



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

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EUROPEAN REPORT

Despite it being Day One of the 2019 Breeders' Cup World Championships, there was still a lot of activity in the quarantine barn.

More than 20 horses decided to go out onto the Santa Anita track Friday morning. The Japanese duo of **Matera Sky** (Sprint) and **Full Flat** (Juvenile) went out at 5 o'clock. One hour later it was the turn of the South Korean challenger **Blue Chipper** (Dirt Mile) to head out on to the dirt. The son of Tiznow did nothing more than walk and a gentle canter before returning to the barn.

James Tate who arrived in California Thursday night got his first look at the Santa Anita track when he saw **Hey Gaman** (Mile) do a steady canter on the dirt.

"I'm happy with both horses. Looking forward to Dream Shot running today and then Hey Gaman's turn tomorrow," Tate said.

Villa Marina (Filly & Mare Turf) did the strongest piece of exercise of any of the overseas challengers when doing a strong canter for three-quarters of a circuit. She then walked for half a circuit before cantering for another half lap.

The German raider **Alounak** (Turf) was out on to the main track at the same time as Villa Marina and also did a steady canter around two laps of the track.

Ambassadorial (Dirt Mile) trained by Jane Chapple-Hyam, who trained a winner in England Thursday, stretched his legs alongside a pony out on the dirt.

Aidan O'Brien was once again trackside to supervise his team out on the main track. **Anthony Van Dyke** (Turf), **Circus Maximus** (Mile), **Fleeting** (Filly & Mare Turf), **Just Wonderful** (Filly & Mare Turf) and **Mount Everest** (Turf) all jogged to the top of the backstretch before turning around and doing a gentle canter down the stretch to the finish line.

David O'Meara, who saddles **Lord Glitters** and **Suedois** in the Mile, got a glimpse of Lord Glitters out on the track for the first time since arriving in California Thursday night. The gray 6yo did a gentle canter under the watchful eye of O'Meara.

"I am really pleased with both my horses, they look magnificent and I am a bit less nervous that I have now seen them this morning," O'Meara said.

Joseph O'Brien was once again on his pony to oversee **Iridessa** do her final steady canter before Saturday's Filly & Mare Turf. The daughter of Ruler of The World will be bidding to give Joseph O'Brien his first Breeders' Cup success as a trainer.

Three horses took to the turf Friday morning. **Fanny Logan** (Filly & Mare Turf) once again led the way and did a steady canter around three-quarters of a lap with regular rider Chloe Sprong in the saddle and when asked by John Gosden how the filly felt she replied, "Boss, she feels great."

Billesdon Brook (Filly & Mare Turf), with Sean Levey in the saddle, had a gentle stretch on the main track before heading to the Turf and she was accompanied by the Ken Condon-trained Trais Fluors (Mile).

Both horses were led by their ponies and walked for a whole circuit of the track before setting off on their own and doing a gentle canter. Richard Hannon, who arrived at the track for the first time Friday morning, said, "I am really happy with her. She looks great and Sean is delighted with her."

After returning to the barn Levey said, "She is really bouncing. Couldn't be more happier with her at the moment. If we get a bit of luck in running I think she will have a great chance."

LONGINES TURF

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.

TVG MILE

Got Stormy – The chestnut daughter of Get Stormy jogged one trip around Santa Anita under exercise rider Kim Carroll as she readies for her start in the TVG Breeders' Cup Mile.

The Mile could go down as Got Stormy's final career start as she is entered in the Fasig-Tipton November sale on Nov. 5. The Grade I-winning filly is entered as a racing or broodmare prospect and is consigned by Bluewater Sales on behalf of owner Gary Barber.

"I always want whatever is best for Gary because he is such a great supporter of our team," trainer Mark Casse said of the possibility of Got Stormy selling. "Whatever Gary feels is best for him, that's what I want him to do. What we need is for Gary to be happy and to continue to prosper."

MAKER'S MARK FILLY & MARE TURF

Mrs. Sippy – Andrew Stone's Mrs. Sippy galloped 1 1/2m under exercise rider Lauren Mendenhall Friday morning in her final bit of exercise before Saturday's Filly & Mare Turf.

Mrs. Sippy came to trainer Graham Motion's barn from Europe in late July and proceeded to win the Glen Falls at Saratoga and then run second to Filly & Mare favorite Sistercharlie in the Flower Bowl at Belmont.

"I have had horses for Mr. Stone before and I trained her mother (Qushchi, a graded-stakes winner who finished 10th in the 2013 Filly & Mare Turf)," Motion said. "She had run some really good races last year as a 3-year-old but her form this year had been disappointing. She's very straight forward and is different from her mother."

Joel Rosario, who has been aboard Mrs. Sippy in her two U.S. starts, will be aboard Saturday.

"She is going to have to step it up a little bit more and run back to her Flower Bowl," Motion said.

Vasilika – All Schlaich Stables, Janet Hollendorfer, Gatto Racing and George Todaro's Vasilika completed her preparations for Saturday's Maker's Mark Filly & Mare Turf with an early morning main track gallop Friday.

