

BREEDERS' CUP RECAP GUIDE



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TRIP NOTES FROM 2018 NORTH AMERICAN
BREEDERS' CUP WIN AND YOU'RE IN RACES

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MAY 28 (BC MILE)

Grade 1 Shoemaker Mile, Santa Anita



SHIGEKI KIKKAWA

Winner: Hunt
Trainer: Phil D'Amato
Beyer: 104

Hunt was making his first start since gamely winning the Grade 2 Seabiscuit at Del Mar on Nov. 26, one of three Grade 2's he won there last year. And while his best work had come going longer, he showed here he could handle this shorter game and top-class company as he notched his first win at a mile and first Grade 1 win.

Hunt bided his time midpack early as 3-2 favorite Heart to Heart set a solid pace, remained there to the top of the lane, and came with a strong run once straightened away to outduel Heart to Heart in the final

half-furlong while outfinishing Next Shares who finished full of run.

Heart to Heart once again found a top prize in California just a smidge beyond his reach, but the 7-year-old son of grass champion English Channel did nothing wrong in defeat. Coming off two straight Grade 1 wins (the Gulfstream Park Turf on Feb. 10 and Keeneland's Maker's 46 Mile on April 13), Heart to Heart used his speed, as usual, to sit second early as Om shot out to a long early lead, crept close to that rival going down the backstretch, moved up to challenge that foe into the lane, was getting the better of him only to be immediately taken on by Hunt, and just couldn't quite outfinish that foe.

Next Shares, back to his home turf after

running seventh to Heart to Heart in the Maker's 46 Mile, sat last early, remained at the back of the pack to the top of the lane, pitched wide, and finished strongly but just came up two necks short in a fine try.

Om, fourth in the Maker's 46 Mile, shot out to a clear lead, set a brisk pace while holding a clear lead to the top of the lane, battled back when confronted by Heart to Heart, but couldn't quite keep pace with the top three in the final half-furlong.

Bowies Hero, making his first start since winning the Grade 1 Kilroe Mile here March 10, stalked in fourth while saving ground, appeared in a good spot turning for home as he moved up between rivals, but lacked the necessary punch in the final furlong.

JUNE 9 (BC DISTAFF)

Grade 1 Ogden Phipps, Belmont Park



Winner: Abel Tasman
Trainer: Bob Baffert
Beyer: 100

Abel Tasman, last year's 3-year-old filly champion, was a bit disappointing in her 2018 debut when a modest fourth in the Grade 1 La Troienne at Churchill on the Kentucky Oaks undercard May 4, leaving some to wonder if she could come back with the same force.

No questions now, as the daughter of Quality Road blasted some quality rivals. She was a bit slow out of the gate as Ivy Bell and Unchained Melody set the early pace,

but quickly got into a nice stalking mode not far off those two, showed eagerness to move into contention early, something she's done before, taking the lead after just a half-mile with a strong wide move. She held her advantage to the turn, rebuffed a brief challenge from Pacific Wind, and then drew clear once straightened away without really being asked.

Ivy Bell, scratched from Friday's Grade 3 Bed o' Roses, a sprint, to go in this Grade 1 route instead, broke alertly to take the early lead while saving ground, remained inside as she took back a bit behind Abel Tasman, looked poised to try to make a

run at the winner, but was never able to threaten Abel Tasman while finishing decently for second.

Her stablemate, Unbridled Mo, winner of the Grade 1 Apple Blossom at Oaklawn last time out April 13, lagged back, pitched wide on the far turn, and finished decently though she was never really a factor.

Pacific Wind, smart winner of the Grade 2 Ruffian here last month, stalked the early pace, remained up close as the eventual winner moved to take the lead going down the backstretch, tried to make a run at Abel Tasman on the turn, but was turned back and tired a bit in the lane.

JUNE 9 (BC TURF SPRINT)

Grade 2 Jaipur Invitational, Belmont Park



JUSTIN N. LANE

Winner: Disco Partner
Trainer: Christophe Clement
Beyer: 103

Disco Partner won this last year and affirmed he still loves Belmont and hasn't lost a step as he powered home again, proving he remains among the turf sprint elite. The veteran, coming off a modest third in the Grade 2 Shakertown at Keeneland on April 7, his first start since a strong third in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint at Del Mar last fall, sat fifth as Pure Sensation set a strong pace under pressure from Conquest Tsunami, pitched wider out into the lane, and powered

home to pass the two pacesetters.

Conquest Tsunami, making his first start since a good third in the Grade 1 Al Quoz Sprint in Dubai on March 31, was superb in defeat as he dogged Pure Sensation through a strong early quarter, crept closer to challenge that foe into the lane, battled gamely with Pure Sensation, was seemingly just getting the better of that rival, but couldn't match the winner late.

Pure Sensation, fourth in this last year, went one spot better as he shot out to the lead, set a strong pace under constant heavy pressure from Conquest Tsunami, battled on gamely inside that rival, but just couldn't

quite outdo that foe for second as the winner stormed past.

Holding Gold, seventh in the Al Quoz Sprint and third in this last year, got back to form with the return to his homebase as he lagged back, swung very wide into the lane, was still well back by midstretch, but surged late to get fourth.

Stormy Liberal, winner of last year's Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint and coming off a smart second in the Al Quoz Sprint, was a bit disappointing as he lagged back from the start while saving ground, came off the inside into the lane, but didn't have the needed punch to get involved.

JUNE 9 (BC DIRT MILE)

Grade 1 Met Mile, Belmont Park



ADAM COGLIANESE/NYRA

Winner: Bee Jersey
Trainer: Steve Asmussen
Beyer: 109

This race was a classic reminder of how pace makes the race as Bee Jersey, who had already shown ample talent coming off three straight big wins, was able to dictate the tempo, and it likely proved the difference as he won by just a lip. He broke alertly and went right to the lead, and while he was joined by a few others he was still able to set slow splits. He remained on the lead setting a slow pace with a phalanx of runners sitting behind, including Bolt d'Oro and One Liner who were applying minimal pressure, kicked away from those rivals turning for home, and then dug in and needed every bit of his heart to just get to the line before a hard-charging Mind Your Biscuits.

Mind Your Biscuits, making his first start since taking the Group 1 Golden Shaheen in Dubai on March 31, broke well from the rail to be midpack, was able to inch his way

off the inside by the time the field reached the far turn, loomed ominously while wide coming into the lane, and doggedly went after Bee Jersey only to come up just short in a super try in what was basically a two-horse race in the lane. He didn't win, but he surely put to bed any notion that he can't compete at the highest level at a mile.

Limousine Liberal, winner of the Grade 2 Churchill Downs on the Kentucky Derby undercard May 5, sat fourth from the start while between rivals, went after the leader turning for home, couldn't get to him and couldn't finish with the runner-up, but kept to his task well to hold third.

Discreet Lover, shortening up after a series of longer races, including a fourth in the Grade 3 Pimlico Special on May 18, lagged well back, was asked for run on the turn, was still well back, but finished well once straightened away to get up for fourth, even if he was no threat to the top two. He did have to be vanned off after the race, but did walk into the van under his own power.

Good Samaritan, shortening up after a second in the Grade 2 Alysheba on the Kentucky Derby undercard, was very slow into stride, sitting last. He remained there to the far turn, advanced to get into touch with the field, pitched very wide into the lane, just outside of Awesome Slew as widest of all, made some headway, but was never a factor. While he did well at a mile on turf, apparently a mile on dirt is too sharp for him, at least if he's going to stick to this style.

Awesome Slew, third in the Churchill Downs, was reluctant to load, was content to sit well back early, as is his custom, remained well back while wide, started to advance on the far turn, pitched very wide into the lane, but couldn't really get involved.

Bolt d'Oro, the 3-year-old facing elders after fading to 12th in the Grade 1 Kentucky Derby, broke well, had enough speed to sit just behind Bee Jersey while holding the fence, remained inside to the far turn, was asked for run, but the run never came. In fact, he gave way readily to finish last.

JUNE 16 (BC DISTAFF)

Grade 2 Fleur de Lis Handicap, Churchill Downs



BARBARA D. LIVINGSTON

Winner: Blue Prize
Trainer: Ignacio Correas
Beyer: 94

Blue Prize showed her affinity for this place with a laugh of a win in the Grade 2 Falls City here in the fall. After a dull Grade 2 Azeri run at Oaklawn on March 17 (seventh), she bounced back to win a stakes at Aqueduct and was then a good second in the Grade 3 duPont Distaff at Pimlico on May 18.

She confirmed she's back on track and loves this place with a handy win here. She broke well to sit a couple lengths off a decent

pace set by Farrell and Apologynotaccepted while saving ground, remained inside as Awestruck moved up to challenge Farrell on the far turn, came with her run between horses to reel in then-leader Farrell in the lane, and drew off.

Farrell again ran well in defeat. She went right up to contest the lead from her outside post, proved quicker than Apologynotaccepted going into the backstretch, was able to set a modest pace, rebuffed a challenge from Awestruck into the lane, opened up again as if ready to go on to victory, but then was no match for the winner in the final half-furlong.

Mopotism, an invader from Southern California, bided her time toward the back while saving ground, came with a nice run between horses into the lane, ran on well to be a clear third, but was never really a threat to the top two.

Awestruck stalked the pace, loomed a big threat turning for home, but couldn't sustain her bid.

Valadorna, well backed after taking Keeneland's Grade 3 Doubledogdare on April 20, lagged back, made a mild move while quite wide on the far turn, but had little to offer thereafter.

JUNE 16 (BC CLASSIC)

Grade 1 Stephen F. Foster Handicap, Churchill Downs



Winner: Pavel
Trainer: Doug O'Neill
Beyer: 101

Pavel has been knocking on the door of the upper echelon in the handicap division (fourth in three Grade 1's and a Grade 2 in last four starts) but put it all together here for the smart win.

Pavel, a son of Creative Cause, stalked as Uncle Mojo set a modest pace under pressure from Irish War Cry, bided his time on the stalk as heavy favorite Backyard Heaven moved up to contend for the lead on the far turn, launched his run into the lane with a smart wide move to quickly assume command, and drew off for the easy win.

It doesn't hurt that the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Classic is to be held here in November,

and this shows he likes the place. Oddly enough, trainer Doug O'Neill was just 2 for his previous 50 starters at Churchill – though those two were I'll Have Another and Nyquist, both winners of the Kentucky Derby.

Honorable Duty, romping winner of an optional claimer here May 20, bided his time early, hit the rail on the first turn but remained midpack, pitched wide on the far turn and into the lane, and finished well to just get second though he was never a danger to the winner.

Matrooh, big winner of the Grade 3 Hanshin on Arlington's synthetic track May 12 (though six of his eight wins came on dirt), lagged well back from the start, steadily advanced to the far turn, pitched wide into the lane, and finished well, only missing second by a neck.

Backyard Heaven, the overwhelming 4-5 favorite off a big win in the Grade 2 Alysheba here on the Kentucky Oaks undercard May 4, was quite disappointing. He seemed in a great spot stalking in third while saving ground, remained inside going down the backstretch, moved up eagerly to engage then-leader Uncle Mojo as pacepresser Irish War Cry backed out of it, looked poised to take command into the lane, but just as suddenly came up empty.

Irish War Cry, something of a Jekyll-and-Hyde type but coming off a big win in the Grade 3 Pimlico Special on May 18, went right up to contest the early lead with Uncle Mojo, continued to dog that rival going down the backstretch, but suddenly backed out of it going to the far turn and was pulled up. He was vanned off.

JUNE 30 (BC TURF SPRINT)

Grade 2 Highlander Stakes, Woodbine



Winner: Long On Value
Trainer: Brad Cox
Beyer: 104

Long On Value, winner of a turf sprint stakes at Churchill on June 2, his first start in almost nine months, showed he's as good as ever at age 7. He lagged back early as Axtell set a strong pace on the rail, came with a wide run into the lane, seemed to idle some into the lane, but changed leads, found his top gear, and wove through traf-

fic to overtake Lady Alexandra in the final strides. This was a Breeders' Cup Win and You're In qualifier for the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint, though Long On Value isn't Breeders' Cup eligible.

Lady Alexandra, a filly facing males and coming off a turf sprint stakes win at Belmont on April 29, stalked the pace, came with a run into the lane to grab the lead, opened up by midstretch, and looked like the winner until Long On Value came storming past.

Holding Gold, a rallying fourth in the Grade 2 Jaipur at Belmont on June 9, lagged well back, found a seam, and finished strongly.

Belvoir Bay, a female who won two graded stakes at Santa Anita in spring, didn't show her customary speed and made a mild move in the lane.

Imprimis, previously unbeaten and untested in four starts, all turf sprints, stalked in fourth, loomed a threat into the lane, but had to steady a bit in traffic.

JUNE 30 (BC FILLY AND MARE SPRINT)

Grade 2 Princess Rooney Handicap, Gulfstream Park



Winner: Stormy Embrace
Trainer: Kathleen O'Connell
Beyer: 97

The track was wet-fast earlier in the day but fast for this race. Stormy Embrace ran the race of her life and stamped herself a potential player for the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint. The 4-year-old daughter of Circular Quay, coming off a

win in a statebred stakes here May 19, took some pressure from Ms Locust Point while setting a solid pace, dispatched with that foe, and blew the race wide open with a strong run into the lane.

Rich Mommy was slow into stride to sit well back early, pitched wide into the lane, and finished well for second.

My Miss Tapit broke slowly to be last early, remained well back to the far turn,

and came with a wide run into the lane to finish third.

Curlin's Approval, the defending champ and favorite, didn't show her customary speed as she lagged back early, had to steady going to the far turn, did show some interest on the far turn and into the lane, but just as quickly saw her needle go to empty.

JULY 7 (BC SPRINT)

Grade 2 Belmont Sprint Championship, Belmont Park



Winner: Limousine Liberal
Trainer: Ben Colebrook
Beyer: 99

Limousine Liberal, coming off a third in the Grade 1 Met Mile, cut back to a sprint, back to Grade 2 company, and got back to the winner's circle, though he had to overcome some trouble in the lane. He bided his time early as Shaft of Light set a strong pace, remained in fifth to the far turn, came with a wide run, got bumped hard by Shaft of Light (who had been bumped first by Whitmore to his inside), causing him to bump into Lewis-

field to his outside, got back into stride, and finished gamely to get the win.

While this win earned him a spot in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Sprint, trainer Ben Colebrook said he would also consider the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile.

Whitmore, second in the Grade 2 True North here June 8, showed more speed than usual, sitting third while inside. He tried to make his run along the rail turning for home, but saw that hole tighten, forcing him to hit the rail, then bounce into Shaft of Light. He continued to bull his way through and ran on well, but

couldn't fend off the winner. The stewards looked into the incident on the turn but let the result stand.

Eye Luv Lulu went right to the lead but was quickly overtaken by Shaft of Light, seemed content to dog that foe in second, moved up to challenge for the lead turning for home while avoiding the bumping that was going on to his inside, had a clear lead by midstretch, but couldn't finish with the top two.

