BREEDERS' CUP TIPS

Friday, October 30th







Your Handicappers







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Race 6 - Juvenile Turf

Europeans have done well in this race and British trainer John Gosden has won it twice. That said, Cymric, trained by Gosden for Godolphin, looks extremely tough. The Kitten's Joy colt comes in off of a strong second place finish in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp. The projected pace scenario seems very slow and long shot Manhattan Dan is just about the only horse in the race who has shown a propensity for being on the lead. He's the one they'll have to catch. Highland Sky is another outsider but has to be considered a contender following a nightmare trip in the Pilgrim Stakes last out. If he gets a smoother ride, he has a real shot of landing in the exacta or trifecta. - Dan Tordjman

#13 Cymric (7/2) #3 Manhattan Dan (30/1) #5 Highland Sky (30/1) #8 Airoforce (4/1)

DAN - Cymric • VINCE - Cymric • JOSE - Highland Sky • KATHRYN - Conquest Daddyo • JULIO - Camelot Kitten • JUSTIN - Airoforce

Race 7 - Dirt Mile

After dominating Saratoga's Woodward Stakes, there is no question that Liam's Map is the horse to beat in the Las Vegas Dirt Mile. However, Liam's Map figures to be a heavy favorite in the wagering, and with so many other good horses in the field, I will try to beat him. Lea is undefeated in three career races at the one-mile distance, and his ability to win from off the pace may suit him best amongst the main contenders - Vince Matthews

#5 Lea (8/1) #3 Liam's Map (1/1) #1 Red Vine (6/1) #2 Bradester (10/1)

DAN - Liam's Map • VINCE - Lea • JOSE - Red Vine • KATHRYN - Red Vine • JULIO - Liam's Map • JUSTIN - Wicked Strong

Race 8 - Juvenile Fillies Turf

The Juvenile Fillies Turf will pit the best young turfers from the US against a strong European contingent. While it is likely the Euros will be in control of most of the turf racing on Breeders' Cup weekend, I'm going with the versatile American entrant Harmonize, who has won coming from behind and wire-to-wire in her young career and shows tons of raw talent. Alice Springs is my pick of the Euro contingent and will turn the tables on Illuminate, who beat her overseas. Gliding By could blow up the exotics at a big price. - Justin Nicholson

#8 Harmonize (7/2) #3 Alice Springs (6/1) #12 Gliding By (30/1) #7 Sapphire Kitten (10/1)

DAN - Harmonize • VINCE - Catch a Glimpse • JOSE - Nemoralia • KATHRYN - Alice Springs • JULIO - Last Waltz • JUSTIN - Harmonize

Race 9 - Distaff

A stacked field of familiar faces heads to post in the Friday feature, going a mile and an eighth on the dirt. Multiple Grade 1 winning mare Sheer Drama is the class of the race, and I don't see her finishing out of the top 2. Wedding Toast, seeking her third G1 win in a row, is hot hot hot but hasn't run against a field quite this deep and to me her form suggests a bounce next out. Got Lucky should be coming in off the pace and could shake things loose late. My pick in this race, however, is I'm a Chatterbox, an improving 3-year-old filly who seems to be peaking at just the right time. She has consistently bested the top horses in her division and looks ready to be tested against older company. - Kathryn Sharp

#1 I'm a Chatterbox (8/1) #4 Sheer Drama (9/2) #7 Wedding Toast (4/1) #12 Got Lucky (6/1)

DAN - Stellar Wind • VINCE - Got Lucky • JOSE - Sheer Drama • KATHRYN - I'm a Chatterbox • JULIO - Stopchargingmaria • JUSTIN - Wedding Toast

In race 10, the \$200,000 Marathon G2, they'll all be rooting for their horse, Desvelo (20/1)!