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COUNTDOWN TO THE BREEDERS' CUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS NEWSLETTER

Advisory: This is the sixth of nine weekly news releases focusing on the horses and races leading to the 37th Breeders' Cup World Championships on Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7 at Keeneland. For more information, please visit [BreedersCup.com](https://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.

Preakness Stakes and "Win and You're In" Races at Keeneland and ParisLongchamp Highlight Worldwide Challenge Extravaganza

The Breeders' Cup Challenge Series reaches its zenith this weekend, with a robust 16 "Win and You're In" automatic qualifiers to racing's World Championships spanning the globe. A year like no other sees the Preakness – the third leg of the Triple Crown – run Saturday at Pimlico in Baltimore, Md., with an automatic starting berth into the Longines Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) on the line, while Keeneland's Opening Weekend in Lexington, Ky. offers nine Challenge races that take on that much more importance this year with the 37th Breeders' Cup returning there later this fall. On Saturday, Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y., hosts the Belmont Derby (G1), and ParisLongchamp bookends the festivities Sunday, with the historic Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1) and the super mare ENABLE'S (GB) bid for a third win, while offering four other Challenge races on the card.

The "Win and You're In" action will be on the NBC networks all weekend, with Keeneland's Darley Alcibiades (G1) and Stoll Keenon Ogden Phoenix (G2) on NBCSN Friday from 5-6 pm

ET, the Preakness on NBC 4:30-6 pm ET, and Sunday's Juddmonte Spinster (G1), Bourbon (G2), and Indian Summer Presented by Keeneland Select on NBCSN from 4:30-6 pm ET.



Kentucky Derby winner Authentic is the favorite for the "Win and You're In" Preakness
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The \$1 million Preakness, at 1 3/16 miles, is traditionally the second leg of the Triple Crown, but sits third this year after the Belmont (G1) in June and Kentucky Derby (G1) Sept. 5. The field of 11 will be led by Spendthrift Farm, MyRaceHorse Stable, Madaket Stables, and Starlight Racing's AUTHENTIC (9-5), who surprised odds-on favorite Tiz the Law to win the roses in Louisville. The 3-year-old son of Into Mischief, who is 5-for-6 lifetime, gave trainer Bob Baffert a record-tying sixth Derby win and already earned a Classic berth when he won Monmouth Park's "Win and You're In" TVG.com Haskell (G1) in July. Authentic breaks from post nine.

Bruce Lunsford's homebred ART COLLECTOR (5-2, post three), who is 4-for-4 this year, including an easy win in Keeneland's Blue Grass (G2) in July, missed the Derby with a minor foot injury but the son of Bernardini has worked three times since for trainer Tommy Drury, and Peter Callahan's star filly SWISS SKYDIVER (6-1, post four), second in the Blue Grass and Kentucky Oaks, and winner of Saratoga's Alabama (G1) in August for trainer Kenny McPeck, will garner plenty of support. From the rail out, EXCESSION (30-1), MR. BIG NEWS (12-1) -- third in the Derby -- THOUSAND WORDS (6-1), JESUS' TEAM (30-1), NY TRAFFIC (15-1), MAX PLAYER (15-1), PNEUMATIC (20-1), and LIVEYOURBEASTLIFE (30-1).

Shadwell Turf Mile Anchors Keeneland's Challenge Bonanza

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Keeneland opens on Friday and, as always, the highlight of the Fall Meet is Saturday's \$750,000 "Win and You're In" Shadwell Turf Mile (G1), which will award an automatic starting berth into the FanDuel Breeders' Cup Mile presented by PDJF. The Shadwell Turf Mile anchors a five-stakes card that has four "Win and You're In" Cup qualifiers. In addition to the Shadwell, the Claiborne Breeders' Futurity (G1) offers a starting berth into the TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, while the First Lady Presented by UK HealthCare (G1, Maker's Mark Filly & Mare Turf) and Thoroughbred Club of America (G2, Filly & Mare Sprint) are also automatic qualifiers for the Breeders' Cup.

Harrell Ventures' HALLADAY, a 4-year-old son of War Front, leads the way in the Shadwell off his win in Saratoga's Fourstardave (G1) Aug. 22 for trainer Todd Pletcher, while defending champion BOWIES HERO will look to break a four-race losing streak dating back to last's year win. Trainer Chad Brown is running Grade 1 winners RAGING BULL (FR) and WITHOUT PAROLE (GB), along with ANALYZE IT and FLAVIUS, while BORN GREAT, CASA CREED, IVAR (BRZ), PARLOR, and SPECTACULAR GEM are also entered.

The **\$400,000 Claiborne Breeders' Futurity**, at 1 1/16 miles, lured a deep field of 2-year-olds, many trying two turns for the first time. The race is led by Winchell Thoroughbreds' CALIBRATE, a son of Distorted Rumor who easily won his debut at Saratoga Aug. 15 for trainer Steve Asmussen, and Godolphin's homebred ESSENTIAL QUALITY, a son of Tapit that did the same at Churchill Downs Sept. 5 for trainer Brad Cox. DIXIE'S TWO STENTS, FOUNDER, KEEPMEINMIND, KING FURY, NOTARY, SUPER STOCK, and UPSTRIKER are also entered.

The **\$350,000 First Lady Presented by UK HealthCare**, at 1 mile, will offer a rematch between Slam Dunk Racing and Medallion Racing's BEAU RECALL, and Klaravich Stables' 2018 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1) winner NEWSPAPEROFRECORD, who ran 1-2, respectively, in the Sept. 5 Distaff Turf Mile (G2) at Churchill Downs, while defending Breeders' Cup Mile winner UNI (GB) will look to win her first race in this year. CRYSTAL LAKE, DADDY IS A LEGEND and DALIKA (GER) are also entered.

