

OVERVIEW

This year's Breeders' Cup races are at Santa Anita in southern California. The highlight may be the showdown between the highest earning horse in American history, California Chrome, and Arrogate who ran one of the fast races ever in winning the Travers in the BC Classic. But Friday's Distaff is pretty exciting also with unbeaten three year old Songbird facing Beholder and Stellar Wind. There's also the Mile on Saturday in which superstar filly Tepin tries to beat males for the second year in a row. The Turf, also on Saturday, has the filly that won the prestigious Arc in Paris last month facing top males including some pretty good ones from America.

I'm going to list my top contenders, in order, for each race. The horses listed are the ones I think have a strong shot of winning. In many cases the best bet may not be the top horse. Longshots win in the BC all the time and its worth going after a few price plays. My preferred wagers are daily doubles and pick threes in which I advise using all of my listed horses in each race.

These picks are made before any races are run. I will be flexible and so should you. If one trainer's horses are over- or under-achieving, move the rest up or down. If the track seems to be biased toward a particular running style that has to be factored in as well. In other words, I might change my mind but the picks here won't be able to be updated. I'll use the program odds and the horse's saddlecloth number in the picks below.

FRIDAY

RACE 6 JUVENILE TURF

| HORSE # | HORSE | PROGRAM ODDS |
|---------|--------------------|--------------|
| #11 | Good Samaritan | 9-2 |
| #8 | Intelligence Cross | 6-1 |
| #3 | Channel Maker | 30-1 |
| #1 | Lancaster Bomber | 6-1 |
| #7 | J.S. Choice | 20-1 |

RACE 7 DIRT MILE

| HORSE # | HORSE | PROGRAM ODDS |
|---------|------------|--------------|
| #9 | Gun Runner | 9-2 |
| #3 | Dortmund | 6-5 |
| #1 | Vyjack | 10-1 |

RACE 8 JUVENILE FILLIES TURF

| HORSE # | HORSE | PROGRAM ODDS |
|---------|--------------|--------------|
| #7 | Intricately | 6-1 |
| #13 | Roly Poly | 4-1 |
| #1 | Hydrangea | 6-1 |
| #9 | Cavale Doree | 15-1 |
| #14 | La Coronel | 9-2 |

RACE 9 DISTAFF

| HORSE # | HORSE | PROGRAM ODDS |
|---------|--------------|--------------|
| #8 | Beholder | 5-2 |
| #1 | Songbird | 6-5 |
| #5 | Stellar Wind | 5-2 |

SATURDAY

RACE 4 JUVENILE FILLIES

| HORSE # | HORSE | PROGRAM ODDS |
|---------|------------------|--------------|
| #4 | Yellow Agate | 8-1 |
| #2 | With Honors | 10-1 |
| #10 | Noted and Quoted | 9-2 |
| #12 | American Gal | 6-1 |

RACE 5 FILLY AND MARE TURF

| HORSE # | HORSE | PROGRAM ODDS |
|---------|----------------|--------------|
| #3 | Seventh Heaven | 3-1 |
| #11 | Queen's Trust | 6-1 |
| #4 | Avenge | 15-1 |
| #8 | Lady Eli | 5-2 |
| #1 | Sea Calisi | 8-1 |
| #10 | Kitcat | 20-1 |

RACE 6 SPRINT

| HORSE # | HORSE | PROGRAM ODDS |
|---------|-------------------|--------------|
| #7 | Masochistic | 2-1 |
| #5 | A.P. Indian | 4-1 |
| #2 | Drefong | 7-2 |
| #9 | Limousine Liberal | 15-1 |

RACE 7 TURF SPRINT

| HORSE # | HORSE | PROGRAM ODDS |
|---------|----------------|--------------|
| #2 | Obviously | 6-1 |
| #16 | Green Mask | 15-1 |
| #12 | Om | 12-1 |
| #14 | Celestine | 8-1 |
| #10 | Ambitious Brew | 10-1 |
| #9 | A Lot | 8-1 |

RACE 8 JUVENILE

| HORSE # | HORSE | PROGRAM ODDS |
|---------|----------------|--------------|
| #10 | Not This Time | 7-2 |
| #5 | Classic Empire | 4-1 |
| #7 | Gormley | 5-1 |
| #9 | Practical Joke | 6-1 |
| #1 | Klimt | 6-1 |

RACE 9 TURF

| HORSE # | HORSE | PROGRAM ODDS |
|---------|---------------|--------------|
| #4 | Flintshire | 5-2 |
| #12 | Highland Reel | 3-1 |
| #10 | Found | 3-1 |
| #6 | Mondialiste | 15-1 |

RACE 10 FILLY AND MARE SPRINT

| HORSE # | HORSE | PROGRAM ODDS |
|---------|---------------|--------------|
| #12 | Finest City | 12-1 |
| #8 | Carina Mia | 7-2 |
| #3 | Tara's Tango | 8-1 |
| #10 | Wavell Avenue | 6-1 |

RACE 11 MILE

| HORSE # | HORSE | PROGRAM ODDS |
|---------|----------------|--------------|
| #9 | Ironicus | 8-1 |
| #10 | Limato | 7-2 |
| #8 | Tepin | 3-1 |
| #13 | Midnight Storm | 12-1 |
| #2 | Alice Springs | 4-1 |

RACE 12 CLASSIC

| HORSE # | HORSE | PROGRAM ODDS |
|---------|-------------------|--------------|
| #4 | California Chrome | 1-1 |
| #8 | Shaman Ghost | 20-1 |
| #6 | Melatonin | 12-1 |
| #10 | Arrogate | 5-2 |
| #2 | Frosted | 5-1 |

SUGGESTED WAGER IN THE CLASSIC

I think Shaman Ghost has a real chance to pull off the big upset although Cal Chrome is the likelier winner. So, let's bet a trifecta 4-8 with 1-2-4-6-8-9 with all. The cost for a \$1 bet would be \$80. I would also suggest a win place show bet on #8 Shaman Ghost and a 4-8 exacta box.

LATE DAILY DOUBLE SATURDAY

Starting in Race 11, let's go 2-8-9-10-13 with 4-8. You can bet in any increment you want. It's \$10 for each \$1 of base wager. In other words, a \$3 double would cost \$30.

WAGERING AND TV

All races except the Classic are on NBC Sports Network (the cable channel). Coverage Friday is from 4-7 pm and Saturday from 1:30 to 7:00. The Breeders' Cup Classic airs on NBC (Channel 4 in Milwaukee) from 7-8. You can legally wager at all of the big Indian casinos in Wisconsin, any of the Off Track Betting parlors in Illinois or Hawthorne racecourse which is southwest of Chicago. Many legal online wagering services accept accounts from Wisconsin.