

Mark Belling's Breeders' Cup Best Bets
November 6-7

For obvious reasons, I have had far less time this year to prepare for the Breeders' Cup. I like to watch and review the workouts of all horses and watch video of all the foreign horses. This year I have had time to do none of that. I normally put up my top five choices in each race. Again, time doesn't allow me to do that this year.

I will instead post the horses that I think represent the best value in a handful of races. All are horses I am picking to win but I am limiting my list here to those who should go off at attractive prices. Again, buyer beware: I have not had time to do the kind of comprehensive review that I do in other years.

Friday

Friday at Keeneland. Here are my favorite plays in non-Breeders' Cup Races. I recommend win place and show bets on all my plays (I'm old school). When I list two horses, they are in order of preference.

In Race 1, #4 Upstriker (6-1 program odds)
In Race 4, #8 Wildwood Beauty (9-2)

Here are my top plays in Friday's Breeders' Cup races.

In Race 7, the Juvenile Turf, #9 Battleground (6-1) and #4 Public Sector (9-2)
In Race 8, the Juvenile Fillies, #5 Girl Daddy (6-1).

Saturday

In Race 4, the Filly and Mare Sprint, #1 Speech (6-1)
In Race 6, the Dirt Mile, #1 Art Collector (6-1)
In Race 7, the Filly and Mare Turf, #11 Audarya (12-1) and #7 Terebellum (20-1)
In Race 9, the Mile, #9 One Master (12-1) and #5 Digital Age (8-1)
In Race 11, the Turf, #3 Tarnawa (6-1)
In Race 12, the Breeders' Cup Classic, #4 Tom's d'Etat (6-1) and #2 Tiz the Law (3-1).

I have not picked any Bob Baffert-trained horses. He has been caught with numerous drug positives in his horses this year and I'm not sure he'll be able to take his normal "edges" with the high level of scrutiny at the Breeders' Cup. If however, Baffert horses fire in the early races, upgrade his chances in the others, including the Classic where he has three entrants.