The **\$200,000 Thoroughbred Club of America**, at 6 furlongs, drew seven, with Matties Racing Stable and Averill Racing's LADY'S ISLAND a leading contender for trainer Danny Gargan, in a field that also includes DIVINE QUEEN, DOS VINOS, INTHEMIDSTOFBIZ, ON PROBATION, PALACE AVENGER, and SNEAKING OUT.

Alcibiades Stars on Friday, Spinster Sunday

Keeneland's traditional Opening Day feature is the **\$350,000 "Win and You're In" Darley Alcibiades (G1)**, which will award an automatic starting berth into the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies. Run at 1 1/16 miles, the race looks like a showdown between Heider Family Stables' THOUGHTFULLY, a 2-year-old daughter of Tapit who is 2-for-2 for trainer Steve Asmussen, including Saratoga's Adirondack (G2) Aug. 12, and Harold Lerner, Magdalena Racing, and Nehoc Stables' SIMPLY RAVISHING, a daughter of Laoban who is also 2-for-2 for trainer Kenny McPeck. Stakes winner CRAZY BEAUTIFUL, along with GRAMERCY, OLIVIAOFTHEDESERT, TRAVEL COLUMN, and XTREMA, are also entered.

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The supporting feature, the **\$200,000 "Win and You're In" Stoll Keenon Ogden Phoenix (G2)**, will offer an automatic starting berth into the Breeders' Cup Sprint. The six-furlong Phoenix will be led by Robert LaPenta, Head of Plains Partners, and trainer Ron Moquett's WHITMORE, a 7-year-old son of 2003 Breeders' Cup Classic winner Pleasantly Perfect, who won the race in 2017 and has run in the Sprint the past three years, including a second at Churchill Downs in 2018 and a third last year at Santa Anita. Graded stakes winners DIAMOND OOPS, ECHO TOWN, LEXITONIAN, NO PAROLE are also entered, as are ABSOLUTELY AIDEN, COPPER TOWN, EDMONT ROAD, EMPIRE OF GOLD, MIDNIGHT SANDS, MO DON'T KNOW and SHASHASHAKEMEUP.

Sunday's traditional feature, the **\$400,000 "Win and You're In" Juddmonte Spinster (G1)** will award an automatic starting berth into the Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff. Run at 1 1/8 miles, the Spinster is led by Longines Kentucky Oaks (G1) winner SHEDARESTHEDEVIL, and also includes LADY KATE, OLLIE'S CANDY, OUR SUPER FREAK, SARCOSA and VALIANCE.

The **\$200,000 "Win and You're In" Bourbon (G2)**, will offer an automatic starting berth into the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. Run at 1 1/16 miles, the 12-horse field of 2-year-olds includes BARRISTER TOM, winner of the More Than Ready Juvenile Stakes at Kentucky Downs.

The **\$150,000 "Win and You're In" Indian Summer Presented by Keeneland Select**, at 5 1/2 furlongs, will award an automatic starting berth into the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint, and eight runners. The Wesley Ward-trained GOLDEN PAL, runner-up at Royal Ascot's Norfolk Stakes (G2) and winner of the Skidmore Stakes at Saratoga, leading the way.



Enable (GB) winning the 2018 Longines Breeders' Cup Turf
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Enable Looks to Secure Unprecedented Third Arc Win

The eyes of the racing world will be on ParisLongchamp Sunday as Juddmonte Farms' homebred ENABLE (GB) will look to add to a legend that is already cemented in the annals of racing history when she tries to win the \$5.635 million "Win and You're In" Qatar Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe (G1) for a record third time. The Arc, at 1 ½ miles, will award an automatic starting berth into the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf, and could very well be the last start of one of racing's most storied careers.

Enable, a 6-year-old daughter of Nathaniel (IRE), started her path towards immortality for trainer John Gosden when she won the Arc in 2017, when it was held at Chantilly, then did so again in 2018, and a month later at Churchill Downs became the first horse ever to win the Arc and Longines Breeders' Cup Turf in the same year. Enable is 15-for-18 lifetime and already earned a Turf bid this year when she won Ascot's "Win and You're In" King George VI & Queen Elizabeth QIPCO (G1), also for the third time. The late defection of the Coolmore conglomerate of Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, and Mrs. John Magnier's superstar 3-year-old filly Love (IRE) has made Enable an even more imposing favorite at 5/4, especially with the prospects of very heavy ground after rains are expected throughout the week, after what has already been a very soggy season in Paris.

The Arc saw 15 pass the late scratch stage, with Enable's stablemate STRADIVARIUS (IRE), Europe's best stayer, a strong second choice at 11-2, while 8-1 shot SOTTASS (FR) is the only other horse at under 10-1. CHACHNAK (FR), DEIRDRE (JPN), GOLD TRIP (FR), IN SWOOP (IRE), JAPAN (GB), MOGUL (GB), PERSIAN KING (IRE), RAABIHAH, ROYAL JULIUS (IRE), SERPENTINE (IRE), SOVEREIGN (IRE), and WAY TO PARIS (GB) are also entered.

Arc Undercard Bolstered by Four Challenge Races

In addition to the Arc, ParisLongchamp will host four other "Win and You're In" automatic qualifiers Sunday that could have a major impact on the proceedings at Keeneland, especially if the turf course in Lexington is projected to have ample give to it Breeders' Cup Weekend.