Favorable Outcome was slow into stride to be last early, pitched very wide into the lane, and never mustered a run.

JULY 28 (BC SPRINT)

Grade 1 Bing Crosby Stakes, Del Mar



EMILY SHIELDS

Winner: Ransom the Moon
Trainer: Phil D'Amato
Beyer: 101

Ransom the Moon won this last year but probably didn't get the credit he deserved as runner-up and eventual sprint champion Roy H was significantly hampered during the running by the riderless Drefong.

Well, he'll get his due here as he ran maybe the best race of his life to defend his title. Cutting back to sprinting after running fifth in the Grade 1 Met Mile on the Belmont Stakes undercard June 9, he was taken well back

(rider Flavien Prat said that was intentional as he wanted to sit and blast home), remained toward the back to the far turn, swung wide into the lane, and powered through the stretch to win going away, easily beating rival and sprint champ Roy H.

Roy H, making his first start since a sharp third in the Group 1 Dubai Golden Shaheen on March 31, stalked in fourth outside of pacesetters St. Joe Bay and American Pastime, who duelled through fast splits, came with a run into the lane to loom ominously, bumped with Touching Rainbows, but was no match for the winner in the final furlong. Considering this

was his first start in four months, he didn't run badly at all.

Touching Rainbows, who grabbed a quarter when a disappointing seventh in the Grade 2 San Carlos at Santa Anita on June 23, rebounded nicely as he stalked the pace, moved up to challenge into the lane, bumped with Roy H, but then couldn't finish with the top two. The stewards looked at the bumping between him and Roy H but did not alter the order of finish.

Edwards Going Left lagged and finished well, ending up a head behind Touching Rainbows.

JULY 29 (BC CLASSIC)

Grade 1 Haskell Invitational, Monmouth Park



RYAN THOMPSON

Winner: Good Magic
Trainer: Chad Brown
Beyer: 98

With Justify retired to the breeding shed, the division was looking for a new leader and it was an old leader who looked ready to take up the mantle. Good Magic, last year's 2-year-old champion who ran well to be second to Justify in the Grade 1 Kentucky Derby and fourth to that foe in the Grade 1 Preakness, was freshened and got back on track in impressive fashion.

Good Magic showed the speed to sit second as Roaming Union set a modest pace, seemed content to track that foe going down the backstretch, moved closer to the rival going to the far turn, took command under his own power, opened up into the lane, and didn't really have a nervous moment thereafter.

Bravazo, second in the Grade 1 Preakness and sixth in the Grade 1 Belmont, sat just behind the eventual winner from the start, tried to go with that foe on the far turn, proved no match but kept to his task smartly

to finish second well ahead of the others.

Lone Sailor, fifth in the Preakness and second, beaten just a nose by Core Beliefs, in the Grade 3 Ohio Derby at Thistledown on June 23, bided his time while saving ground, moved up between horses on the far turn, kept to his task gamely to beat Core Beliefs for third, but was no danger to the top two.

Core Beliefs, rallying winner of the Ohio Derby, lagged back as usual, made a nice move while inside into the lane to get up to third, but couldn't sustain his run.

JULY 29 (BC DISTAFF)

Grade 1 Clement L. Hirsch Stakes, Del Mar



EMILY SHIELDS

Winner: Unique Bella
Trainer: Jerry Hollendorfer
Beyer: 100

It was a bit more nerve-wracking than expected, but heavy 1-10 favorite Unique Bella still got the job done, notching her ninth win in 12 starts. The \$400,000 daughter of Tapit bounced right out to a clear early lead, maintained a clear lead while

setting modest splits, appeared on her way to a resounding victory when opening up a huge lead into the stretch, but then had to keep to her task late to keep hard-charging La Force at bay in the final half-furlong, though the issue never really looked in doubt.

La Force ran the race of her life. After rallying to be a non-threatening second to Unique Bella in the shorter Grade 1 Beholder

Mile, she picked up her game further as the daughter of Power lagged back in fourth, remained there to the far turn, came out some into the lane, and finished resolutely to give the winner a scare while finishing far clear of the rest.

Bernina Star was last early in the small field and still last to midstretch before finishing decently to get third while never a danger to the top two.

AUGUST 4 (BC CLASSIC)

Grade 1 Whitney Stakes, Saratoga



BARBARA D. LIVINGSTON

Winner: Diversify
Trainer: Rick Violette
Beyer: 110

A delay of about 40 minutes due to severe weather that turned the main track into a sea of slop didn't bother Diversify in the least as the 5-year-old gelded son of Bellamy Road dominated the proceedings.

Diversify was so big winning the Grade 2 Suburban at Belmont on July 7 that his connections assumed they'd have to wait for the Grade 1 Woodward here Sept. 1. However, when he kept tearing down his barn and had his bloodwork come back all good they opted to run him here, and that proved the right move as he again used his speed to prove he's the top older horse in New York.

On a sealed track listed as sloppy after sudden heavy rains, Diversify broke sharply, was hustled to the lead, set a strong

pace as he'd done in the Suburban while clear, took only modest pressure from West Coast raider Dalmore, shook loose turning for home, and had more than enough left in the tank to keep a hard-trying Mind Your Biscuits at bay.

Mind Your Biscuits, going 1 1/8 miles for the first time after a big Group 1 sprint win in Dubai and strong second in the Grade 1 Met Mile on June 9 when beaten just a nose, handled the trip just fine. He simply wasn't good enough. The 5-year-old son of Posse showed enough speed to stalk while saving ground, briefly looked dangerous coming into the lane, but couldn't sustain his run enough to threaten the winner while managing to keep 38-1 outsider Discreet Lover at bay for second.

Discreet Lover continued his good form after running fourth in the Met Mile and third in the Suburban. He lagged well back from

the start, saved ground, pitched wide into the lane, and put in a decent rally while no threat to the winner. He kept on gamely to at least give the runner-up a few anxious moments in the drive.

Tapwrit, last year's Grade 1 Belmont Stakes winner, stalked the pace while saving ground, moved closer to loom a threat going to the far turn, but flattened out. He ran decently, but just doesn't appear to be the same horse.

Backyard Heaven was the disappointment. He was dazzling winning the Grade 2 Alysheba at Churchill on the Grade 1 Kentucky Derby undercard May 4, but then gave way to end up sixth as the 4-5 favorite in the Grade 1 Stephen Foster there June 16. Despite a freshening and some good works, the son of Tizway seemed in a good spot stalking the pace, was still in the mix going to the far turn, but then came up empty. It may be back to the drawing board.

AUGUST 11 (BC FILLY AND MARE TURF)

Grade 1 Beverly D. Stakes, Arlington Park



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Winner: Sistercharlie
Trainer: Chad Brown
Beyer: 102

The course was upgraded to firm just prior to this running. Chad Brown's domination of the turf distaff division continued as he swept the top three spots, with favorite Sistercharlie – likely the best turf distaffer in the country – bringing home the top prize.

Wheeled back fairly quickly after winning the Grade 1 Diana at Saratoga on July 21, the 4-year-old filly lagged back, just behind European invader Athena and stablemate Fourstar Crook as another stablemate Thais set a slow pace. She continued to sit outside just behind Athena to the far turn, followed that rival into contention on the turn, came with a smart run into the lane, reeled in Thais, and finished well to comfortably hold off Fourstar Crook through the final furlong. She did suffer a cut on her hind leg, seemingly from bumping with Athena early in the running. This marked Brown's fourth

straight Beverly D. win and fifth overall.

Fourstar Crook, who edged stablemate Sistercharlie when winning the Grade 2 New York at Belmont on June 8, ran big again as she sat just in front of her winning stablemate, didn't accelerate as early or as quickly as that rival, got going late, and finished well but couldn't get to her stablemate.

Thais, who faded to sixth in the Perfect Sting at Belmont on June 30, set a dawdling pace, battled back gamely when hooked by her two stablemates, couldn't quite keep pace with them, but stayed on well for third. (Brown also sent out fifth-place finisher Inflexibility).

Daddys Lil Darling, easy winner of the Grade 3 Modesty here July 7, ran quite well in defeat as she stalked the paced while saving ground, was in tight and a bit crowded going down the backstretch and on the far turn, but held her position on the fence and kept to her task smartly while staying on the rail.

Athena, smashing winner of the Grade 1

Belmont Oaks on July 7, stalked the pace, made a smart early run to reach contention, loomed a threat on the far turn, but then couldn't keep pace with the elders thereafter and gave way. Like stablemate Hunting Horn in the Secretariat, however, it could be that shipping to the United States, running big at Belmont, returning to Ireland, and shipping back here for this, while facing top elders, was just too much.

Dona Bruja, freshened since finishing fifth in the Grade 1 Jenny Wiley at Keeneland on April 14 (in which Sistercharlie and Fourstar Crook also ran one-two) was disappointing as she'd worked strongly for this. However, they wanted an off-the-pace trip here, so she was pulled back early to be last, was crowded and jostled on the first run, fought her rider some, finally settled at the back of the pack going down the backstretch, but had nothing to offer when it mattered. The slow pace didn't help her, but the one-two finishers overcame it to come from off the pace and run big.

AUGUST 11 (BC TURF)

Grade 1 Arlington Million, Arlington Park

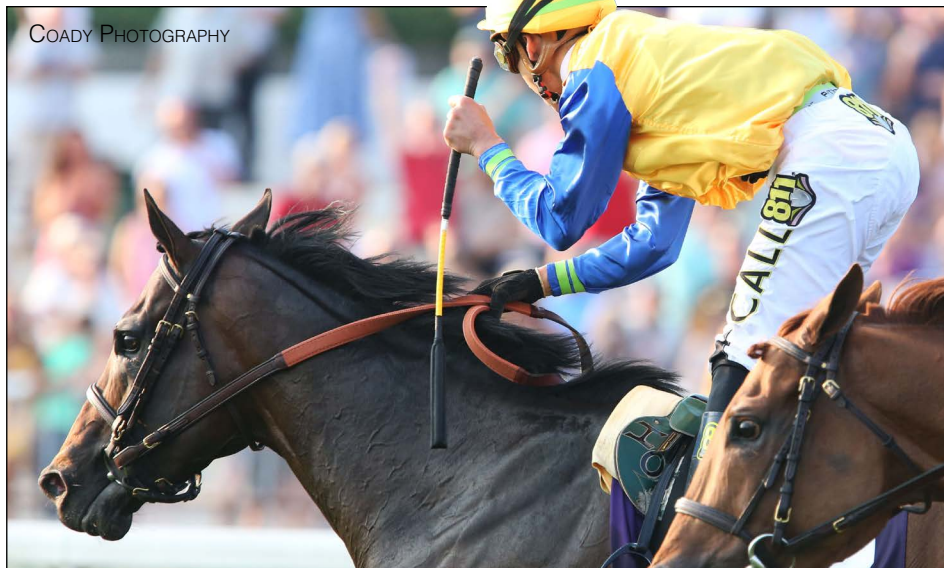
Winner: Robert Bruce
Trainer: Chad Brown
Beyer: 104

And the beat goes on. Just about 45 minutes after sweeping the top three spots in the Beverly D., trainer Chad Brown took down the exacta here as hotshot Chilean import Robert Bruce showed what the fuss was all about as he powered home to beat stablemate Almanaar, who ran well in defeat.

Robert Bruce, Horse of the Year in Chile and coming off a troubled sixth in the Grade 1 Manhattan on the Belmont Stakes undercard June 9, his first career loss in eight starts, got back to his winning ways as he lagged back early just behind Almanaar as European raider Century Dream set a modest pace. Robert Bruce remained well back to the far turn, was held back while appearing full of run, swung very wide into the lane, found his top gear once straightened away, and blasted home to outfinish his stablemate while to his outside. This earned him a spot in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Turf at Churchill in early November, though neither he nor his sire are Breeders' Cup-nominated, so he would need to pay a supplementary fee.

Almanaar, winner of the Grade 1 Gulfstream Park Turf in February 2017 but not seen again until he came back to win a strong optional claimer at Belmont on June 8, showed he is indeed back on track as he was eager and a bit rank early as he was pulled back under the wire the first time, had to check going into the clubhouse turn, got back into stride, settled, came with a smart wide run in the lane, took the lead inside the eighth pole, looked as though he might go on to victory, but then couldn't withstand the charge of his stablemate.

Century Dream, a European invader, went



right to the lead, set a modest pace while staying inside, was confronted by Money Multiplier and favorite Oscar Performance wider out turning for home, rebuffed them, burst clear again by midstretch, drifted out into the path of Catcho En Die, got overwhelmed by the top two, but kept on gamely to hold third. He was disqualified for interfering with Catcho En Die when drifting out in the stretch and was placed fourth behind that rival.

Catcho En Die, winner of the Grade 3 Stars and Stripes here July 7, showed he indeed likes this course as he sat midpack, was making a run in the lane between horses, but had to steady when Century Dream drifted in front of him. He likely wasn't going to beat the top two but would have been closer. Not bad for a horse claimed for just \$40,000 earlier this year.

Money Multiplier, another Brown trainee who last was second in the Grade 1 United Nations at Monmouth on June 30, chased pacesetter Century Dream, was still a there and a threat into the lane but didn't have the

needed oomph when it mattered. Reports are he'll target the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Turf at Churchill in the fall and then possibly return to compete in Qatar as he did last winter.

Deauville, third in this the last two years and coming off a game second in a Group 3 in Ireland on July 19, lagged well back while saving ground, crept closer going to the far turn and on the turn, came with a decent run in the lane while staying inside, but just wasn't good enough.

Oscar Performance, smashing winner of the Grade 3 Poker last time out June 17 and winner of the Grade 1 Secretariat here a year ago, was the favorite. He showed his natural speed to stalk the pace, was still in the hunt on the outside of Century Dream and Money Multiplier turning for home, loomed a threat by midstretch, but was then pulled up (his rider reported he took a couple awkward steps and was pulled up out of caution).

Spring Quality, winner of the Manhattan and one of the favorites here, scratched when he didn't ship well.

AUGUST 18 (BC TURF)

Grade 1 Del Mar Handicap, Del Mar

Winner: Fashion Business

Trainer: Phil D'Amato

Beyer: 105

A very tough field and the worst post didn't matter to Fashion Business as the son of Frankel posted the mild upset and did so in smashing fashion. He was a fine fifth in the Grade 1 Manhattan on the Belmont Stakes undercard June 9 in a blanket finish (finished just ahead of Robert Bruce, who came back to win the Grade 1 Arlington Million) but was a dull eighth in the Grade 2 Eddie Read here July 22. He bounced back to his Manhattan form as from his far outside slot he settled well back early while wide, remained wide as he launched a run on the far turn, swept to the lead into the lane, angled to the inside once straightened away, and powered away from his rivals.