Trainer Dan Ward said Vasilika, who has compiled a 12-11-1-0 record and earned more than \$1 million on the Santa Anita turf course, would not go to the track Saturday morning.

On what he is hoping to see Saturday from the 5yo mare, Ward said: "I hope she is in a good position turning for home and delivers that kick that we know she has."

SPRINT

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."

Catalina Cruiser – The multiple graded-stakes winner galloped under David Pinada in preparation for Saturday's Sprint.

Imperial Hint – Raymond Mamone's Imperial Hint jogged under exercise rider Alejandro Contreras Friday morning at Santa Anita, where the 6yo son of Imperialism will start in Saturday's Sprint.

"All the main work is done. We just wait for tomorrow," trainer Luis Carvajal Jr. said. "He's a happy horse. He looks very happy on the track."

Imperial Hint drew Post nine in the 10-horse Sprint.

"He has to have a clean break. I want to see him no worse than third, especially with Shancelot and Mitole in the race. They're going to be up there, so you can't give them too much room. You have to be on their necks or you might not catch them," Carvajal said. "They're nice horses. You can't let them have much of an advantage. From the quarter pole, let the best horse win."

Carvajal said Imperial Hint will walk on the morning of the Sprint, in which he finished second at Del Mar in 2017 and third last year at Churchill Downs.

Shancelot – Crawford Farms Racing's Shancelot walked the shedrow of Santa Anita's Barn 7 on Friday morning. The Jorge Navarro-trained Amsterdam winner and Saratoga track-record holder will take on the swiftest in the land in the Breeders' Cup Sprint on Saturday.

"He's probably the fastest horse I've ever been around," Navarro said. "He really has his game face on. He just walked today and we're keeping him nice and fresh for tomorrow. Everything is a go with him and all systems clear."

Whitmore – The 2018 Sprint runner-up Whitmore went to the track just after the break and jogged a mile before galloping a mile under Laura Moquett, assistant and wife of trainer Ron Moquett.

"He's doing great, feeling great," Moquett said after watching his stable star train for the first time since he arrived Thursday morning.

FILLY & MARE SPRINT

Come Dancing – Blue Devil Racing Stable's 5yo mare is ready for her Breeders' Cup debut and trainer Carlos Martin said the ideal scenario for her is quite simple.

The daughter of Malibu Moon is the 5-2 second choice on the morning line behind Covfefe, who will start from the rail. Come Dancing and Hall of Fame jockey Javier Castellano will leave from post four.

“I’d love for Selcourt and Heavenhasmynikki to really come out and make Covfefe work for it a little bit,” Martin said. “In a perfect world those three would be lined up with us sitting right behind, stalking and pouncing.”

Martin said that Come Dancing had a routine pre-race morning with exercise rider Francisco Tapia.

“We had a nice, easy jog. We usually do that the day before the race to keep her happy and light and loosen her muscles up a bit,” Martin said. “We back off a little bit the day before the race and she seems to know the routine after all these years doing the same thing. We leave a little energy in the tank. She handled it fine.”

TURF SPRINT

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 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 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.”

Eddie Haskell – Eddie Haskell, lukewarm favorite in the highly contentious Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint, jogged 1m for trainer Mark Glatt this morning.

“I feel very confident. Our chances went up considerably with the good draw. Post position in these (5 f turf) races is key. And, we have a home court advantage,” Glatt said. “We hope to be a couple lengths off the lead, because he likes a target to chase.”

Eddie Haskell, who will have the services of Joel Rosario, has won nine of his 14 lifetime starts at this distance.

Leinster/Totally Boss – Trainer Rusty Arnold’s two Turf Sprint hopefuls, Totally Boss and Leinster, jogged Friday morning under Crystal Conning to complete their preparations for Saturday’s 5f dash.

“They won’t go to the track in the morning because the race is 12:30 so I don’t need to do much in the morning,” Arnold said.

The two 4yos have faced each other once before with Jim and Susan Hill’s Totally Boss winning Turf Sprint at Kentucky Downs and Leinster, owned by Amy Dunne, Westrock Stables, Brenda Miley and Jean Wilkinson, finishing third.

They could improve on that finish for Arnold Saturday with a 1-2 result.

“I’m pretty much the same all the time,” Arnold said of any over-the-roof celebration. “I know they got here the right way and are doing well. I hope they show up and run their race.”

BIG ASS FANS DIRT MILE

Mr. Money – Allied Racing Stable and Spendthrift Farm’s Mr. Money completed his preparations for Saturday’s Dirt Mile by galloping 1 1/2m under Simon Camacho for trainer Bret Calhoun.

Calhoun said Mr. Money would not go to the track Saturday morning.

Mr. Money will break from post position four under regular rider Gabriel Saez.

“Post position wise I think where we are is the good part of the track,” Calhoun said. “I envision there to be a lot of speed and we’ll be just off it. I know Giant Expectations has speed but he has had gate issues and so has Improbable, so things could change when the gates open.”

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