The **\$563,559 Prix de L'Opera Longines (G1)**, at 1 ½ miles, will offer an automatic starting berth into the Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1), and is led by the top-2 in Chantilly's Prix de Diane (G1) in July -- ALPINE STAR (IRE) and FANCY BLUE (IRE) -- while ALL RUMOURS (FR), AMBITION (GB), AUDARYA (GB), DURANCE (GER), GRAND GLORY (GB), INTER ROYAL LADY (IRE), LABURNUM (IRE), SPIRIT OF NELSON (IRE), TARNAWA (IRE), TAWKEEL (FR), TICKLE ME GREEN (GER), and ZARIYANNKA (IRE) are also entered.

The **\$394,492 Prix de L'Abayye de Longchamp Longines (G1)**, at 5 furlongs, with an automatic starting berth into the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1) on the line, will showcase the world's best turf sprinter, Shadwell Stable's BATTAAASH (IRE), a 6-year-old son of Dark Angel (IRE) who won the race in 2017 when it was at Chantilly for trainer Charlie Hills. Defending champion GLASS SLIPPERS (GB) and soft turf lover MAKE A CHALLENGE (IRE) lead the way among the 12 challengers.

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The **\$450,847 Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere (G1)**, at 7 furlongs, will award an automatic starting berth into the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. CAIRN GORM (GB), LAWS OF INDICES (IRE), LIBERTINE (IRE), NANDO PARRADO (GB), SEALIWAY (FR), SELKET, ST MARK'S BASILICA (FR), and WEMBLEY (IRE) make up the eight-horse field.

The sister race, the **\$450,847 Qatar Prix Marcel Boussac (G1)**, at 1-mile, will offer an automatic starting berth into the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1). DIVINELY (IRE), FED ROVER (IRE), LILAC ROAD (GB), MOTHER EARTH (IRE), PRETTY GORGEOUS (FR), and THUNDER BEAUTY (IRE) highlight a robust field of 16.

Belmont Derby Offers Turf Bid

Belmont kicks into high gear next weekend with five automatic qualifiers, but Saturday's \$250,000 "Win and You're In" Belmont Derby (G1) serves as a nice precursor, with a berth into the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf on the line. Run at 1 ¼ miles, the Derby will be led by Klaravich Stables' DOMESTIC SPENDING (GB), who won the Aug. 15 Saratoga Derby for trainer Chad Brown. The 3-year-old son of Kingman (GB) is 3-for-4 lifetime, and looks to be the next in a long line of turf stars for the most potent grass barn in the country.

Graded stakes winners GUFO and PIXELATE, AJOURNEYTOFREEDOM, MOON OVER MIAMI, NO WORD, and VENEZUELAN HUG.

NEWS AND NOTES

Newmarket's Rockfel, Royal Lodge Supply Juvenile Turf Spots

Newmarket, in Suffolk, England, offered a pair of "Win and You're In" automatic qualifiers to the Breeders' Cup on Sept. 25 and 26, with the 7-furlong, \$133,000 Shadwell Rockfel (G2), which awarded an automatic starting berth into the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, and the following day's 1-mile, \$166,250 Juddmonte Royal Lodge (G2), which offered a berth into the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf.

The Rockfel was won by Paul and Clare Looney's ISABELLA GILES (IRE) (Adam Kirby), who made it 4-for-5 on the year for trainer Clive Cox. The 2-year-old daughter of Belardo (IRE) entered off a win in the Prestige (G3) at Goodwood Aug. 29 and rates on the short list of 1000 Guineas (G1) contenders over the same Rowley Mile course next May. A trip to the Juvenile Fillies may not be in the cards for the winner, but Mrs. Hanako Varian's runner-up NAZUNA (IRE), a daughter of Kodiak (GB), is expected to make the trip for trainer Roger Varian.

Marc Chan's NEW MANDATE (IRE) (Frankie Dettori) won the Royal Lodge for trainer Ralph Beckett, and the 2-year-old son of New Bay (GB) improved to 3-for-5 on the year. Being a gelding, New Mandate can't run in the spring Classics in Europe next year, which could

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enhance his chances on a trip to Keeneland later this fall, especially after his strong win. "We will think about it (going to the Breeders' Cup), Beckett said. "I think if he got beat today, I wouldn't be so positive about going, but now he's done that we'll certainly think about it."

Amanzi Yimpilo Wins Speakeasy, Earns Juvenile Turf Sprint Berth

Susan Moulton, Marc Detampel, and C J Thoroughbreds' AMANZI YIMPILO (IRE) (Luis Saez) won the \$102,000 "Win and You're In" Speakeasy at Santa Anita on Sept. 26 to earn an automatic starting berth into the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. The 2-year-old daughter of No Nay Never improved to 2-for-3 lifetime for trainer Wesley Ward in the 5 1/2-furlong Speakeasy and entered off a third-place finish in Saratoga's Aug. 19 Bolton Landing. Amanzi Yimpilo won on debut at Gulfstream Park in June and figures one of America's leading contenders in the Juvenile Turf Sprint.

Pimper's Paradise Lands Grande Premio, Turf Bid

Haras Doce Vale's PIMPER'S PARADISE (BRZ) (Alexandre Correia) closed late to win the Sept. 27 \$200,000 "Win and You're In" Grande Premio Brazil (G1) at Hipodromo da Gavea in Rio de Janeiro and earned an automatic starting berth into the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf. Venancio Nahid trained the winner, a 5-year-old son of Put It Back who stretched out to about 1 1/2 miles in the Grande Premio. He also won the Matias Machline (G1) at Hipodromo de Cidade Jardim in June, and is now 6-for-10 lifetime.

