" \$350,000 Spinaway (GI), while earning an automatic starting berth into the 14 Hands Winery Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies as a result. The 2-year-old daughter of Tiz Wonderful made a big splash in her career debut for trainer Rudy Rodriguez when she won by 8 lengths over the track August 9. Lady Ivanka was purchased for \$80,000 as a 2-year-old in training this May and has already earned over three times that. Rodriguez mentioned that Lady Ivanka could run next in Belmont Park's October 7 Frizette (GI), another "Win and You're In" for the Juvenile Fillies, though he knows what the ultimate goal is. "I don't know, I have to talk to the owners, and then make a plan and see what we have to do (to get to the Breeders' Cup) but it's very good to be in this position," Rodriguez said. "We're just going to relax and enjoy this." Klaravich Stable's Separationofpowers was favored for trainer Chad Brown on the heels of her 11 ¾-length debut win over the track July 30 but couldn't keep pace late after battling with Twin Creeks Racing Stable's Pure Silver, who entered undefeated in three starts for trainer Todd Pletcher but faded late to be fourth.

Video: [The Spinaway](#)

Race:	\$300,000 Del Mar Debutante (GI), 2yo fillies, seven furlongs
Track:	Del Mar
Finishing Order:	1 – MOONSHINE MEMORIES, 2 – PIEDI BIANCHI, 3 – SPECTATOR
Margins:	½, 5 ¼, 1 ¾
Also ran:	DANCING BELLE, JUST A SMIDGE, POETIC, GABRIELLEELIZABETH
Winning Connections:	Owner: Coolmore & Bridlewood Farm; Trainer: Simon Callaghan; Jockey: Flavien Prat.
Time:	1:23.61 (fast)

Countdown to the 14 Hands Winery Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies – Bridlewood Farm, Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith and Michael Tabor's MOONSHINE MEMORIES (Flavien Prat) dueled early and then held off a late charge from PIEDI BIANCHI for a half-length win in the \$300,000 Del Mar Debutante (GI). Simon Callaghan trained the winner, a 2-year-old daughter of Malibu Moon who wheeled back in 14 days after winning her career debut over the track August 19. Moonshine Memories was purchased for \$650,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Yearling Sale in Saratoga Springs and has proven a quick return on the investment. Callaghan is thinking of taking the road less traveled to the 14 Hands Winery Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies later this fall at Del Mar. "She loves the track, that's (Breeders' Cup) the goal and I

wouldn't mind just waiting for that," Callaghan said. "Maybe a race in between, but we'll see." Video: [Del Mar Debutante](#)

14 Hands Winery Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies – Breeders' Cup Challenge (BCC) Winners and Points Leaders

<u>Points</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>
BCC Winner	Lady Ivanka	Rudy Rodriguez	Michael Dubb , Bethlehem Stables , Michael Imperio
10	Moonshine Memories	Simon Callaghan	Bridlewood Farm, Susan Magnier , Derrick Smith , Michael Tabor
10	Spectator	Philip D'Amato	Rick Waller; Sharon Waller
6	Maya Malibu	H. Graham Motion	My Meadowview LLC
6	Piedi Bianchi	Doug F. O'Neill	Nice Guys Stables, Jay Oringer
6	Pure Silver	Todd A. Pletcher	Twin Creeks Racing Stable LLC
4	Dream It Is	Barbara J. Minshall	Hoolie Racing Stable, LLC
0	Diamondsandpearls	Bob Baffert	Phoenix Thoroughbred Ltd.

Race:	\$300,000 Turf Monster (GIII), 3yos & up, 5 furlongs (turf)
Track:	Parx Racing
Finishing Order:	1 – PURE SENSATION, 2 – MONGOLIAN SATURDAY, 3 – SNOWDAY (FR)
Margins:	½, nose, nose
Also ran:	RAINBOW HEIR, BOLD THUNDER, HOLDING GOLD, UNCLE LEO, TWO NOTCH ROAD, DUBINI, SWELL
Winning Connections:	Owner: Patricia Generazio; Trainer: Christophe Clement; Jockey: Kendrick Carmouche.
Time:	:57.13 (good)