You Gotta Wanna, a big longshot after a fourth in an optional claimer here July 18, gave trainer Phil D'Amato the exacta as the 4-year-old gelding sat midpack early while toward the inside, steadied going into the far turn while starting a run and losing position, got going again only to steady hard coming into the lane, got going yet again to come through between horses and finish well, though he was never really a danger to his stablemate. He might have been had he encountered less traffic.

Multiplier, who was ninth in the Manhattan but less than a length behind Fashion Business and then fifth in the Eddie Read, raced just ahead of the eventual runner-up while wide, came with a steady run, but was no threat to the winner and was unable to finish with the runner-up.

Ashleylvssugar, a multiple Grade 2 winner the past couple years but coming off back-to-



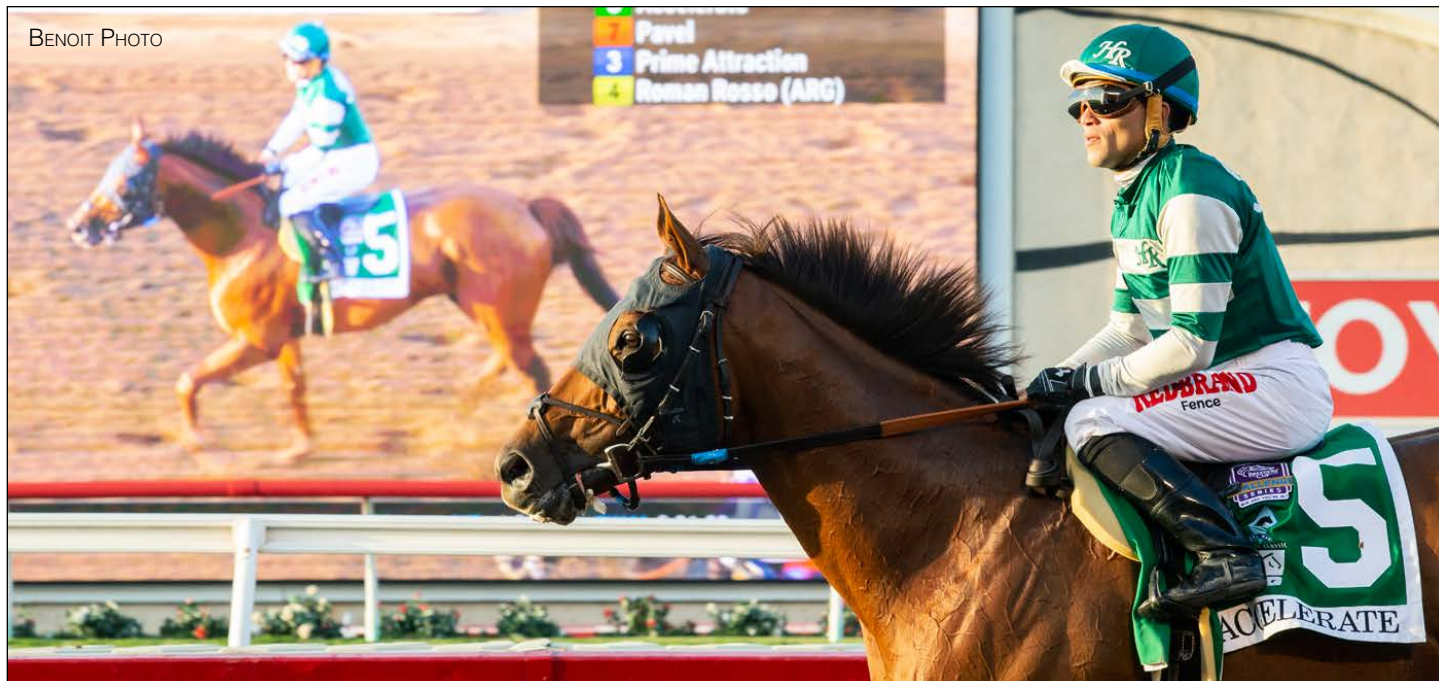
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back sixths against lesser, broke sharply to go right to the early lead, angled in while relinquishing pacesetting duties to Kenjisstorm, stalked while staying inside, had to check going into the far turn when in tight, got shuffled back, but kept to his task decently, even if he was no real threat in the lane. With this third straight so-so outing, you wonder if time (he's a 7-year-old) and all those furlongs have finally caught up to him.

Itsinthepost, second in this last year and winner of four Grade 2's this year but coming off a dull ninth in the Eddie Read, stalked the pace as the 5-2 favorite, loomed a big threat into the lane, couldn't go with the winner once straightened away, still held second at midstretch, but then gave way. He's been going so well for so long that this second straight not-so-hot run could mean he's due for an extended break.

AUGUST 18 (BC CLASSIC)

Grade 1 Pacific Classic, Del Mar



Winner: Accelerate
Trainer: John Sadler
Beyer: 115

Accelerate made it a clean sweep of the three major Southern California events, and with no Gun Runner or Arrogate around may have placed himself atop the handicap ranks with a dominating performance, setting a record for the largest winning margin in the race (12 1/2 lengths).

An easy winner of the Grade 1 Santa Anita Handicap and Grade 1 Gold Cup at Santa Anita earlier this season, Accelerate, a son of champion Lookin At Lucky, was third in this race last year. This year, he stalked outside as Roman Rosso set a solid pace, came with a strong, early run going to the

far turn, assumed command on the turn, and opened up to win with complete disdain for his rivals.

Pavel, coming off a big win in the Grade 1 Stephen Foster at Churchill on June 16, sat just behind the eventual winner, tried to go with that rival when he made his move going to the far turn, proved no match, but kept to his task to be easily the best of the rest.

Prime Attraction, winner of his only two prior starts here and coming off a big third in the Grade 2 Eddie Read on turf here July 22 (beaten just a neck), dogged pacesetter Roman Rosso from the start, like Pavel tried to go with the eventual winner on the far turn, proved no match, and plugged along to hold third.

Roman Rosso, a multiple Grade 1 winner

in South America and making his first start in the United States and first start in five months, went right to the lead, took pressure from Prime Attraction while setting a solid pace while holding the fence, then gave way once headed on the turn. He could improve with this run under his belt.

Dr. Dorr, very sharp earlier this year and coming off a well-beaten second (6 3/4 lengths) in the Grade 2 San Diego here July 21, lagged back and never mustered a run. This distance may be a bit beyond his reach, at least at this level.

The Lieutenant, half-brother to Triple Crown champ Justify and coming off a second in the Grade 2 Suburban at Belmont on July 7, sat fifth while inside but never got involved.

AUGUST 25 (BC DISTAFF)

Grade 1 Personal Ensign Stakes, Saratoga



RONNIE BETOR

Winner: Abel Tasman
Trainer: Bob Baffert
Beyer: 105

Abel Tasman and Elate put on a dazzling show when first and second in the Grade 1 CCA Oaks here last year, and they put up another terrific display here with reigning 3-year-old filly champion Abel Tasman again narrowly prevailing.

From her rail slot, Abel Tasman broke well, sitting inside a couple lengths behind long-shot pacesetter She Takes Heart, with Chilean champion Wow Cat to her outside. She remained inside going into the backstretch, made her customary early move to range up to She Takes Heart outside, had no trouble taking over from that rival, held the lead into the lane when confronted by Elate to her

outside, brushed with that foe and battled on gamely to the line to prevail. She did have to withstand a claim of foul from the rider of the runner-up for the brush in the lane but leaving the result stand looked like the right call.

Elate lost nothing in defeat as she bided her time early sitting behind the eventual winner, crept closer as Abel Tasman made her move to the lead, ranged up just behind Abel Tasman between horses turning for home, came with her challenge, battled bravely, looked as though she might have put her head in front in midstretch, steadied momentarily when brushing with the winner, but then couldn't quite outfinish the winner while far clear of the others.

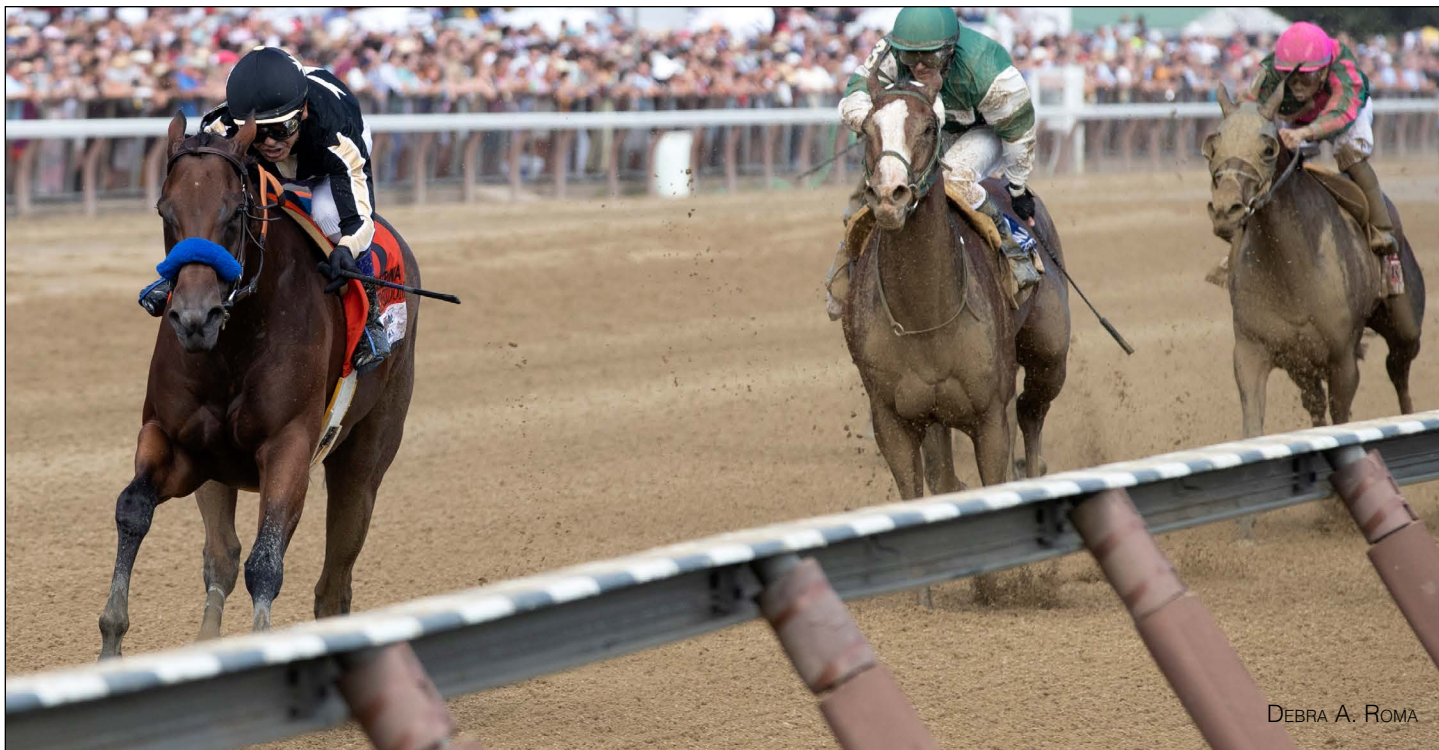
Wow Cat, the Chilean champion who won her first eight starts there before finishing a good second to Farrell in the Grade 3 Shuvee

here July 29, stalked outside Abel Tasman, bided her time a couple lengths off the pace while wide and in the clear, was asked for run turning for home when moving to the inside, came off the inside when straightened away, kept to her task, but was no match for the top two. She's good, but at this stage of the game she isn't on the level of the top two. Of course, no other female is on their level now that Unique Bella has retired.

Farrell, front-running winner of the Shuvee, broke alertly but quickly relinquished pacesetting duties to She Takes Heart who was pushed to the lead to her outside, seemed comfortable stalking that rival, remained in the hunt as Abel Tasman came up to her inside, still looked threatening turning for home, but then came up empty when it mattered.

AUGUST 25 (BC FILLY AND MARE SPRINT)

Grade 1 Ballerina Stakes, Saratoga



DEBRA A. ROMA

Winner: Marley's Freedom

Trainer: Bob Baffert

Beyer: 100

Marley's Freedom always had ability, but she's put it all together for Bob Baffert as, after romping in the Grade 3 Desert Stormer at Santa Anita on May 27, she easily won the Grade 2 Great Lady M. at Los Alamitos on July 7 and here notched her first Grade 1 win in convincing fashion.

Marley's Freedom, a 4-year-old daughter of Blame, bided her time a few lengths off the slow pace set by Grade 2 Honorable Miss winner Finley'sluckycharm, came with a smart wide run on the turn and into the lane, swept past the leaders, drawing off

to win easily. She ran .05 of a second faster than Promises Fulfilled in the H. Allen Jerkens earlier on the card. Off this, she's the early favorite for the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint.

Still There, stepping well up in class after winning three of her first four, including a stakes win at Laurel last time out July 28, stumbled out of the gate, established position in midpack racing with the eventual winner, didn't accelerate as strongly as that foe turning for home, but kept to her task well to get second though she was no danger to the winner.

Lewis Bay, freshened since a romping win in the Grade 3 Bed o' Roses at Belmont on June 8, showed more speed than usual

to dog early pacesetter Finley'sluckycharm through solid splits, loomed a threat between horses into the lane, but had no answer when the winner came surging past while staying on decently for third. This was her second modest outing in as many starts over this track, so maybe she's not a fan of this place.

Finley'sluckycharm, coming off a big win in the Honorable Miss here last month, went right to the lead, took pressure from Lewis Bay, but the splits weren't fast and she gave way once headed. She loves Churchill, yes, but off this it's hard to think she still has designs on the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint as seven furlongs doesn't seem her best game, at least at this level.

AUGUST 25 (BC DIRT MILE)

Grade 1 Forego Stakes, Saratoga



DEBRA A. ROMA

Winner: Whitmore
Trainer: Ron Moquett
Beyer: 104

Whitmore has had a number of close calls, including coming into this off two tough-beat seconds in Grade 2 company. But off a freshening and benefitting from a terrific ride, he got his time in the spotlight, notching his first Grade 1 win.

Whitmore bided his time early as Heartwood set a decent pace under pressure from a number of foes, remained behind that leading bunch to the far turn, moved to the inside, remained there as a big hole materialized as Heartwood came off the rail turning for home, surged through the opening, got the better of heavy favorite City of Light, and prevailed.

This earned him a spot in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, though they could opt for the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Sprint, a race in which he ran eighth at Del Mar last fall. It's worth noting, though, that his final time was slightly slower than what 3-year-olds ran in the Jerkens and what females ran in the Ballerina.

City of Light, the 4-5 favorite off wins in the Grade 1 Malibu and Grade 1 Triple Bend (both at this distance) at Santa Anita and a victory routing in the Grade 2 Oaklawn Handicap over Accelerate, broke a bit awkwardly from his outside post. He had the speed to prompt the pace while widest of all, remained widest of all as he advanced to be abreast of the leaders on the far turn, seemed to be traveling well, but got pushed farther out as a result of

a domino effect when pacesetter Heartwood came well off the rail turning for home, pushing those to his right farther out. City of Light still grabbed the lead into the lane but couldn't counter the charge of the winner, who came up the rail unscathed. It wasn't his best, but he still ran well. This also was his first start since a foot bruise kept him from the Grade 1 Whitney here a few weeks ago.