COUNTDOWN TO THE BREEDERS' CUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

A listing of the upcoming major stakes races this weekend:

LONGINES BREEDERS' CUP CLASSIC

October 2 – \$250,000 Pimlico Special (G3) at Pimlico. Run at 1 3/16 miles for 3yos & up.

October 3 – \$1 million Preakness Stakes (G1) at Pimlico. Run at 1 3/16 miles for 3yos.

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October 3 – \$250,000 Black-Eyed Susan (G2) at Pimlico. Run at 1 1/8 miles for 3yo fillies.

October 4 – \$400,000 Juddmonte Spinster (G1) at Keeneland. Run at 1 1/8 miles for fillies & mares.

October 4 – \$150,000 Beldame (G2) at Belmont Park. Run at 1 1/8 miles for fillies & mares.

LONGINES BREEDERS' CUP TURF

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October 3 – \$250,000 Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (G1) at Belmont Park. Run at 1 ½ miles on turf for 3yos & up.

October 3 – \$250,000 Belmont Derby (G1) at Belmont Park. Run at 1 ¼ miles on turf for 3yos.

October 4 – \$5.635 million Qatar Prix de L'Arc De Triomphe (G1) at ParisLongchamp. Run at 1 ½ miles on turf for 3yos & up.

MAKER'S MARK BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE TURF

October 3 – \$350,000 First Lady (G1) Presented by UK Healthcare at Keeneland. Run at 1-mile on turf for fillies & mares.

October 3 – \$338,136 Qatar Prix de Royallieu (G1) at ParisLongchamp. Run at 1 ¾ miles on turf for fillies & mares.

October 3 – \$332,500 Sun Chariot (G1) at Newmarket. Run at 1-mile on turf for fillies & mares.

October 3 – \$150,000 Gallorette (G3) at Pimlico. Run at 1 1/16 miles on turf for fillies & mares.

October 4 – \$563,559 Prix de L'Opera Longines (G1) at ParisLongchamp. Run at 1 ½ miles on turf for fillies & mares.

FANDUEL BREEDERS' CUP MILE PRESENTED BY PDJF

October 3 – \$750,000 Shadwell Turf Mile (G1) at Keeneland. Run at 1-mile on turf for 3yos & up.

October 3 – \$250,000 Dinner Party (G2) at Pimlico. Run at 1 1/16 miles on turf for 3yos & up.

October 3 – \$200,000 City of Hope (G2) at Santa Anita. Run at 1-mile on turf for 3yos & up.

October 4 – \$394,492 Qatar Prix de la Foret (G1) at ParisLongchamp. Run at 7 furlongs on turf for 3yos & up.

BREEDERS' CUP SPRINT

October 1 – \$200,000 Chick Lang (G3) at Pimlico. Run at 6 furlongs for 3yos.

October 2 – \$200,000 Stoll Keenon Ogden Phoenix (G2) at Keeneland. Run at 6 furlongs for 3yos & up.

October 3 – \$200,000 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash (G3) at Pimlico. Run at 6 furlongs for 3yos & up.

BREEDERS' CUP FILLY & MARE SPRINT

October 3 – \$200,000 Thoroughbred Club of America (G2) at Keeneland. Run at 6 furlongs for fillies & mares.



October 3 – \$150,000 Gallant Bloom (G2) at Belmont Park. Run at 6 ½ furlongs for fillies & mares.

October 3 – \$150,000 Miss Preakness (G3) at Pimlico. Run at 6 furlongs for 3yo fillies.

TVG BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE PRESENTED BY THOROUGHBRED AFTERCARE ALLIANCE

October 3 – \$400,000 Claiborne Breeders' Futurity (G1) at Keeneland. Run at 1 1/16 miles for 2yos.

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES

October 3 – \$350,000 Darley Alcibiades (G1) at Keeneland. Run at 1 1/16 miles for 2yo fillies.

BIG ASS FANS BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE

October 3 – \$150,000 Kelso (G2) at Belmont Park. Run at 1-mile for 3yos & up.

BREEDERS' CUP TURF SPRINT

October 3 – \$150,000 Woodford (G2) at Keeneland. Run at 5 1/2 furlongs on turf for 3yos & up.

October 4 – \$394,492 Prix de L'Abaye de Longchamp Longines (G1) at ParisLongchamp. Run at 5 ½ furlongs on turf for 3yos & up.

October 4 – \$100,000 Belmont Turf Sprint (G3) at Belmont Park. Run at 6 furlongs on turf for 3yos & up.

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF

October 3 – \$150,000 Pilgrim (G2) at Belmont Park. Run at 1 1/16 miles on turf for 3yos.

October 4 – \$450,847 Qatar Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere (G1) at ParisLongchamp. Run at 7 furlongs on turf for 2yos.

October 4 – \$200,000 Bourbon (G2) at Keeneland. Run at 1 1/16 miles on turf for 2yos.

BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

October 4 – \$450,847 Qatar Prix Marcel Boussac (G1) at ParisLongchamp. Run at 1-mile on turf for 2yo fillies.

October 4 – \$150,000 Miss Grillo (G2) at Belmont Park. Run at 1 1/16 miles on turf for 2yo fillies.