Countdown to the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint – Patricia Generazio's homebred PURE SENSATION (Kendrick Carmouche) made it 4-for-4 over Parx Racing's turf course with a half-length win over MONGOLIAN SATURDAY in the \$300,000 Turf Monster (GIII). The 6-year-old son of Zensational has been one of the top turf sprinters in the country the past few years for trainer Christophe Clement, which includes a third-place finish in last year's Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Santa Anita, but he's has been at his best at Parx, as he won the Turf Monster in 2015 and the Parx Dash (GIII) in 2016 and this July. Pure Sensation is now 9-for-24 lifetime and could look to better his Turf Sprint run of last year later this fall at Del Mar. "The plan was that if he won this race we would consider it," Christophe Lorieul, Clement's assistant said. "He could go straight to the Breeders' Cup or he could go to the Belmont Turf Sprint." Mongolian Stable's Mongolian Saturday flashed the form that won him the Turf Sprint at Keeneland in 2015 for trainer Enebish Ganbat and could be rounding back into form. The 7-year-old son of Any Given Saturday is just 1-for-11 since, but the Turf Monster was by far his best run since winning Keeneland's Woodford (GIII) last October, a race he could look to defend his title on October 7. Video: [Turf Monster](#)

Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint – Breeders' Cup Challenge (BCC) and Points Leaders

<u>Points</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>
BCC Winner	Green Mask	Brad Cox	Saeed Almaddah Abdullah
8	Pure Sensation	Christophe Clement	Patricia Generazio
7	Holding Gold	Mark E. Casse	Live Oak Plantation
4	Mongolian Saturday	Enebish Ganbat	Mongolian Stable

0	Pay Any Price	Ralph Ziadie	Matties Racing Stable LLC, Averill Racing LLC
0	Rainbow Heir	Jason Servis	New Farm
*	Intelligence Cross	Aidan P. O'Brien	Michael Tabor , Mrs. John Magnier, Derrick Smith
*	Lady Aurelia	Wesley A. Ward	Stonestreet Stables, LLC, George Bolton , Peter Leidel
*	Washington DC (IRE)	Aidan P. O'Brien	Michael Tabor , Mrs. John Magnier , Derrick Smith

Race:	\$150,000 With Anticipation (GIII), 2yos, 1 1/16 miles (turf)
Track:	Saratoga
Finishing Order:	1 – CATHOLIC BOY, 2 – IRISH TERRITORY (IRE), 3 – UNTAMED DOMAIN
Margins:	1, 3/4, half
Also ran:	SEABHAC, EARTH, MORRISON, EVALUATOR, TRUMPI, NAUTI BUOY, MACHTREE, FORT WISE TREATY
Winning Connections:	Owner: Bob LaPenta; Trainer: Jonathan Thomas; Jockey: Manny Franco.
Time:	1:40.94 (firm)

Countdown to the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf – Robert LaPenta's CATHOLIC BOY (Manny Franco) closed with a rush to score a one-length win over IRISH TERRITORY (IRE) in Saratoga's \$150,000 With Anticipation (GIII). Jonathan Thomas trained the winner, a 2-year-old son of More Than Ready, who won his debut at Gulfstream Park July 20 and clearly handled the rise up in class to remain undefeated, with bigger goals later this fall. "Obviously, the goal would be to get to the Breeders' Cup from here with a possible start in the Pilgrim in between, but we'll see," Thomas said. The Pilgrim (GIII) is September 30 at Belmont Park.

Video: [With Anticipation Stakes](#)

Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf – Breeders' Cup Challenge (BCC) Winners and Points Leaders

<u>Points</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Trainer</u>	<u>Owner</u>
4	Catholic Boy	Jonathan Thomas	Robert V. La Penta
2	Irish Territory (IRE)	William I. Mott	Zayat Stables, LLC
0	Encumbered	Simon Callaghan	Reddam Racing, LLC
*	James Garfield (IRE)	George Scott	W.J. Gredley , T C O Gredley
*	Lansky (IRE)	Jeremy Nosedo	Phoenix Thoroughbred Ltd.
*	Petrus (IRE)	Brian Meehan	G P M Morland
*	Rajasinghe (IRE)	Richard Spencer	Rebel Racing
*	Sioux Nation	Aidan P. O'Brien	Derrick Smith , Mrs. John Magnier , Michael Tabor
*	Tangled (IRE)	Richard Hannon	Martin Hughes , Nick Robinson

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