Limousine Liberal, who narrowly defeated Whitmore in the Grade 2 Belmont Sprint on July 7, bided his time early from his rail slot, soon moved off the rail, established position between horses while racing with the eventual winner, swung wide on the turn, wider still into the lane, and finished decently though he was no threat to the winner while nearly catching the runner-up.

AUGUST 25 (BC TURF)

Grade 1 Sword Dancer Stakes, Saratoga



Winner: Glorious Empire
Trainer: James Lawrence
Beyer: 106

More evidence of how pace makes the race, even at the highest level. Glorious Empire led every step in the Grade 2 Bowling Green here July 28 until the last one when Channel Maker caught him on the line as the two dead-heated for the win.

There was no such problem this time as Glorious Empire again went right to the lead from his rail draw, set a brisk early quarter while Channel Maker again chased in second, slowed things down thereafter, maintained a clear lead to the far turn, kicked clear, and had more than enough of a buffer to get to the line for the win. Not sure this can really work versus the real beasts who will show up for the

Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Turf, but they've figured out what makes this guy tick, and a horse claimed for \$62,500 in May 2017 is now a Grade 1 winner.

Channel Maker, who finished on even terms with Glorious Empire for the win in the Bowling Green, broke well, was content to sit second from the start while in the clear, bided his time there, was asked for run on the turn and into the lane, kept to his task well but couldn't get to the winner.

Spring Quality, winner of the Grade 1 Manhattan but who then scratched from the Grade 1 Arlington Million when he didn't ship well, bided his time midpack while inside, remained there to the far turn, started to advance between horses, and while he kept to his task to get up for third he was no danger to the top two.

This may mean he's not as effective at this longer trip, which he was trying for the first time.

Hi Happy, winner of the Grade 1 Man o' War at Belmont earlier this year, got a great trip stalking the pace, looked poised to make a run turning for home, but was one-paced and unable to threaten.

Sadler's Joy, multiple Grade 1-placed this year and coming off a sharp third in the Bowling Green, sat last early as the favorite, remained there going to the far turn, swung out to make a run, but was unable to make a dent. Surely, the pace played against him, as it did for the other late-runners.

Funtastic, 23-1 winner of the Grade 1 United Nations at Monmouth on June 30, stalked alongside Hi Happy while inside that rival, remained there to the top of the lane, was asked for a run, but it never came.

AUGUST 25 (BC DIRT MILE)

Grade 2 Pat O'Brien Stakes, Del Mar



Winner: Catalina Cruiser
Trainer: John Sadler
Beyer: 103

What looked like a stirring renewal lost some luster when half the field of eight scratched, including Ransom the Moon, big winner of the Grade 1 Bing Crosby here July 28.

Catalina Cruiser was unbeaten and basically untested in his first three starts and was cutting back in distance after a

6 3/4-length romp in the Grade 2 San Diego (1 1/16 miles) here July 21. From his rail slot, he showed speed to duel inside early pace-setter Threefiveindia, soon took command before a half-mile while staying on the fence, was given some free rein on the far turn when he opened up, and drew off to win with complete authority.

Battle of Midway, making his first start since winning last year's Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile here and sent back into training

after fertility issues at stud, stalked the pace outside, tried to make a run at the winner on the turn, proved no match, but kept on well to be a clear second. All in all, this was a solid return run.

Vorticity sat last early and plugged along for third. Threefiveindia dueled from the start with the eventual winner while outside that foe, was still in the hunt between Catalina Cruiser and Battle of Midway on the turn, but then gave way.

SEPTEMBER 1 (BC JUVENILE FILLIES)

Grade 1 Spinaway Stakes, Saratoga



Winner: Sippican Harbor
Trainer: Gary Contessa
Beyer: 77

When Sippican Harbor blasted maidens by 17 lengths in a race washed off the turf here Aug. 12, many considered that result track-influenced. Well, another big win here comes with no such caveat.

Sippican Harbor got pinched back at the start to get away poorly, seemed content to remain at the back as Guacamole and Nonna Madeline dueled up front through solid splits, swung out turning for home and into the lane, and finished with gusto to roll to a clear win.

Restless Rider, who somehow won the Debutante at Churchill on June 30 by 11 1/4 lengths despite having to check sharply going into the

far turn, sat midpack early, stayed wide and in the clear, pitched wider still into the lane, came with a smart run to loom a big threat, but couldn't finish with the winner.

Cassies Dreamer, smart debut winner over \$50,000 maiden claimers in mud here Aug. 3 and claimed that day by trainer Barclay Tagg, validated his eye as the daughter of Flatter was away poorly to be last early, remained at the back racing with the eventual winner, rallied with that foe on the turn, swung out into the lane, and finished decently but couldn't keep pace with the winner and just failed to catch the runner-up.

Chasing Yesterday, half-sister to Triple Crown winner and Horse of the Year American Pharoah, was favored off an impressive

debut win at Del Mar on July 28. She got bumped a bit early, resulting in her being toward the back, remained there to the far turn, pitched wider still, but never mustered a run.

Virginia Eloise, big debut winner at Belmont on July 4 and a sharp rallying second in the Grade 2 Adirondack here Aug. 11, raced at the back just behind Chasing Yesterday but never really made a move of any sort.

Catherinethegreat, a romping maiden winner in slop at Gulfstream on June 23 and a big winner of the Grade 3 Schuylerville here July 20, stalked in third, was still there turning for home, got pinched back when in traffic into the lane, and backed out of it thereafter.

SEPTEMBER 15 (BC JUVENILE)

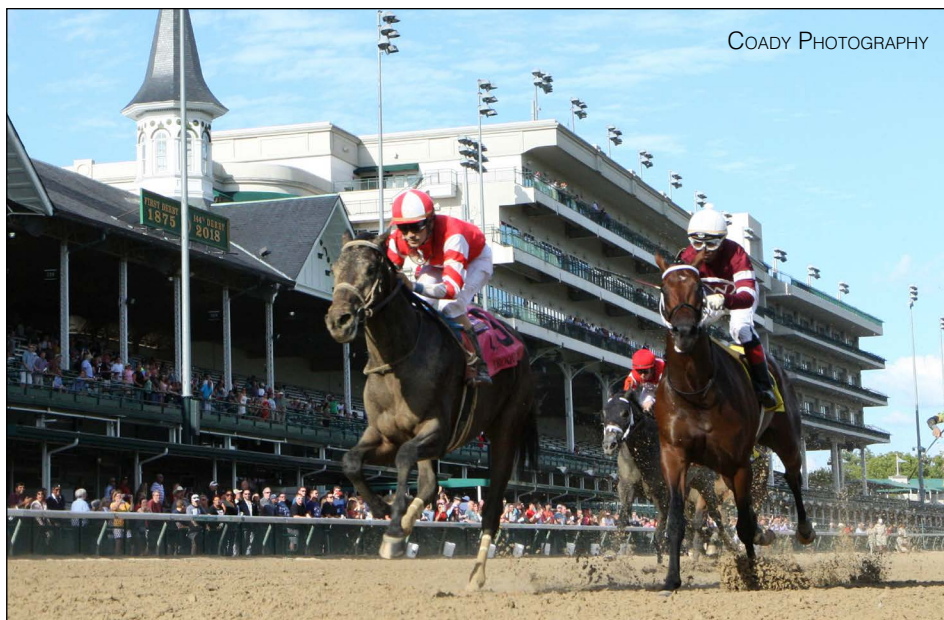
Grade 3 Iroquois Stakes, Churchill Downs

Winner: Cairo Cat
Trainer: Ken McPeck
Beyer: 80

Favored Tight Ten didn't have a great excuse in the Iroquois for getting run down by 17-1 shot Cairo Cat, though he did finish more than three lengths clear of third-place Pole Setter, while Cairo Cat, through his own encouraging doing, did get a great trip.

Tight Ten and Ricardo Santana Jr. bumped mildly with My Sixth Sense just to his outside at the start but still got up to make the lead in the first furlong. The tempo was moderate on a track producing average times throughout the card – fractions of 24.03 seconds, 48.74, 1:14.06, and 1:38.94 on the way to what would be a final time of 1:45.35 (which produced a winning Beyer Speed Figure of 80). Tight Ten went along comfortably, his ears pricked, but did take pressure down the backstretch and around the turn from My Sixth Sense, who was nearly lapped on him for close to a quarter-mile. Tight Ten was mildly urged past the three-furlong pole to maintain his advantage, then put to a drive at the quarter pole as he left My Sixth Sense behind. Manny Wah between horses and Pole Setter on the outside took a run at him, but Tight Ten shrugged those horses off and was clear at the furlong pole.

That's where his troubles began, as Tight Ten switched his leads several times in the last eighth-mile as his head carriage got a little sloppy. Whether this was through greenness, fatigue, or a struggle to fully get his wind I can't definitely say from the outside, but the colt did leave himself vulnerable to defeat – and was defeated. He's by Tapit and out of Devils Humor, and while Devils Humor's dam, Fleet Renee, was a route horse, Devils Rumor was a sprinter,



and perhaps Tight Ten just doesn't want more than a mile.

As for Cairo Cat, he had upside in this race, having debuted in a turf route at Saratoga, just kind of running idly around the oval and finishing eighth, then winning an off-turf seven-furlong dirt maiden there Aug. 11. So the Iroquois was his first two-turn dirt race and first start with Lasix, and Cairo Cat definitely improved while getting an excellent ride from Brian Hernandez Jr.

Cairo Cat broke moderately and was caught several paths wide into the first turn before Hernandez, making a decisive move, dove down to the fence before he and his mount were halfway round the bend. Down the backstretch, the rail was open, and Hernandez had a mount with gears to take advantage. Cairo Prince, showing nice acceleration followed by encouraging responsiveness to his rider, moved smoothly up into a great position just in behind Tight

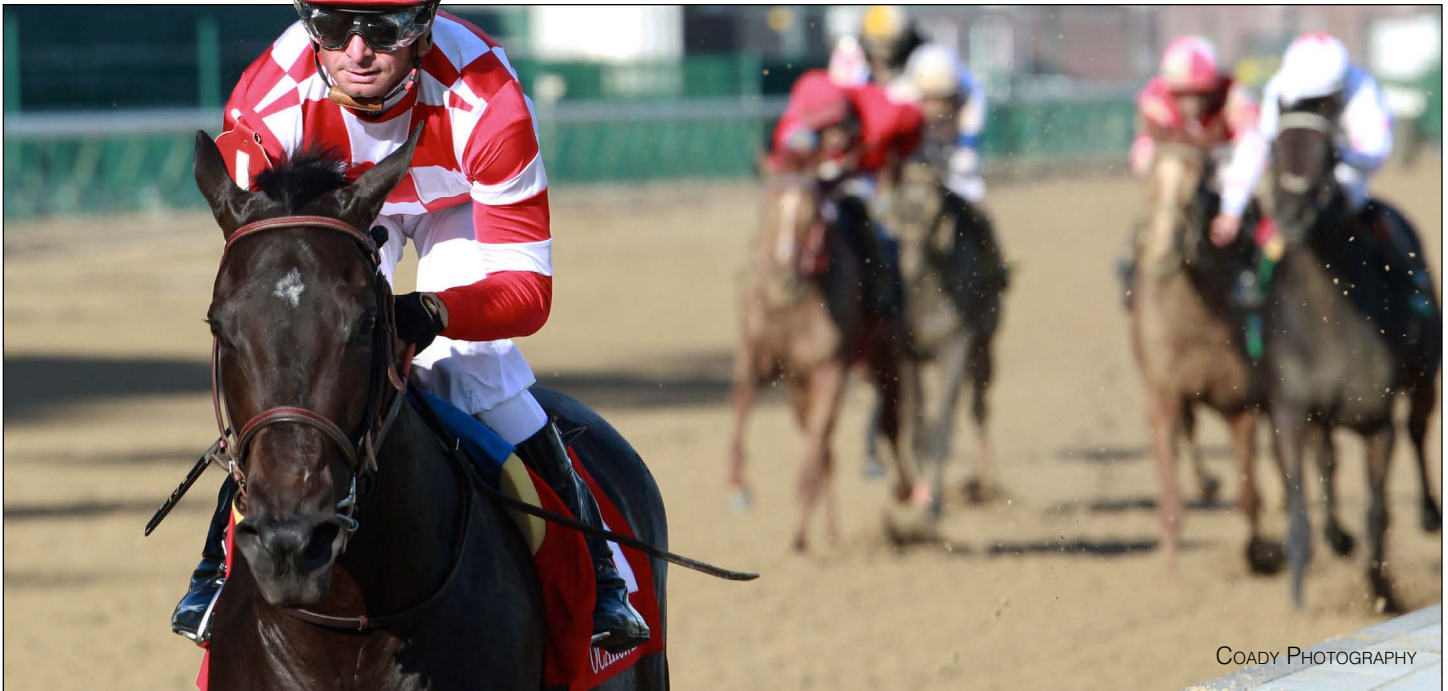
Ten. There he stayed, just holding his spot, waiting, until the furlong pole, and just as Hernandez steered out, Tight Ten drifted in, allowing clear passage on the outside. Cairo Cat didn't fly home, but he took the measure of the favorite and finished this off nicely enough. A good performance, overall, and while the very favorable trip definitely helped, you have to give the horse some credit for helping make it happen.

Third-place Pole Setter ran better than the number of lengths he was beaten by the winner. Three to four paths wide on the first turn, he was three to four paths wide on the first half of the second turn before making his serious move, while five paths wide still on the turn heading to the quarter pole. It's no wonder he lost momentum late after racing so much farther than the winner.

Manny Wah's overall performance wasn't as strong as Pole Setter's but he, too, was the victim of ground loss here.

SEPTEMBER 15 (BC JUVENILE FILLIES)

Grade 2 Pocahontas Stakes, Churchill Downs



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Winner: Serengeti Empress
Trainer: Tom Amoss
Beyer: 78

There's really just one horse to talk about out of the Pocahontas, and that's Serengeti Empress, who, as they say, went to the lead and increased her advantage. That advantage stood at a crazy 18 1/2 lengths when Serengeti Empress crossed the wire.

How do we view this performance? I'd say it was clearly worse than the bare margin of victory but also better than the final time and Beyer Speed Figure assigned. The Beyer came back 78, nothing close to as epic as the win margin, but also not really disputable when you look at the rest of the Churchill card, particularly the Iroquois

one race earlier, over the same 1 1/16-mile distance for 2-year-olds won in a time .10 of a second faster than the Pocahontas.