Improbable wins the Awesome Again
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MAJOR STAKES RECAP Sept. 25 - 27

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. and Canada, 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. 26. An asterisk in the points section denotes a foreign contender. A complete Breeders' Cup Points list is available [here](#)

Race: | **\$300,000 Awesome Again (G1), 3yos & up, 1 1/8 miles**

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BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE RACE

Track:	Santa Anita
Finishing Order:	1 – IMPROBABLE, 2 – MAXIMUM SECURITY, 3 – MIDCOURT
Margins:	4 ½, ½, 3 ¾
Also ran:	TAKE THE ONE O ONE, SLEEPY EYES TODD
Winning Connections:	Owner: WinStar Farm, China Horse Club International & SF Racing; Trainer: Bob Baffert; Jockey: Drayden Van Dyke.
Time:	1:49.01 (fast)

Countdown to the Longines Breeders' Cup Classic – WinStar Farm, China Horse Club International and SF Racing's IMPROBABLE (Drayden Van Dyke) staked his claim as the best horse in the country, with a convincing 4 ½-length win over stablemate MAXIMUM SECURITY in Santa Anita's \$300,000 "Win and You're In" Awesome Again (G1). Bob Baffert trained the top-2, with the winner, a 4-year-old son of City Zip, having already qualified for the Classic when he captured Saratoga's Aug. 1 "Win and You're In" Whitney (G1). Improbable, who was fifth in last year's Big Ass Fans Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1), has taken his game to a new level this year, as he also won the Hollywood Gold Cup (G1) at Santa Anita in June and is now 7-for-14 lifetime. Gary and Mary West and the Coolmore conglomerate of Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith, and Mrs. John Magnier's Maximum Security, who was considered the leading handicap horse in the country by many, got caught up in a speed duel early and paid the price late, while suffering his first loss of the year. The 4-year-old son of 2013 Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner New Year's Day earned a Classic berth when he won the "Win and You're In" TVG Pacific Classic (G1) at Del Mar Aug. 22. He also won the inaugural Saudi Cup (G1) at King Abdulaziz Racecourse in his last start for trainer Jason Servis. Maximum Security is 10-for-13 lifetime and still figures a leading contender for the Classic. [Video](#)

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

Points	Horse	Trainer	Owner
BCC Winner	Authentic	Bob Baffert	Spendthrift Farm LLC, MyRaceHorse Stable, Madaket Stables LLC, Starlight Racing Stable
BCC Winner	Improbable	Bob Baffert	WinStar Farm, LLC, CHC Inc., SF Racing LLC
BCC Winner	Maximum Security	Bob Baffert	Gary & Mary West , Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor , Derrick Smith
BCC Winner	Tom's d'Etat	Albert M. Stall Jr.	G M B Racing
BCC Winner	Ghaiyyath (IRE)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin
40	Tiz the Law	Barclay Tagg	Sackatoga Stable
28	By My Standards	W. Bret Calhoun	Allied Racing Stable, LLC
22	Midcourt	John A. Shirreffs	CRK Stable, LLC
14	Global Campaign	Stanley M. Hough	Sagamore Farm, LLC, WinStar Farm, LLC
12	Midnight Bisou	Steven M. Asmussen	Bloom Racing Stable LLC, Madaket Stables LLC,

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			Allen Racing LLC
12	Tacitus	William I. Mott	Juddmonte Farms, Inc.
8	Code of Honor	Claude R. McGaughey III	W. S. Farish
0	War of Will	Mark E. Casse	Gary Barber
*	Benbatl (GB)	Saeed bin Suroor	Godolphin

Race:	\$200,000 Zenyatta (G2), fillies & mares, 1 1/16 miles BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE RACE
Track:	Santa Anita
Finishing Order:	1 - HARVEST MOON, 2 - HARD NOT TO LOVE, 3 - FIGHTING MAD
Margins:	¾, ¾, 7 ¼
Also ran:	PROUD EMMA
Winning Connections:	Owner: Alice Bamford & Michael Tabor; Trainer: Simon Callaghan; Jockey: Flavien Prat.
Time:	1:43.03 (fast)

Countdown to the Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff – Alice Bamford and Michael Tabor's HARVEST MOON (Flavien Prat) earned an automatic starting berth into the Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff with a three-quarter-length win over HARD NOT TO LOVE in Santa Anita's \$200,000 "Win and You're In" Zenyatta (G2). The 3-year-old daughter of 2010 Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Uncle Mo won her second straight graded stakes, to go with Del Mar's Aug. 22 Torrey Pines (G3), but was taking on older stakes runners for the first time and clearly ran a career-best for trainer Simon Callaghan. Harvest Moon has gone from an unraced maiden in June to 4-for-5 lifetime in the span of just 3 ½ months, and co-owner Bamford, who also bred the filly, is eagerly looking for more. "She came and did it against a very, very good competitor in Fighting Mad," Bamford said. "We're thrilled and we won, and we are in (the Distaff)!" West Point Thoroughbreds, Mercedes Stables, Scott Dilworth, David and Dorothy Engordo, and Steve Mooney's Hard Not to Love got untracked after running sixth in Del Mar's Aug. 2 Clement L. Hirsch (G1), also a Distaff "Win and You're In", and could also head to Keeneland for trainer John Shirreffs, though the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1) might be preferred, as the 4-year-old daughter of Hard Spun is a two-time graded stakes winner at 7 furlongs, including the local La Brea (G1) last December. The disappointment in the Zenyatta was Gary and Mary West's homebred FIGHTING MAD, who earned the Distaff berth in the Hirsch for trainer Bob Baffert, but the 4-year-old daughter of New Year's Day sped off and tired to be third at 2-5, though she too move on to the Distaff, or potentially cut back for the Filly & Mare Sprint. [Video](#)

