



Breeders' Cup World Championships
Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2

Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff Notes
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Blue Prize – Merriebelle Stable's Blue Prize completed her preparations for Saturday's \$2 million Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff by galloping an easy 1 1/4m under exercise rider Hiram Rosario on Friday morning at Santa Anita.

Trainer Ignacio Correas IV said Blue Prize would not go to the track Saturday morning.

Slated to be sold at auction in Kentucky next week, this figures to be the last race for Blue Prize with Correas who has had her in his barn for three years.

"I have two favorite moments with her," Correas said. "The first was when she won her last race in 2017, the Falls City Handicap that she won by more than eight lengths. The second was winning the Spinster for the first time at Keeneland last year."

That victory in the Spinster gave Correas his first Grade 1 triumph and Saturday he could get another and add to the 6yo mare's highlight reel.

"I hope she is in the clear at the quarter pole, maybe two or three lengths off the lead and then kick home," Correas said.

Chad Brown (Dunbar Road and Wow Cat, Distaff; Bricks and Mortar, Turf; Sistercharlie, Filly & Mare Turf; Without Parole and Uni, Mile; Structor, Juvenile Turf; Selflessly, Juvenile Fillies Turf) – Trainer Chad Brown's Breeders' Cup Distaff G1-winning duo of Dunbar Road and Wow Cat galloped an easy lap of the Santa Anita main track Friday morning.

Brown and assistant Jose "Baldo" Hernandez confirmed that all was well with the contingent and that all left Barn 48 and galloped well Friday, except of course for his Friday runners, Structor and Selflessly.

"Everyone galloped today just fine," Hernandez said. "We're good. (Structor and Selflessly) are running. Hopefully we win."

Brown confirmed via text that he was pleased with his eight runners, six of which are on Saturday.

La Force – Late-running La Force jogged a 1m Friday, winding up her final tuning for Saturday's Distaff under the watchful eye of conditioner Patrick (Paddy) Gallagher.

"The mare is doing well," Gallagher said. "Now all we can do is hope for the best, although a little bit of early pace would be nice."

La Force is scheduled to be sold in the Keeneland November Breeding Stock Sale in Kentucky next week.

Steve Asmussen (Midnight Bisou, Distaff; Engage and Mitole, Sprint; Snapper Sinclair, Dirt Mile; Shoplifter, Juvenile; Wicked Whisper, Juvenile Fillies) – Scott Blasi, assistant to trainer Steve Asmussen,

confirmed that the sextet of challengers the barn is preparing for the Breeders' Cup World Championships are all "good to go." The Asmussen headliners, Bloom Racing et al.'s Midnight Bisou and William and Corinne Heiligbrodt's Mitole, did light training in advance of their championship-defining dates Saturday.

"Midnight Bisou galloped today," Blasi reported. "Everything's good to go."

Mitole also left Barn 59 and did some easy training. Both he and Midnight Bisou were ridden by exercise rider Angel Garcia.

"Mitole just jogged today," Blasi said. "He's ready."

Peter Miller (Mo See Cal, Distaff; Spiced Perfection, Filly & Mare Sprint; Belvoir Bay, Om and Stormy Liberal, Turf Sprint; Wrecking Crew, Juvenile; Billy Batts, Juvenile Turf) – Trainer Peter Miller took it easy on his Breeders' Cup team on Friday morning from Barn 44 at Santa Anita. His juveniles, Billy Batts, who will contest the Juvenile Turf, and Wrecking Crew, Juvenile, are set for their dates this afternoon.

"Billy Batts and Wrecking Crew are ready for today," Miller confirmed. "They look good."

Miller also confirmed that he is looking forward to his Saturday runners, who did various forms of training Friday morning.

"Mo See Cal jogged today," Miller reported. "Spiced Perfection did too. They all do different things. Some gallop, some jog and some just walk. It's all catered to whatever their training program is. Stormy Liberal just stretched his legs. He's doing great."

Stormy Liberal will get a third different jockey when he attempts a hat trick in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint on Saturday. John Velazquez will take the reins, while Drayden van Dyke had the mount in 2018 and Joel Rosario in 2017 on the son of Stormy Atlantic.

"I just think he fits the horse perfectly," Miller explained. "He's a horse who needs to be positioned correctly and Johnny's a Hall of Fame rider who does that really well. He needs to be out of traffic and in a good position at the three-eighths and that's what I hope he'll do. He's had some bad luck this year and I think he can win again."

Ollie's Candy – Ollie's Candy galloped under the guidance of exercise rider Juan Leyva.

Paradise Woods – The multiple Grade 1-winning mare waited for some of the on-track traffic to clear out before making her way onto the main track and putting in her final gallop in advance of the Distaff. Under exercise rider Cisco Alvarado, Paradise Woods took a couple trips around the Santa Anita oval before calmly walking back under the watch of trainer John Shirreffs.

Secret Spice – Secret Spice, no worse than second in her past four stakes appearances, jogged an easy mile for trainer Richard Baltas today, readying for her start in the Distaff Saturday.

"She's been working very well coming into this race," Baltas said. "Co-owner Bobby (Flay), celebrity chef and Breeders' Cup ambassador, was out to watch her breeze."

Serengeti Empress – Joel Politi's Serengeti Empress galloped 1 1/2m under exercise rider William Chavez for trainer Tom Amoss.

Amoss said the Kentucky Oaks winner would not go to the track Saturday morning.

Serengeti Empress' most recent victory came in the Kentucky Oaks at the Distaff distance of 1 1/8m and Amoss would like to be an instant replay of that Saturday.

"I want to see her do what she did in the Oaks, get out there and control the tempo," Amoss said.

Flavien Prat will be aboard for the first time in the Distaff.

Street Band – Among the first horses on the track Friday was multiple stakes winner Street Band, who had trainer and co-owner Larry Jones on board. On hand to watch the gallop was jockey Sophie Doyle, who caught a late flight Friday after riding at Churchill Downs.

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