Here are the splits for those two races, the Pocahontas in the first column, the Iroquois the second:

23.17 – 24.03
46.94 – 48.74
1:12.20 – 1:14.06
1:38.37 – 1:38.94
1:45.47 – 1:45.35

Give Serengeti Empress credit for setting a far faster pace than the boys in the Iroquois, but the fourth quarter-mile of the two races – 26.17 for Serengeti Empress, 24.88 in the Iroquois – tells you something. While running that slow quarter, Serengeti was opening distance on a group of rivals that, frankly, was

dismal – eventual runner-up Splashy Kisses got a measly 48 Beyer for this race.

We have to consider the chance Serengeti Empress, who is trained by Tom Amoss, might have run faster had she been pushed in the homestretch, but that's not necessarily the case. Moreover, consider that her second half-mile went in a glacial 51.43 and that included a middle section of the race during which Serengeti Empress would reasonably have been running competitively, the outcome not decided. In fact, the fast opening half-mile clearly did take a toll on the winner – understandable given this was a two-turn race for mid-September 2-year-olds. It's just that there was no one out there to chase her down.

– Marcus Hersh

SEPTEMBER 15 (BC MILE)

Grade 1 Woodbine Mile, Woodbine

Winner: Oscar Performance

Trainer: Brian Lynch

Beyer: 104

This was an absolute parade of a race.

Finish	1st call
1	1
2	2
3	4
4	3
5	6
6	8
7	7
8	5

The opening quarter-mile on a fast-playing turf course was officially recorded as 24.60 seconds. Craig Milkowski of TimeformUS believes it might have been .35 to .40 of a second faster than that, but even if that's correct, Oscar Performance still was walking the dog out on the lead. And boy did he make the most of that tactical advantage. After a half-mile recorded in a glacial 48.78, Oscar Performance began sprinting and never let up until he had won the Woodbine Mile. The third quarter-mile was timed in 22.71, the last quarter in a blistering 21.63. As the announcer Trevor Denman likes to say, "They'd have to sprout wings to catch him!" But in this case, even wings might not have done the job.

All credit to Oscar Performance, who was pulled up late in the Arlington Million after jockey Jose Ortiz felt him take a couple funny steps. Oscar Performance cooled out fine after the race and a precautionary exam at a Kentucky clinic revealed nothing amiss, so Oscar went right back into training. The 4-year-old was contesting the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic over 1 1/2 miles about this time



last year, but now he is looking much more like a brilliant miler. The ability to settle and finish with such speed is a huge asset, and Oscar Performance is by no means dependent on leading at this trip.

Mr Havercamp, the locally based runner-up, basically just followed the winner around the course. Give him credit for holding second through those scorching final splits, but he was lucky to hold over a closing Stormy Antarctic, an overseas shipper who ran well enough in defeat.

Fourth-place Delta Prince, the favorite, was the race's disappointment. He lacked the acceleration of the first- and third-place horses after sitting a lovely pocket trip and probably was exposed here as something below top class, even by North American middle-distance turf standards.

Divisidero finished fifth, able to pass only the fading 94-1 shot Vanish in the final half, albeit while coming home under what most

circumstances would be a dazzling final half. Here, it was not enough.

Lord Glitters, a half-length behind Divisidero, finished faster than anyone in the race and ought to be playable in his next start since his performance was far better than a typical sixth-place finish. Think Lord Glitters has more positional pace than he was allowed to show today and racing from last through that slow half-mile was not a strategically wise move at all. Don't underrate his showing here.

Good Samaritan also outperformed his seventh-place finish but was outrun the final three furlongs by Lord Glitters and unlike that horse just doesn't have the early gas to avoid situations like this. I thought Good Samaritan looked better on turf here than he has on dirt in his previous 2018 starts, but he's just a horse with limited upside at this point.

— Marcus Hersh

SEPTEMBER 16 (BC JUVENILE FILLIES TURF)

Grade 1 Natalma Stakes, Woodbine

Winner: La Pelosa
Trainer: Charlie Appleby
Beyer: 79

The Natalma, for 2-year-old fillies over a one-turn mile on firm, quick turf, was fast early, slow late, with no real hard-luck stories, despite a 13-horse field and a lot of position changes. Final time of 1:33.70 came back .20 of a second faster than the Summer Stakes two races later, according to Equibase charts, but Trakus had it the other way around – the Summer in 1:34.04, the Natalma in 1:34.23.

Jockey Jamie Spencer, who had Lord Glitters too far back Saturday in the Woodbine Mile, gave victorious La Pelosa a fine ride here. Spencer, despite breaking from post 11, saved ground into and around the wide, sweeping turn as 30-1 shot Eyeinthesky and 5-1 Artilena went 22.98 seconds for the quarter and 45.36 to the half. Past the three-furlong pole Spencer left the rail to begin picking off tiring horses, found clear running between rivals the two times he needed it, and had reached the lead at the furlong grounds. The final quarter-mile went in 24.62, and with no one really blazing the last part, La Pelosa had no trouble sustaining her move as she went on to a one-length victory.

In second was My Gal Betty, who raced midpack and provided La Pelosa a target for the first part of La Pelosa's run before My Gal Betty peeled farther outside and La Pelosa went between. The six-furlong Catch a Glimpse Stakes winner over the course ran just fine trying a middle distance for the first time and finishing a full two lengths clear of third.

Filling out the trifecta was 33-1 shot Bold



Script, who improved off her showing in the Catch a Glimpse while unable to match the top two for late pace.

Fourth-place Pivottina was 12th of 13 down the backstretch and well behind the winner into the turn, and her lack of a first move to get position proved her undoing, though she did turn in the fastest final quarter-mile in the field, 24.13, and was 11.82 from the three-quarters to the seven-eighths, according to Trakus. The official chart says Pivottina “lost her path” early in the race, but that overstates the situation. Bold Script just broke outward in front of Pivottina, who was going to the back anyway.

Fifth-place Stillwater Cove, beaten a neck for fourth and four lengths clear of sixth, might not have stayed the mile all that well, but she gets extra credit as easily the best-finishing pace player.

Artilena, who had a big figure for an off-turf seven-furlong Tapeta maiden win, didn't stay at all and checked in a distant last.

Charlie Appleby trains the winner for Godolphin in England. It will be no surprise to see her back for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf, where she might well be a prime contender.

– Marcus Hersh

SEPTEMBER 16 (BC JUVENILE TURF)

Grade 1 Summer Stakes, Woodbine

Winner: Fog of War
Trainer: Chad Brown
Beyer: 77

As noted in the Natalma Stakes review, there were timing discrepancies between the official timers for Woodbine and Trakus – the former had the Natalma as the faster race, the latter the Summer as faster. They came home better in the Summer, however, and my feeling is that was the stronger of the two heats.

I'm high on Fog of War after his win here. On the one hand, Fog of War worked out basically a perfect trip, but on the other he was still green at various points in his second career start and proved more superior on the day than the bare three-quarter-length margin of victory.

Trained by Chad Brown, Fog of War, who has an excellent pedigree, was stretching out to a mile off a Saratoga turf-sprint maiden win, and while jockey Javier Castellano didn't send him to the lead, he allowed Fog of War to run out of the gate, eventually sitting fourth in the pocket behind pacesetter Wallace. Fog of War was a little slow to come all the way back to his jockey, but did mainly relax and was given a patient trip around the far turn as Wallace dashed clear. Hugging the rail into the stretch, Fog of War was cropped once right-handed at the quarter pole as Castellano attempted to make a move, but initially there was no room between eventual runner-up War of Will and Tricky Magician. Castellano hand-rod his mount to keep position until Tricky Magician faded off the scene, hit Fog of War twice right-handed, and went to the outside of War of Will, who had inherited the lead. Fog of War was hand-ridden from that point



to the finish, comfortably taking the measure of War of Will, despite a late, unnecessary lead change and a little raggedness in his stride. He went under the wire willingly and out well and looks very promising for owner Peter Brant.

War of Will did work out a perfect trip stalking Wallace from second, but he also was making just his second career start while racing on Lasix for the first time. He stayed on well and had two lengths on third-place Nashtrick, who had beaten him in a maiden race, and while lacking the potential of Fog of War, he appears useful right now.

Nashtrick got a clear, stalking trip and was fine, not improving too much from his easy debut win over seven furlongs last

out. More notable was the performance from his Josie Carroll-trained stablemate, fourth-place Avie's Flatter. Racing a mile on turf after only a five-furlong all-weather-track debut win Aug. 12, Avie's Flatter started off the Summer by getting pinched back to last after breaking from post 2. He moved up into better position around the turn and peeled out very wide at the quarter pole to make a strong run that carried him right up to the lead at the furlong grounds before he ran out of steam and faded back to fourth. The colt had a right to get tired, given his race history and trip and could be playable next time out, depending where he shows up.

– Marcus Hersh

SEPTEMBER 29 (BC SPRINT)

Grade 1 Vosburgh, Belmont

BARBARA D. LIVINGSTON



Winner: Imperial Hint
Trainer: Luis Carvajal Jr.
Beyer: 99

On paper, Imperial Hint dominated this race and that's the way it played out on the track as the 5-year-old, coming off a game win in the Grade 2 True North here June 8 and smashing win in the Grade 1 Vanderbilt at Saratoga on July 28, may have stamped himself the favorite for the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Sprint.

As the 1-5 favorite, Imperial Hint cleared the field early without being asked and basically led the field on a merry chase, winning

without really being asked. While the margin wasn't all that big (two lengths), it's hardly indicative of his dominance as he could easily have won by more, and this was likely the perfect type of prep for his shot at Churchill. Of course, while he dominated, this was one of the weaker renewals of this race as Imperial Hint was the only stakes winner in a field that included four runners who had been claimed at some point this year.

Mr. Crow, sixth in this last year and coming off a fourth to Imperial Hint in the Vanderbilt and a troubled fifth in the Tale of the Cat at Saratoga on Aug. 10, stalked in third, tried to make a run at the winner on

the turn, was unable to really threaten, and stayed on decently for second. Yes, he closed the gap on the winner in the final furlong, but the issue had already been put to bed and Imperial Hint was basically in a jog at that point. The Breeders' Cup waters are likely too deep, but he can make some noise if he gets away from the sprint division big boys.

Silver Ride, third in the Tale of the Cat and making his first graded stakes try, sat just behind Mr. Crow while wide, tried to keep up in the lane, but was no match and obviously was never really on the winner's radar.

SEPTEMBER 29 (BC TURF)

Grade 1 Joe Hirsch Turf Classic, Belmont

Winner: Channel Maker

Trainer: Bill Mott

Beyer: 108

The Widener course was listed as soft, resulting in the scratch of Hi Happy.

Channel Maker, second in the Grade 1 Sword Dancer at Saratoga on Aug. 25, was able to set a dawdling pace, leaving enough gas in the tank to rebuff favored Robert Bruce and go on to victory. From his outside post, he went right to the lead, set very slow fractions while European raider Teodoro came up alongside as the two opened up a big lead on the rest, held the narrow edge over the European to the far turn while the fractions remained slow, dispatched Teodoro turning for home, opening up a clear lead, looked in trouble when Robert Bruce came at him to his outside in the lane, but had enough left in the tank to rebuff that rival and draw away again. Off this, the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Turf figures very much in play, though he almost surely won't get as easy a trip with rival front-runner Glorious Empire aiming for the Turf as well.

Robert Bruce, the favorite off a big win in the Grade 1 Arlington Million, was returning to 1 1/2 miles for the first time since romping in a Grade 1 in Chile last fall, broke sharply, was amenable to be taken back first time under the wire while saving ground, remained inside, but was well back as the two pacesetters moved off to a clear lead, started to advance going to the far turn, came with a strong run to loom ominously into the lane, looked as though he was going to roll on past Channel Maker, but got rebuffed. He did seem to lose his action a bit in midstretch (trainer



Chad Brown said he may have hit a soft spot on the course), though that didn't make the difference. He still finished well clear of the others.

While he handles non-firm turf, his acceleration may make him a better fit on firm going. Post-race quote from Brown indicated he wasn't thrilled that after the horse broke so well he ended up so far off that slow pace. Brown said the Breeders' Cup Turf is likely next, though he would have to be supplemented.

Sadler's Joy, fourth in this last year and sixth in the Sword Dancer most recently, lagged well back, as usual, came with a solid, steady run, but was never really a factor while able to get third.

Carrick, the 3-year-old who impressed when gamely winning the Grade 1 Secretariat at Arlington on Aug. 11, sat third from the start, though he was a ways behind the two pacesetters, tried to go with Robert Bruce going to the far turn, but couldn't do so and gave way. Facing this quality of elders might have been biting off a tad too much, but this guy could be a player in this division in 2019.

Spring Quality, third in the Sword Dancer, sat midpack just to the outside of Robert Bruce, tried to go with that rival going to the far turn, but couldn't keep up and was basically done by the far turn, giving way readily to end up last. The non-firm turf may not have helped, and he remains a question mark at this 1 1/2-mile trip.

SEPTEMBER 29 (BC CLASSIC)

Grade 1 Jockey Club Gold Cup, Belmont

Winner: Discreet Lover
Trainer: Uriah St. Lewis
Beyer: 103

Just as pace made the race in the Joe Hirsch with the pacesetter having everything his own way up front, the pace made the race here but for the opposite reason as a couple of speed horses went nuts early and paid the price, leaving 45-1 Discreet Lover to pick up the pieces.

Discreet Lover was third to favorite Diversify in both the Grade 2 Suburban and Grade 1 Whitney, though was well beaten in each, and then was dull when 12th in the Grade 1 Woodward at Saratoga last time out Sept. 1 after being closer to the early pace. But as noted, he got a dream scenario here as this time they opted to take back and make one run, so he sat well back as Diversify set a blistering pace as he was pushed along by Mendelssohn, remained well back to the far turn while inside, came off the rail on the far turn, swung wider into the lane, and finished resolutely while widest to reel in the tiring favorites for the biggest win of his career.

The Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Classic could be in the cards now, though he might not get such a rosy setup there. He's never run a race as big as this before, either, so does he have another such effort in him? Oddly enough, he reportedly was in some distress galloping back to the winner's circle and was put on the vet's list "for further evaluation."

Thunder Snow, romping winner of the Group 1 Dubai World Cup the last time he ran on dirt March 31 and coming off a dull eighth in a Group 1 turf stakes in England last month, seemed to be getting the dream trip as he sat about eight lengths off Diversify's strong pace, advanced on the far turn, came off the inside into the lane to challenge for the lead, gamely



battled Mendelssohn into submission to his inside but couldn't outfinish the winner. At least this showed his Kentucky Derby disaster in 2017 is well behind him and that he can stalk and pass horses, which may play well at Churchill. That said, he got a perfect trip, took over from two tiring rivals, but still couldn't fend off a big longshot.