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

Points	Horse	Trainer	Owner
BCC Winner	Swiss Skydiver	Kenneth G. McPeck	Peter J. Callahan

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BCC Winner	Fighting Mad	Bob Baffert	Gary & Mary West
BCC Winner	Vexatious	Jack Siston	Calumet Farm, LLC
BCC Winner	Midnight Bisou	Steven M. Asmussen	Bloom Racing Stable LLC, Madaket Stables LLC, Allen Racing LLC
BCC Winner	Harvest Moon	Simon Callaghan	Alice Bamford , Michael Tabor
26	Ce Ce	Michael W. McCarthy	Bo Hirsch
20	Ollie's Candy	John W. Sadler	Paul and Karen Eggert
19	Shedaresthedevil	Brad Cox	Flurry Racing Stables LLC, Qatar Racing Limited, Big Aut Farms LLC
16	Monomoy Girl	Brad Cox	Michael Dubb , Monomoy Stables LLC, The Elkstone Group, LLC, Bethlehem Stables
16	Speech	Michael W. McCarthy	Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, Madaket Stables LLC
8	Horologist	William I. Mott	There's A Chance Stable, Parkland Thoroughbreds, Medallion Racing, Abbondanza Racing LLC
4	Letruska	Fausto Gutierrez	St. George Stable LLC



United streaks to victory in John Henry Turf Championship
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Race:	\$200,000 John Henry Turf Championship (G2), 3yos & up, 1 ¼ miles (turf)
Track:	Santa Anita

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Finishing Order: 1 – UNITED, 2 – ORIGINAIRE (IRE), 3 – ANOTHER MYSTERY
Margins: 1 ½, neck, 2 ¼
Also ran: PROUD PEDRO (FR), OSCAR DOMINGUEZ (IRE), SALVATOR MUNDI, NEXT SHARES
Winning Connections: Owner: LNJ Foxwoods; Trainer: Richard Mandella; Jockey: Flavien Prat.
Time: 1:59.17 (firm)

Countdown to the Longines Breeders’ Cup Turf – LNJ Foxwoods’ UNITED (Flavien Prat) tuned up for the Longines Breeders’ Cup Turf with a convincing 1 ½-length win over ORIGINAIRE (IRE) in Santa Anita’s \$200,000 John Henry Turf Championship (G2). Richard Mandella trained the winner, a 5-year-old son of Giant’s Causeway who is clearly California’s best turf horse, as he moved to 4-for-5 on the year, which includes a quartet of Grade 2 wins. United was a relative unknown on the national scene last year when he was 51-1 in the Turf but almost pulled off a shocker, as he was second, beaten just a head, by eventual Horse of the Year Bricks and Mortar. This year he’s won Santa Anita’s San Marcos in February, the Charlie Whittingham in May, and Del Mar’s Eddie Read in July. United came into the John Henry off a second-place finish by a head to Red King in the “Win and You’re In” Del Mar Handicap (G2) on Aug. 22. United is now 7-for-16 and could be America’s best hope in the Turf. “The plan now is to train up to the Breeders’ Cup,” Mandella said. [Video](#)

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

Points	Horse	Trainer	Owner
BCC Winner	Channel Maker	William I. Mott	Adam Wachtel , Gary Barber , R. A. Hill Stable, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing
BCC Winner	Red King	Philip D’Amato	Little Red Feather Racing, Gordon Jacobsen, Philip Belmonte
BCC Winner	Enable (GB)	John H.M. Gosden	Juddmonte Farms Limited
BCC Winner	Lord North (IRE)	John H.M. Gosden	HH Sheikh Zayed bin Mohammed Racing
BCC Winner	Magical (IRE)	Aidan P. O’Brien	Derrick Smith , Mrs. John Magnier , Michael Tabor
28	United	Richard E. Mandella	LNJ Foxwoods
27	Zulu Alpha	Michael J. Maker	Michael M. Hui
6	Arklow	Brad Cox	Donegal Racing, Joseph Bulger, Peter Coneway
*	Donjah (GER)	Henk Grewe	Darius Racing
*	Ghaiyyath (IRE)	Charlie Appleby	Godolphin

Race: \$300,000 Rodeo Drive (G1), fillies & mares, 1 ¼ miles (turf)
BREEDERS’ CUP CHALLENGE RACE



Track:	Santa Anita
Finishing Order:	1 – MUCHO UNUSUAL, 2 – MAXIM RATE, 3 – LADY PRANCEALOT (IRE)
Margins:	1 ¼, 1, 2 ¼
Also ran:	TONAHUTU (IRE), PRETTY POINT, CATCH THE EYE
Winning Connections:	Owner: George Krikorian; Trainer: Tim Yakteen; Jockey: Juan Hernandez.
Time:	2:00.19 (firm)

Countdown to the Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf – George Krikorian's homebred MUCHO UNUSUAL (Juan Hernandez) earned an automatic starting berth into the Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf with a 1 ¼-length front-running win over MAXIM RATE in Santa Anita's \$300,000 "Win and You're In" Rodeo Drive (G1). The 4-year-old daughter of 2013 Breeders' Cup Classic winner Mucho Macho Man entered 5-0-1-1 in Grade 1's but finally got over the hump for trainer Tim Yakteen. [Video](#)

Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf – Breeders' Cup Challenge (BCC) Winners and Points Leaders

Points	Horse	Trainer	Owner
BCC Winner	Mucho Unusual	Tim Yakteen	George Krikorian
BCC Winner	Champers Elysees (IRE)	John Murtagh	Teruya Yoshida
BCC Winner	Love (IRE)	Aidan P. O'Brien	Derrick Smith , Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor
26	Starship Jubilee	Kevin Attard	Blue Heaven Farm, LLC
24	Rushing Fall	Chad C. Brown	e Five Racing Thoroughbreds
20	Mean Mary	H. Graham Motion	Alex G. Campbell Jr.
18	Newspaperofrecord (IRE)	Chad C. Brown	Klaravich Stables Inc
12	Beau Recall (IRE)	Brad Cox	Nick Cosato , Medallion Racing
12	Bodhicitta (GB)	Richard Baltas	Calvin Nguyen
10	Magic Attitude (GB)	Arnaud Delacour	Roy & Gretchen Jackson
6	Sistercharlie (IRE)	Chad C. Brown	White Birch Farm, Inc.
*	Alpine Star (IRE)	Mrs. John Harrington	Flaxman Holdings Limited
*	Audarya (FR)	James R. Fanshawe	Mrs. A M Swinburn
*	Cayenne Pepper (IRE)	Mrs. John Harrington	Sarah Kelly
*	Fancy Blue (IRE)	Donnacha O'Brien	Derrick Smith , Mrs. John Magnier, Michael Tabor
*	Tarnawa (IRE)	Dermot K. Weld	H.H. Aga Khan Studs

Race:	\$200,000 Santa Anita Sprint Championship (G2), 3yos & up, six furlongs BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE RACE
Track:	Santa Anita

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Finishing Order:	1 – C Z ROCKET, 2 – FLAGSTAFF, 3 – COLLUSION ILLUSION
Margins:	Head, 1 ¼, 3 ¼
Also ran:	DESRT LAW, GIANT EXPECTATIONS
Winning Connections:	Owner: Tom Kagele, Gary Barber & Madaket Stables; Trainer: Peter Miller; Jockey: Luis Saez
Time:	1:09.14 (fast)

Countdown to the Breeders' Cup Sprint – Tom Kagele, Gary Barber and Madaket Stables' C Z ROCKET (Luis Saez) earned an automatic starting berth into the Breeders' Cup Sprint with a head win over FLAGSTAFF in the \$200,000 "Win and You're In" Santa Anita Sprint Championship (G2). Peter Miller trained the winner, a resurgent 6-year-old son of City Zip who won the Kelly's Landing at Churchill Downs in 2018 for trainer Al Stall Jr., but has been unbeatable — literally — in five starts since being claimed for \$40,000 at Oaklawn Park in April. Miller has kept C Z Rocket at one-turn and he has yet to taste defeat, and earned a starting berth into the Big Ass Fans Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) when he won Del Mar's Aug. 29 Pat O'Brien (G2). With the Dirt Mile being two turns at Keeneland, Miller indicated the Sprint is the preferred spot for C Z Rocket, who is now 9-for-22 lifetime. "I just wanted to win this race," Miller said. "It's a big race and this horse has won four in a row, so to win five in a row is big and puts us squarely in the picture for the Breeders' Cup Sprint." Lane's End Racing and Hronis Racing's Flagstaff chased C Z Rocket home again, as the 6-year-old son of 2004 Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Speightstown was second to him in the O'Brien as well, for trainer John Sadler, and could also move on to the Sprint. Dan Agnew, Rodney Orr, Jerry Schneider, and John Xitco's third-place finisher COLLUSION ILLUSION qualified for the Sprint when he won Del Mar's Aug.1 "Win and You're In" Bing Crosby (G1) for trainer Mark Glatt, and the 3-year-old son of Twirling Candy is another likely bound for Lexington. [Video](#)

Race:	\$145,500 Vosburgh (G2), 3yos & up, six furlongs BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE RACE
Track:	Belmont Park
Finishing Order:	1 – FIRENZE FIRE, 2 – FUNNY GUY, 3 – SHARE THE RIDE
Margins:	2 ¾, 1 ¼, 3 ¾
Also ran:	TRUE TIMBER, ENGAGE
Winning Connections:	Owner: Mr Amore Stable (Ron Lombardi); Trainer: Kelly Breen; Jockey: Jose Lezcano.
Time:	1:09.74 (fast)

Countdown to the Breeders' Cup Sprint – Ron Lombardi's homebred FIRENZE FIRE (Jose Lezcano) earned an automatic starting berth in the Breeders' Cup Sprint with a 2 ¾-length win over FUNNY GUY in Belmont Park's \$145,500 Vosburgh (G2). The 5-year-old son of Poseidon's Warrior has been a mainstay in the graded stakes ranks the past several years, as he won five of them for trainer Jason Servis, and picked up his second since being transferred to trainer Kelly Breen's barn this winter, to go with the local True North (G2) in June. Firenze

Fire, who is now 12-for-29 lifetime, has also been a mainstay in the Breeders' Cup, as he was seventh in the Juvenile at Del Mar in 2017, fourth in the Dirt Mile at Churchill Downs in 2018, and fifth in the Sprint at Santa Anita in 2019. Breen joked that he may try and bring some of the Belmont main track, where Firenze Fire is 5-for-8, with him to Lexington for the Sprint. "He loves Belmont. We'll have to get him as used to Keeneland as he is to Belmont," Breen said. "I'll bring a couple of buckets from here and put it down the Keeneland stretch and bring our track to Keeneland. He's doing great. He looked great today and we're on to the Breeders' Cup." [Video](#)