Mendelssohn, second to Catholic Boy in the Grade 1 Travers on Aug. 25 after setting the pace, broke sharply, went right out to the lead while on the fence, then relented pace-setting duties to Diversify, who was rushed to the lead to his outside. He then took back just a bit while still on the rail, moved off the inside and up to Diversify's outside to dog that foe through sizzling splits to his outside, continued to press that rival to the far turn, and was getting the better of that rival into the lane only to have Thunder Snow come up to his outside to challenge. Mendelssohn battled on gamely, but just wasn't quite good enough. Considering the pace scenario, his effort was very smart, though you wonder if his big

effort was too taxing. The Classic could play better for him if Diversify and no other high-speed type is entered.

Diversify, the heavy favorite off three straight wins – the last two being romps – broke well, found Mendelssohn a tad quicker early but was urged along to take the lead off the turn into the backstretch, set strong splits with that foe pressuring him to his outside while he stayed on the fence, battled with that rival to the far turn through sizzling splits, but was unable to keep up when it mattered. His connections had already hinted at some trepidation about going to the Breeders' Cup Classic, and this likely did little to bolster the notion to ship to Churchill.

Gronkowski, second in the Grade 1 Belmont but then eighth in the Travers, was last from the start, not far behind the eventual winner, made some headway in the lane, but was never really a threat. Considering the eventual winner wasn't far in front of him early, this run was a bit disappointing.

SEPTEMBER 29 (BC JUVENILE)

Grade 1 American Pharoah Stakes, Santa Anita



SHIGEKI KIKKAWA

Winner: Game Winner
Trainer: Bob Baffert
Beyer: 97

Game Winner may have established himself as the favorite for the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile, as the son of Candy Ride, a handy winner of the Grade 1 Del Mar Futurity (a sprint), handled the added ground even better, easily beating a couple talented rivals.

Game Winner broke well, went right out to pressure Rowayton through solid splits, continued to duel with that rival to his outside to the top of the lane, finally got the better of him by midstretch, and drew off for the easy win.

Gunmetal Gray, a romping winner over maidens while routing for the first time at Del Mar on Aug. 22, sat third early just behind the dueling leaders, seemed poised to make a run into the lane, was no match

for the winner, but was able to subdue stablemate Rowayton in the final half-furlong.

Rowayton, second to Game Winner in the Del Mar Futurity, went right to the lead from his rail slot but was immediately taken on by Game Winner, set a solid pace under constant pressure from that foe to his outside, continued on gamely to hold the lead into the lane, but finally relented in the final furlong.

SEPTEMBER 29 (BC JUVENILE FILLIES)

Grade 1 Chandelier, Santa Anita



SHIGEKI KIKKAWA

Winner: Bellafina
Trainer: Simon Callaghan
Beyer: 89

Mother Mother, second in the Grade 1 Del Mar Debutante, was scratched race morning (illness).

There's little doubt Bellafina now goes to the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies as the favorite, as she won the Del Mar Debutante and then dominated this race. After seeming a bit too eager with blinkers on in the Debutante, she had them removed for this first try around two turns and responded wonderfully as she broke alertly, still showing the speed to press early pacesetter Vibrance, moved up to engage that foe turning for home, got

the better of her into the lane, then blew the race open with a powerful run to draw clear.

Vibrance, a big maiden winner in her first dirt route at Del Mar on Aug. 29, went right to the lead, set a solid early pace while holding the fence taking pressure from the eventual winner, tried to battle back when turning for home, proved no match, but stayed on well to finish second well clear of the others.

Brill, a \$1 million daughter of Medaglia d'Oro who was so impressive winning her debut at Del Mar before finishing fourth to Bellafina, beaten by 8 1/2 lengths, in the Del Mar Debutante, was a bit slow into stride to be last early in the small field (though she wasn't that far behind the eventual winner),

made a smart, threatening run heading into the far turn as if ready to be a big threat, but just as suddenly came under ride, couldn't sustain her bid, and while she stayed for third she was no match for the top two. This brings her Breeders' Cup involvement into question.

Der Lu, a \$900,000 daughter of Grade 1 Kentucky Derby winner Orb who won her debut impressively at Del Mar on Aug. 5, didn't show the same speed on the stretch-out as she stalked the pace, did move closer going into the far turn while on the outside, but then had little to offer in the lane. In her defense, this was just her second start and her first route, so there's room for growth, though the Breeders' Cup may be too much too soon.

SEPTEMBER 29 (BC FILLY AND MARE TURF)

Grade 1 Rodeo Drive, Santa Anita



Winner: Vasilika
Trainer: Jerry Hollendorfer
Beyer: 98

Vasilika was claimed for \$40,000 in February, and the daughter of Skipshot has won 7 of her 8 starts since (the last seven in a row), including the Grade 2 John Mabee at Del Mar on Sept. 1 and this Grade 2. She may have punched her ticket for a shot at the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf at Churchill.

Vasilika used her tactical speed to stalk in fourth as longshot Tisbutadream set a solid pace under pressure from second choice Cambodia. Vasilika came with a

smart run in the lane to go after Cambodia, who had taken command, had to work to get past that foe inside the eighth pole, but got the better of her and was able to fight off hard-trying 3-year-old filly Paved. Trainer Jerry Hollendorfer wasn't sure about a trip to the Breeders' Cup as she'd be tackling a longer distance she's never tried and she doesn't likely want non-firm turf, which could certainly be the case at Churchill in early November.

Paved sat fifth from the start, just behind the eventual winner, didn't move quite as early or as strongly as that rival, but got going well once straightened away to be a good second.

Cambodia, second to Vasilika in the Mabee, sat second pressing pacesetter Tisbutadream, took over from that foe turning for home, still had the lead at midstretch, but couldn't fend off the top two. The 1 1/4 miles may be a bit beyond her, at least at this level, so the even longer Breeders' Cup may not be in her plans. However, a race like the Grade 1 Matriarch at a mile at Del Mar (a place she loves) later this fall is a logical next stop.

Beau Recall was slow into stride, as is her wont, to be last early, remained well back to the top of the lane, came with a smart run into the lane to pass a few, but wasn't really a danger to the top three in the final furlong.

SEPTEMBER 29 (BC CLASSIC)

Grade 1 Awesome Again, Santa Anita



Winner: Accelerate
Trainer: John Sadler
Beyer: 100

Visually, it wasn't a dazzling performance, but Accelerate likely did enough here with the win to go into the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Classic as the favorite (particularly with Diversify finishing off the board in the Grade 1 Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont earlier in the day).

Coming off a smashing win (by 12 1/2 lengths) in the Grade 1 Pacific Classic at Del Mar on Aug. 18, he was reluctant to load, fractious once in the gate, and then broke slowly, a length or so behind the field.

It didn't matter. From his outside slot after the sluggish start, he pulled his way into

stalking position on the outside as main rival West Coast set a decent pace, remained in stalking mode while widest of three (West Coast on the rail, Isotherm between horses), moved closer on the far turn, was abreast of those two rivals on their outside into the lane, grinded his way to the lead, and edged clear.

West Coast, making his first start since finishing second to Thunder Snow in the Group 1 Dubai World Cup on March 31 (prior to that ran third in last year's Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Classic to eventual Horse of the Year Gun Runner, and was then second to that foe in the Grade 1 Pegasus World Cup on Jan. 27), showed some eagerness from the start as he broke well, soon pulled his way to the lead on the first turn, set a solid pace

with Isotherm on his hip and the eventual winner wider out pressing the issue, battled back gamely when hooked by those two turning for home, got the better of Isotherm, but couldn't quite finish with the winner. Still, considering the layoff, this was a fine try and sets him up nicely for a shot at revenge in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

Isotherm, who previously had just one second in four starts, that coming last time out in the Brubaker at Del Mar on Aug. 22, dogged West Coast from the start just to his outside, kept after that foe with the eventual winner to his right, was still in the mix coming into the lane between the two favorites, but couldn't keep pace with those two in the final furlong. Still, this was a fine try.

SEPTEMBER 30 (BC DISTAFF)

Grade 1 Zenyatta, Santa Anita



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Winner: Vale Dori
Trainer: Bob Baffert
Beyer: 93

The Breeders' Cup Distaff has been turned on its head as a few days after news that top contender Elate won't make the race, likely heavy favorite Abel Tasman finished a dull fifth here.

Instead, it was trainer Bob Baffert's other runner, Vale Dori, who turned back the clock to get this win. She had a super 2017 (4 for 6), but hadn't shown quite the same verve this year, losing her first four starts. However, Baffert added blinkers and that and a return to her favorite track (6 of her 10 wins now have come here) did the trick.

Vale Dori sat second as Shenandoah Queen moved out to a clear early lead,

moved closer to press that rival going into the backstretch, dueled with that foe to the far turn, got the better of her into the lane, and stayed on gamely to keep hard-trying La Force at bay in the final furlong. The Breeders' Cup Distaff may beckon now that she's back on track.

La Force, second in her last two – the Grade 1 Beholder Mile and Grade 1 Clement L. Hirsch – both times to now-retired Unique Bella, stalked in fourth, moved wide on the far turn and into the lane for clear sailing, doggedly went after Vale Dori, but just couldn't quite get to her.

Shenandoah Queen, romping winner of the restricted Tranquility Lake at Del Mar on Aug. 24, bounced out to a clear early lead while holding the fence, soon took pressure from Vale Dori to her outside, battled with that foe into the lane, but then

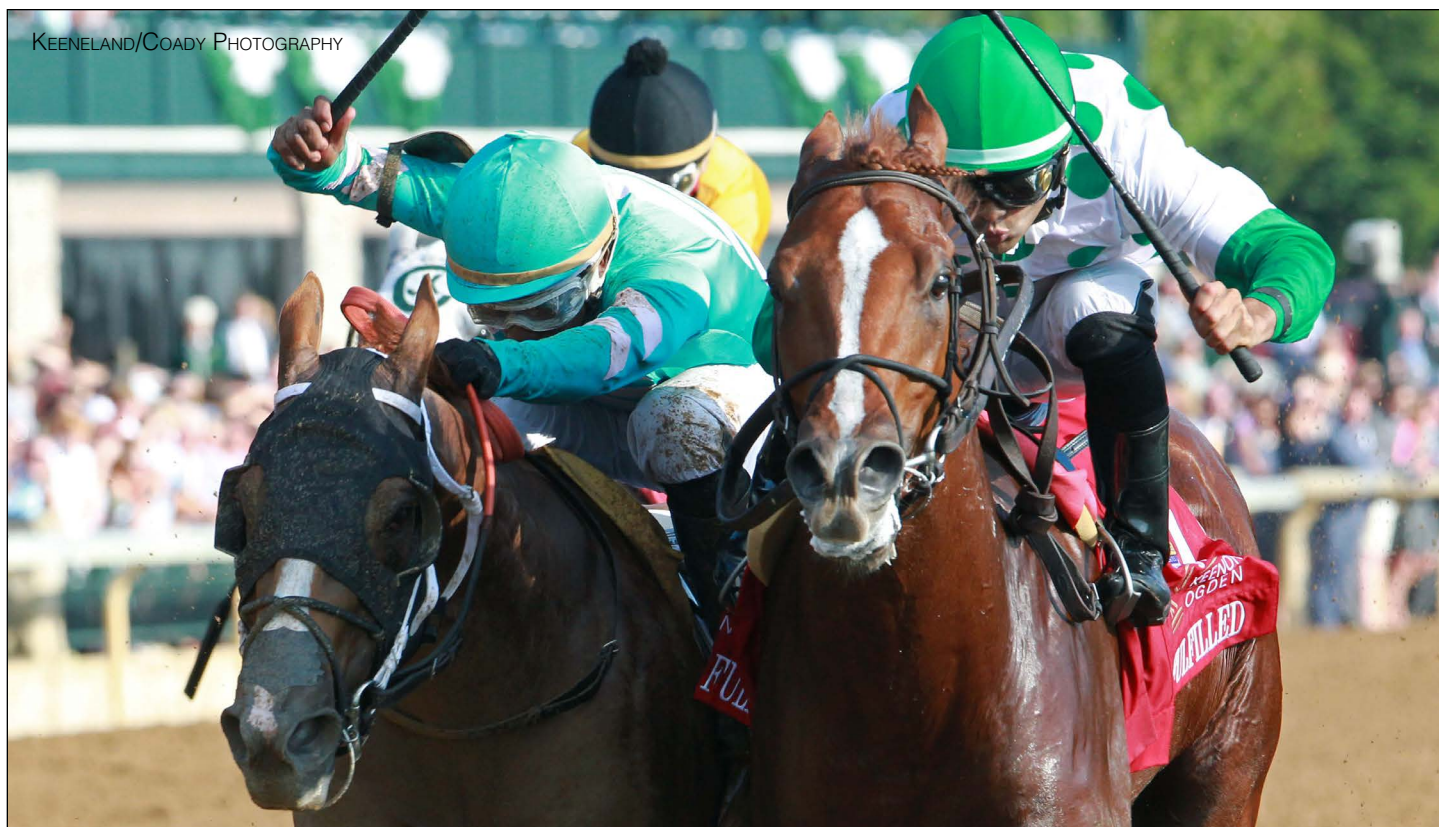
couldn't keep pace with her and couldn't rally with the runner-up.

Abel Tasman, the overwhelming favorite off wins in the Grade 1 Ogden Phipps and Grade 1 Personal Ensign in New York in recent months, threw in a clunker as she bobbed at the start to get away quite slowly as the 1-10 favorite, many lengths behind the field, and while she frequently makes a strong midrace move to get involved, she never really picked up her feet here. Provided there's nothing wrong, the Distaff may still be in her plans, though this surely isn't the way they wanted to go into it.

Recent defections of Unique Bella and Elate and this dull run by Abel Tasman surely brighten the Distaff prospects of top 3-year-old fillies Monomoy Girl, Midnight Bisou, and Eskimo Kisses.

OCTOBER 5 (BC SPRINT)

Grade 2 Phoenix Stakes, Keeneland



Winner: Promises Fulfilled

Trainer: Dale Romans

Beyer: 101

The main track was listed as fast, despite significant overnight rains, and the pace picture changed significantly when Southern California speedball Distinctive B did not ship for the race and was scratched.

On paper, that left the lead at the mercy of fast 3-year-old Promises Fulfilled on the rail, and that's the way it played out early as Promises Fulfilled, winner of Saratoga's Grade 1 H. Allen Jerkens on Aug. 25, went right to the lead, was soon joined by Heartwood to his

outside, dueled with that foe to the top of the lane, was finally getting the better of him only to have Whitmore surge up to his outside with tough sprinter Limousine Liberal right on his heels, but kept on gamely to rebuff Whitmore and stamp himself a player for the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Sprint.

Whitmore, coming off a smart win in the Grade 1 Forego on Aug. 25 at Saratoga, was reluctant to load but finally got in, broke well to sit a couple lengths off the pace while saving ground, remained there to the far turn, swung off the inside for clear sailing, came with a strong run, brushed with a tiring Heartwood to his inside, but kept coming. He looked as if

he might blow on by and go on to victory, but he couldn't quite get to the stubborn 3-year-old.

Limousine Liberal was quite unlucky. Third in the Forego, he sat last in the small field, though only a couple lengths off the lead while staying a few lanes off the rail. He remained last to the far turn, moved to the inside to make his run, loomed a threat just behind the two leaders while on the rail, found his path blocked, came off the inside and tried to go between Promises Fulfilled and Whitmore only to see that hole close, moved back down to the rail for clear sailing, made a run, but by then it was too late.

OCTOBER 5 (BC JUVENILE FILLIES)

Grade 1 Alcibiades Stakes, Keeneland



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Winner: Restless Rider
Trainer: Ken McPeck
Beyer: 84

A handy win by Restless Rider, her third in four starts, sends her to the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies as one of the favorites. The \$150,000 daughter of Distorted Humor had little trouble putting away her rivals here.

Coming off her first loss, a decent second in the Grade 1 Spinaway on Sept. 1 at Saratoga and routing for the first time, Restless Rider broke well, showed speed to stalk as Meadow Dance set a solid pace, remained inside going down the backstretch, came off the inside going to the far turn, moved up easily to challenge Meadow Dance, took

over from that rival with little trouble, opened up into the lane, and cruised home.

Reflect, sixth in the Spinaway, bided her time early while saving ground, advanced going to the far turn while inside, came off the inside for clear sailing while just behind the eventual winner, couldn't keep pace with her, but kept on decently, though she was never a threat to the winner.

Meadow Dance, third to Into Trouble in the Arlington-Washington Lassie on Sept. 8 at Arlington, went right to the lead, set a solid pace under modest pressure from Lady T N T while staying inside, tried to stay with the winner when that gal came up to her on the turn and into the lane, proved no match for her or the runner-up, but kept on decently to hold third.

Boujie Girl, third to division leader Bellafina in the Grade 2 Sorrento on Aug. 5 at Del Mar and in the Grade 1 Del Mar Debutante there Sept. 2, didn't exactly flatter the West Coast form as she was away slowly, remained well back going down the backstretch, started to advance and passed a number of rivals, but was never really a factor.

Into Trouble was away slowly, lagged back, and never made a move in a disappointing run.

Catherinethegreat, a disappointing ninth in the Spinaway, was disappointing again. With blinkers on, she showed enough speed to stalk the pace, seemed in a great spot as she was still in contention going to the far turn, but then gave way.

OCTOBER 6 (BC FILLY AND MARE TURF)

Grade 1 First Lady Stakes, Keeneland

Winner: A Raving Beauty

Trainer: Chad Brown

Beyer: 102

A Raving Beauty was a bit disappointing when fourth in the Grade 2 Ballston Spa at Saratoga, but she showed more speed here and got back on track with a game victory. From her inside slot, she went right to the lead while holding the fence, took immediate pressure from Valadorna with stablemate Quidura just behind to the outside, held a narrow lead over Valadorna to the far turn, spurred clear into the lane, looked gone by midstretch, but then had to battle gamely to the line to fend off hard-charging Dona Bruja.

A Raving Beauty is a possibility for the Breeders' Cup Mile, but maybe something like the Grade 1 Matriarch at Del Mar later in the fall will be on her radar, though trainer Chad Brown said it's possible she won't run again as she's to be sold in the Fasig-Tipton November sale on Nov. 4.

Dona Bruja was a disappointment last time out, finishing a dull ninth in the Grade 1 Beverly D., but she, too, bounced back in a big way. She stalked a couple lengths off the lead, remained there to the top of the lane, didn't appear to be going anywhere while still in traffic, but found her best stride in midstretch and finished resolutely outside the winner to just miss.

Indian Blessing, third in her U.S. debut in the aforementioned Ballston Spa, lagged back from the start, was last on the turn and into the lane, swung wide in the stretch, and put in a solid rally widest of all in the lane to just get up for third, though she was never a danger to the top two.

Crown Walk, a scary European invader



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who came into this off a good second in a French Group 1, stalked the pace, loomed a threat inside into the lane, but couldn't finish with the top two and just got edged for third in the final stride.

Insta Erma was basically eliminated at the start as she went to her knees nearly losing her rider to get away last, tried to get into the race going to the far turn while staying inside, came off inside turning for home, kept to her task to pass a couple, but simply was left with too much to do after the disastrous start.

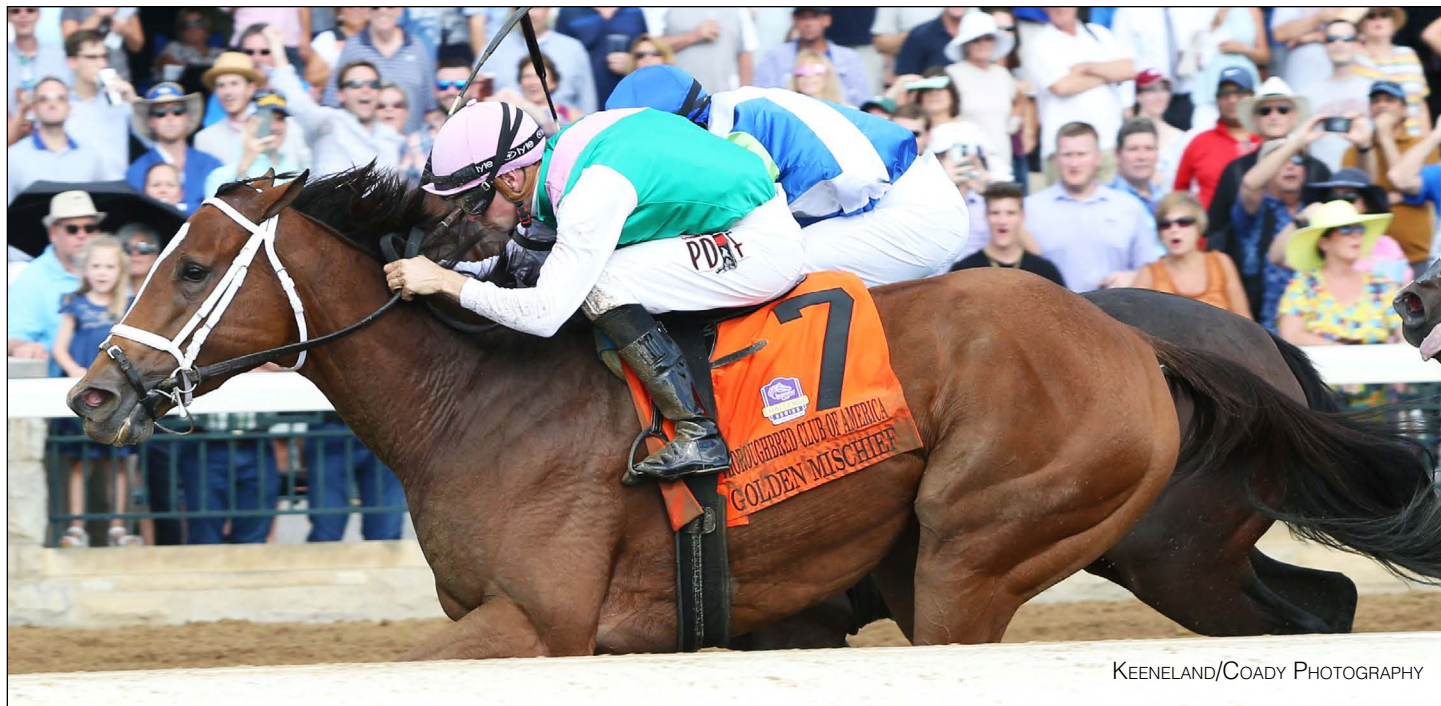
Quidura, winner of the aforementioned

Ballston Spa, sat third off stablemate A Raving Beauty from the start while to the outside, moved closer on the far turn while still wide as if poised to make a run, was still in the hunt by midstretch, but then flattened out.

Off Limits, fifth in the Ballston Spa, sat back, as is her custom, just behind stablemate Quidura while wide, remained wide on the turn when asked for run, but came up empty and actually lost position. After a super 2017 when she won 5 of 6, she's now 0 for 5 this year, with just one third. so she hasn't been the same girl.

OCTOBER 6 (BC FILLY AND MARE SPRINT)

Grade 2 Thoroughbred Club of America, Keeneland



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Winner: Golden Mischief
Trainer: Brad Cox
Beyer: 94

Golden Mischief continued her ascent, as the daughter of Into Mischief powered home between horses to get her first graded stakes win. Stepping up off romping stakes wins at Prairie Meadows and Mountaineer earlier this summer, she broke alertly, was content to take back just a bit as Vertical Oak set a solid, pressured pace, got a nice trip sitting just off the speed while between horses, came with a smart run between horses to grab the lead in deep stretch, and just outfinished a stubborn Chalón to her outside.

Golden Mischief did have to survive a claim of foul from third-place finisher Verti-

cal Oak. Golden Mischief did come out some in the stretch into Vertical Oak's path, but Vertical Oak was already beaten.

Chalón, second in this last year and freshened since an easy win in a stakes June 17 at Monmouth, showed good speed to press the pace in third to the outside, swung wider into the lane to go after the leaders, kept to her task doggedly, but just couldn't quite outfinish the winner.

Vertical Oak broke sharply, proved quickest as she got to the lead, but was immediately hounded by Happy Like a Fool and Chalón, battled back gamely in the lane while drifting out a few lanes, got passed to her inside by the eventual winner and to her outside by Chalón, had to steady when the winner came out a bit into her patch, but was

already a beaten filly when that happened.

Miss Sunset, the favorite off a stakes win Sept. 3 at Del Mar and who shipped here a year ago to win the Grade 2 Raven Run and was a sharp second (beaten a nose) in the Grade 1 Madison here in April, stalked while holding the fence, remained there to the top of the lane, kept to her task while staying inside, but just couldn't quite finish with the top trio.

Happy Like a Fool, making her first start since a romping win in the Grade 3 Miss Preakness on May 18 at Pimlico, showed good speed to dog pacesetter Vertical Oak from the start while just to her outside, kept after that foe into the lane, was part of phalanx of horses across the track in midstretch, but couldn't quite keep up in the final furlong.

OCTOBER 6 (BC MILE)

Grade 1 Shadwell Turf Mile, Keeneland



Winner: Next Shares
Trainer: Richard Baltas
Beyer: 106

Divisidero was scratched at the gate as he acted up and got one of his legs caught over the back gate after loading. The start was then delayed a bit when Bound for Nowhere on the far outside was reluctant to load. Despite all that, the horse who was in the gate the longest, Next Shares in post No. 1, was a demonstrative winner and earned a shot at the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Mile.

Coming off a smart win at Kentucky Downs versus much lesser, Next Shares had shown ample big ability before with a couple Grade 1 placings out west. But he ran the race of his life here as he sat midpack while a bit off the rail as Heart to Heart and Voodoo Song pressed each other on the lead through brisk

splits, steadily advanced while moving back to the inside, burst through an opening into the lane, and shot clear to win hands-down.

Great Wide Open, second in the Tourist Mile on Sept. 1 at Kentucky Downs, stalked the pace, loomed a threat turning for home and into the lane, was no match for the big winner, but stayed on well for second.

Qurbaan, winner of his only start in the United States, the Grade 2 Bernard Baruch at Saratoga on Sept. 3, lagged well back while wide, started to advance going to the far turn, pitched wider still, and finished decently, though he was no danger to the top two.

Analyze It, the lone 3-year-old in the field, bided his time a few lengths off the pace, moved out for room going into the far turn, came wide into the lane with some momentum to loom ominously by midstretch, but couldn't sustain his run.

Almaanar, second in the Grade 1 Arlington Million, seemed in a good spot in midpack while a few lanes off the fence, followed stablemate Analyze It going into the far turn, but soon came under a ride and was unable to make a dent.

Heart to Heart set a solid pace under constant pressure from Voodoo Song, continued to be hounded by that foe into the lane, and gave way once headed.

Bound for Nowhere, previously unbeaten in five starts in the United States and coming off a win over a few of these in the Tourist Mile, was very reluctant to load but finally got in, broke well, showing the speed to get up into a stalking position and avoid getting hung out to dry from his brutal post (No. 14), stalked pace-setters Heart to Heart and Voodoo Song while toward the outside, loomed a threat turning for home, but then fell apart.

OCTOBER 6 (BC JUVENILE)

Grade 1 Breeders' Futurity, Keeneland



Winner: Knicks Go
Trainer: Ben Colebrook
Beyer: 81

Mind Control, winner of Saratoga's Grade 1 Hopeful and the 7-2 morning-line favorite here, scratched due to a fever. He'll reportedly return to his Monmouth base and train up to the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile. The absence of the morning-line favorite, a brutal start that eliminated the post-time favorite, and a front-running trip added up to a huge upset as Knicks Go posted the 70-1 win and punched his ticket for the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile.

After a big maiden win at Ellis Park on July 4, Knicks Go was no factor when fifth in the Grade 3 Sanford on July 21 at Saratoga and then a non-threatening third in the Arlington-Washington Futurity on Arlington's Polytrack on Sept. 8. He returned to his home

base here and that plus the move to the route (he's a son of Grade 1 route winner Paynter) added up to a romping win. He went right to the lead in the bulky field, was able to set modest splits while taking some pressure from Sombeyay, continued to lead unbothered for the most part, saw the field creep closer going into the far turn, but kicked away again and blew clear to win in a romp.

Signalman, facing winners for the first time and routing for the first time after a game maiden win Sept. 1 at Saratoga, sat midpack early, moved closer going down the backstretch, was in tight going into the far turn, but got going again and finished decently for second, though the winner was already long gone.

Standard Deviation, a \$450,000 son of Curlin who had the worst of the draw (post 13), was slow into stride while very wide into the first turn, remained well back and wide, acceler-

ated nicely going into the far turn, sustained his run while very wide, and while no threat to the winner kept on in promising fashion. Had he not had such a miserable post, he surely would have finished closer to the winner.

Dream Maker, the favorite off an impressive debut win June 7 at Churchill and then a decent fifth in the Grade 1 Hopeful on Sept. 3 at Saratoga, got pinched back severely at the start to break well behind the field, basically eliminating him. He was then rank and raced greenly on the first turn and into the backstretch, was asked for run going to the far turn, made a bit of progress while wide, but came up empty thereafter. He reportedly came out of the race with a cut to the back of a front hoof as he grabbed a quarter and ripped off a shoe when steadied so sharply. Breeders' Cup plans have been scrapped, but trainer Mark Casse said he wouldn't miss significant training time and would point to 2019.

OCTOBER 6 (BC SPRINT)

Grade 1 Santa Anita Sprint Championship, Santa Anita



SHIGEKI KIKKAWA

Winner: Roy H
Trainer: Peter Miller
Beyer: 105

Roy H set himself up for a defense of his Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Sprint title as he successfully defended his crown in this race. Last year's sprint champion, Roy H was favored off a second to rival Ransom the Moon in the Grade 1 Bing Crosby on July 28 at Del Mar, stalked in third as Distinctive B went right to the lead and took pressure from Horse Greedy, moved closer going to the far turn while toward

the outside, had little trouble wresting command from the pacesetter, opened up into the lane, and didn't have a nervous moment thereafter.