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

Points	Horse	Trainer	Owner
BCC Winner	Vekoma	George Weaver	R. A. Hill Stable, Gatsas Stables
BCC Winner	Collusion Illusion	Mark Glatt	Dan J. Agnew , Rodney E. Orr , Jerry Schneider, John V. Xitco , Jerry Xitco
BCC Winner	Firenze Fire	Kelly Breen	Mr. Amore Stable
BCC Winner	C Z Rocket	Peter Miller	Tom Kagele
20	Flagstaff	John W. Sadler	Lane's End Racing, Hronis Racing LLC
6	Complexity	Chad C. Brown	Seth A. Klarman
6	Lexitonian	Jack Sisterson	Calumet Farm, LLC
6	Yaupon	Steven M. Asmussen	L. William Heiligbrodt , Corrine Heiligbrodt
0	Wildman Jack	Doug F. O'Neill	W C Racing
0	Diamond Oops	Patrick L. Biancone	Diamond 100 Racing Club LLC, Amy Dunne, D. P. Racing LLC, Patrick L. Biancone

Race:	\$300,000 American Pharoah (G1), 2yos, 1 1/16 miles BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE RACE
Track:	Santa Anita
Finishing Order:	1 – GET HER NUMBER, 2 – ROMBAUER, 3 – SPIELBERG
Margins:	¾, 4 ¾, 4 ½
Also ran:	WASPIRANT DYN O MITE, TOUGHDOWN BROWN, NOTABLE EXCEPTION
Winning Connections:	Owner: Gary Barber; Trainer: Peter Miller; Jockey: Flavien Prat.
Time:	1:44.92 (fast)

Countdown to the TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance – Gary Barber's GET HER NUMBER (Flavien Prat) added further confusion to an already unsettled California 2-year-old division when he won his dirt debut and earned an automatic starting berth into the TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance with a three-quarter-length win over ROMBAUER in Santa Anita's \$301,000 "Win and You're In" American Pharoah (G1). The son of Dialed In won on debut sprinting on

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the turf at Del Mar in August for trainer Peter Miller then was a close fourth in their Juvenile Turf Sept. 7 and clearly benefitted from a division lacking a standout now that clubhouse leader Dr. Schivel is being given the rest of the year off. Get Her Number is now 2-for-3 and will look to show his win is no fluke in the Juvenile. A trip to Keeneland is also likely for John and Diane Fradkin's homebred Rombauer, according to trainer Mike McCarthy. The son of Twirling Candy entered with a similar resume to the winner, as he won his debut on the turf at Del Mar in July and was sixth in the Juvenile Turf. SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Golconda Stables, Siena Farm, and Robert Masterson's SPIELBERG was third as the even-money favorite for trainer Bob Baffert. The son of Union Rags, who was second to Dr. Schivel in both his debut at Del Mar in August and in the Del Mar Futurity (G1) Sept. 7, is now 0-for-3 lifetime and unlikely to move on to the Juvenile. [Video](#)

TVG Breeders' Cup Juvenile presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance – Breeders' Cup Challenge (BCC) Winners and Points Leaders

Points	Horse	Trainer	Owner
BCC Winner	Get Her Number	Peter Miller	Gary Barber
BCC Winner	Sittin On Go	Dale L. Romans	Albaugh Family Stables LLC
16	Jackie's Warrior	Steven M. Asmussen	J. Kirk Robison
10	Weston	Ryan Hanson	Chris Drakos , Ryan Hanson
0	Calibrate	Steven M. Asmussen	Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC
0	Notary	D. Wayne Lukas	White Birch Farm, Inc.
0	Ram	D. Wayne Lukas	Robert C. Baker , William L. Mack

Race:	\$200,000 Chandelier (G2), 2yo fillies, 1 1/16 miles BREEDERS' CUP CHALLENGE RACE
Track:	Santa Anita
Finishing Order:	1 – PRINCESS NOOR, 2 – VARDA, 3 – MISS COSTA RICA
Margins:	8 ¼, 9 ¼, neck
Also ran:	ILLUMINATION, MAKE MISCHIEF
Winning Connections:	Owner: Zedan Racing Stables; Trainer: Bob Baffert; Jockey: Victor Espinoza.
Time:	1:45.59 (fast)

Countdown to Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies – Zedan Racing Stables' PRINCESS NOOR (Victor Espinoza) left little doubt who the best 2-year-old filly in California is and earned an automatic starting berth into the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies in the process with a dominant 8 ¼-length win over VARDA in Santa Anita's \$200,000 "Win and You're In" Chandelier (G2). Bob Baffert trained the winner, a daughter of Not This Time who has already gone a long way in paying back her \$1.35 million purchase price from the Ocala Breeders' Sale Spring Sale of 2-Year-Olds in Training 2020. Princess Noor, who easily won her debut at Del Mar in August,

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then won their Debutante (G1) Sept. 6 and showed no problems tackling two turns in the Chandelier to move to 3-for-3 lifetime, will head to Keeneland looking to cement a championship in the Juvenile Fillies. [Video](#)

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

Points	Horse	Trainer	Owner
BCC Winner	Princess Noor	Bob Baffert	Zedan Racing Stables, Inc.
BCC Winner	Girl Daddy	Dale L. Romans	Albaugh Family Stables LLC
10	Vequist	Robert E. Reid Jr.	Gary Barber , Adam Wachtel , Swilcan Stable LLC
6	My Girl Red	J. Keith Desormeaux	Erich G. Brehm
6	Thoughtfully	Steven M. Asmussen	Heider Family Stable, LLC
0	Cantata	Steven M. Asmussen	Stonestreet Stables, LLC
0	Simply Ravishing	Kenneth G. McPeck	Harold Lerner
0	Travel Column	Brad Cox	OXO Equine LLC

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