Distinctive B, a smashing optional-claiming winner Aug. 26 at Del Mar, was a bit fractious in the gate but once settled broke well, used his speed as expected as he went right to the lead, was quickly joined by Horse Greedy to his outside, soon saw Roy H join the fray as Horse Greedy relented, was unable to keep pace with the eventual winner, but kept on decently to hold second.

Ransom the Moon, smashing winner of the Bing Crosby where he easily beat Roy H back into second, was slow into stride, as is his wont, to be last early, was still last on the far turn, pitched wide to make his run, and finished decently but was never a threat to his rival. The Breeders' Cup Sprint figures on his docket again. He was fifth in that last year.

Edwards Going Left was away a bit slowly, sat fourth while inside, and was unable to make an impression. He's a nice horse to be sure, but it seems this deepest end of the pool is just a bit too much.

OCTOBER 6 (BC JUVENILE TURF SPRINT)

Speakeasy Stakes, Santa Anita



Winner: Its Gonna Hurt
Trainer: Brian Koriner
Beyer: 71

Its Gonna Hurt whipped maiden claimers on dirt last time out Aug. 4 at Del Mar. There were big changes for this – first time turf and first time against winners – but he handled both hurdles nicely, again showing what a promising turf sire Violence is becoming.

From his rail slot off a sizzling bullet three-furlong work here Sept. 30 (34.40 seconds), Its Gonna Hurt went right to the lead, moved off the rail a bit as he took pressure from Whooping Jay just to his outside, opened up some on his rivals on the turn

while setting a strong pace, remained clear to midstretch while a bit off the rail, and gamely held off a resurgent Whooping Jay and the favorite Mae Never No. This earns him a shot at the inaugural Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint.

Whooping Jay, romping winner of his debut on dirt Sept. 9 at Los Alamitos, broke well, pressured the eventual winner from the start while to his outside, looked in trouble when that rival edged away from him on the far turn, but kept to his task gamely to close the gap in the final furlong, though he could never get on terms with the winner.

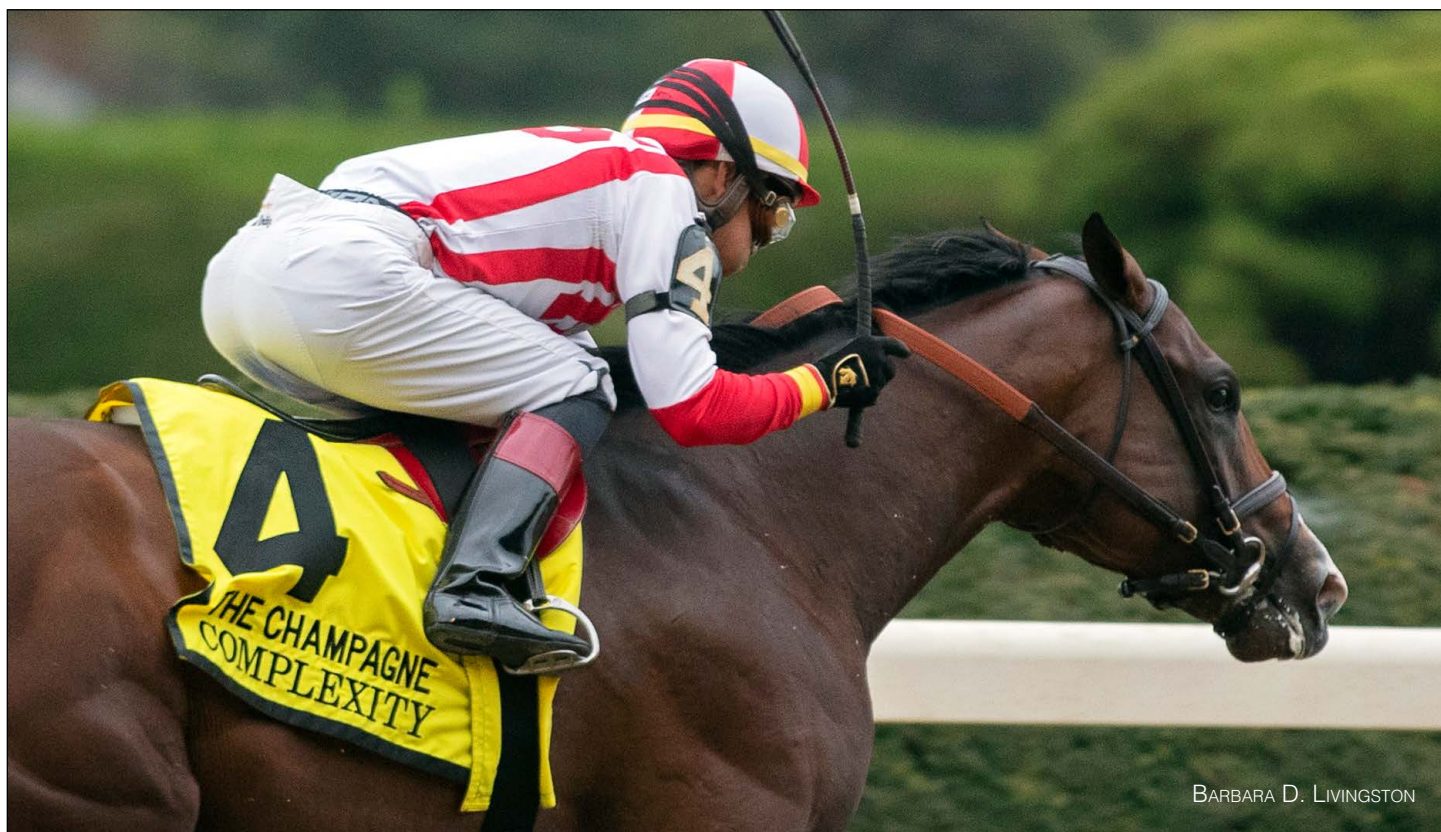
Mae Never No, a filly facing boys and the 6-5 favorite off a romping stakes win

in slop Aug. 4 at Monmouth, dogged the top two from the start, loomed a threat between horses on the turn when she put her head in front of Whooping Jay, was still ahead of that rival in midstretch as the two doggedly went after the eventual winner, but like Whooping Jay couldn't get to Its Gonna Hurt and just got outfinished by the runner-up while well clear of the others.

Hartel, the 9-5 second choice off a maiden win sprinting on turf Aug. 8 at Del Mar and a game second in the Del Mar Juvenile Turf at a mile there Sept. 2, stalked in fourth while wide but came up empty when it mattered.

OCTOBER 6 (BC JUVENILE)

Grade 1 Champagne, Belmont



Winner: Complexity
Trainer: Chad Brown
Beyer: 94

Complexity, a \$375,000 son of Maclean's Music, ran them off their feet when an easy winner of his sprint debut Sept. 3 at Saratoga. It was a different distance and tougher company, but the same tactics produced the same result as this colt now likely goes to the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile as the one to catch.

Complexity popped out of the gate to assume a clear lead, set a strong pace while seemingly quite comfortable, extended his advantage some on the far turn with his

rider looking back for any threats, opened farther into the lane, and kept on well to keep his rivals at bay in the final furlong.

Code of Honor, impressive debut winner Aug. 18 at Saratoga, did well to finish second as he stumbled badly at the start to get away poorly, remained at the back going down the backstretch, started to advance while inside going into the far turn, continued to advance on the turn, came off the inside and swung out turning for home to continue his run, and finished well to get second, though he was never really a danger to the winner.

Call Paul, winner of his first two starts, including the Grade 2 Saratoga Special on Aug. 12, stalked the pace while a few lanes

off the fence, was asked for run to go after the eventual winner on the far turn, was unable to do so, but kept on decently to just hold third.

Aurelius Maximus, smashing winner at this trip in the slop here Sept. 9, was away slowly, racing with Code of Honor at the back of the pack, pitched wide on the turn and into the lane, and finished decently, behind Code of Honor, just failing to get third.

Endorsed, smart winner of his debut Aug. 18 at Saratoga, stalked the pace while saving ground, remained there to the far turn, was pushed along to try and go after the eventual winner in the lane, was unable to do so, and then tired in the final furlong.

OCTOBER 7 (BC JUVENILE SPRINT)

Indian Summer Stakes, Keeneland



Winner: Strike Silver
Trainer: Mark Casse
Beyer: 76

Strike Silver showed ample talent in his first two starts as the \$275,000 son of Violence gamely won his debut (beating the talented Nitrous who came back to win his next start and then run third in the Grade 1 Hopeful and was a foe again here) and then finished a game second to Somebeyay in the Grade 3 Sanford, beaten just a neck.

Strike Silver took that proven quality to turf for the first time here, and with some strong works in tow took to the footing nicely to post the win. Whereas he used his speed to be involved from the start in those

first two outings, he showed versatility here as the change in style here was drastic as he got smacked hard at the start to get away last, remained last to the far turn, pitched out to start a strong move to circle the field, then had to check into the lane when he ran into traffic, pitched wider still, got going again, and blasted home to get up in the final stride. The margin was just a neck, but he was much the best.

Chelsea Cloisters, a filly facing the boys, set the pace before finishing second in a turf sprint stakes Aug. 15 at Saratoga and off some good works stalked in third as Mister Banjoman set a solid pace, moved closer into the lane, and looked as if she was going to go on to victory, only to have Strike Silver

surge past at the line.

Reward the Miracle, a smart winner in his first try on turf Sept. 21 at Belterra Park, broke inward to get away poorly, bided his time toward the back, swung wide on the far turn to commence his run, and finished well.

Credit Swap, romping winner of his debut in a turf sprint Sept. 2 at Monmouth, stalked in fourth, seemed poised to make a run into the lane, but was one-paced the rest of the way.

Nitrous, making his first turf start after a decent third in the Grade 1 Hopeful, was bumped and bothered significantly at the start to get away poorly, sat back ahead of only the eventual winner, and was unable to get involved. He did finish with some energy, but it may be back to dirt after this.

OCTOBER 7 (BC DISTAFF)

Grade 1 Spinster Stakes, Keeneland



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Winner: Blue Prize
Trainer: Ignacio Correas
Beyer: 94

Blue Prize may have earned a shot at the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Distaff as she won her third straight race and first U.S. Grade 1.

The 5-year-old Argentine-bred, coming off wins in the Grade 2 Fleur de Lis and Grade 3 Locust Grove, both at Churchill (where coincidentally this year's Breeders' Cup will be held), bided her time early midpack while staying wide as Southernperfection set a modest pace, came with a nice run on the far turn and into the lane, surged to the lead once straightened away, but then raced greenly, ducking in, then shying and ducking out a couple times

in the lane, presumably from the shadow of the rail. However, she had enough of a lead to absorb her antics and get the line on top.

Blue Prize will have to be supplemented to the Breeders' Cup, but after the race trainer Ignacio Correas said that would happen.

Champagne Problems, a game second to Blue Prize beaten just a nose in the Locust Grove, certainly helped flatter that form as she sat midpack inside, just ahead of the eventual winner, had nowhere to go turning for home, was still blocked into the lane when trying to move out for room, causing her to lose position, moved back to the inside, found a lane, and finished well.

Pacific Wind, coming off a disappointing fifth in the Grade 3 Shuvee at Saratoga, broke poorly but had the speed to get into

stalking position in third, moved to the rail into the lane, like the winner shied from the rail (though not as severely) while making a run, but couldn't sustain her bid in the final furlong.

Talk Veuve to Me, fourth in the Grade 1 Alabama on Aug. 18 at Saratoga, stalked the pace as she faced elders for the first time, loomed a threat turning for home, but flattened out. Eskimo Kisses, another 3-year-old facing elders for the first time and favored off a smashing win in the Alabama, lagged well back, as she did at Saratoga, but could make only minimal headway in the lane and was never a factor. This may show that top 3-year-old fillies Monomoy Girl and Midnight Bisou have their work cut out for them when they face elders in the Breeders' Cup Distaff.

OCTOBER 7 (BC JUVENILE TURF)

Grade 3 Bourbon, Keeneland



Winner: Current
Trainer: Todd Pletcher
Beyer: 85

Current, a son of two-time Horse of the Year Curlin, cost \$725,000, so you know there are expectations here. He whipped maidens Sept. 8 at Belmont and handled these new surroundings and tougher foes with aplomb, prevailing and maybe earning a shot at the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf.

Current lagged well back early as 7-5 favorite War of Will shot out to a clear lead, remained toward the back, moved off the inside on the far turn as he started his run,

remained outside, and closed resolutely to just get up in the final stride and win a three-horse photo.

Henley's Joy, winner of his first two starts including a stakes on Kentucky Downs turf Sept. 1, stalked the pace, came out for room into the lane, finished well, edged past War of Will and Salvator Mundi, but just got nipped by the winner.

Salvator Mundi wasn't far behind Henley's Joy from the start, did move a bit earlier than that foe on the turn to go after War of Will, kept after that foe in the lane, was getting to him, but then couldn't quite fend off the top two.

War of Will, favored off a good second in the Grade 1 Summer at Woodbine to the highly promising but now sidelined Fog of War, set modest fractions while remaining clear, came off the inside some into the lane, still had a clear lead to just inside the eighth pole, but tired just a bit and was passed late by the top three.

Blockbuster, a \$450,000 son of Medaglia d'Oro who rallied from far back to win his turf sprint debut Sept. 13 at Kentucky Downs, broke very slowly to be far back from the start, was very wide turning for home and into the lane, and was unable to get involved.

OCTOBER 7 (BC FILLY AND MARE TURF)

Grade 1 Flower Bowl, Belmont



BARBARA D. LIVINGSTON

Winner: Fourstar Crook
Trainer: Chad Brown
Beyer: 103

So far this year, Fourstar Crook had only found division leader and stablemate Sistercharlie too good for her, and she showed she has top-class ability when beating Sistercharlie in the Grade 2 New York on this inner course June 8 before finishing a good second to her in the Grade 1 Beverly D. on Aug. 11 at Arlington.

Well, with Sistercharlie skipping this to train up to the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf, Fourstar Crook was the star

of the show, punching her own ticket to that big event. The 6-year-old daughter of Freud sat last early on a course rated as good as first Tricky Escape set the pace and was soon overtaken by Feeling Bossy. Fourstar Crook remained at the back, started to advance on the far turn, came with a strong run in the lane, reeled in then-leader and stablemate Onthemoonagain, and drew off to win easily.

Onthemoonagain, Group 2 and 3 placed in France last year and fourth in the Grade 2 Glens Falls on Sept. 1 at Saratoga in her second U.S. start, bided her time in fifth off the slow pace, moved up nicely to be just behind pacesetter Feeling Bossy going to the far turn,

took over from that foe on the turn, held the lead into the lane, but was no match for her powerful stablemate while finishing far clear of the rest.

Lady Montdore, winner of her first two U.S. starts, both at Saratoga, including the Glens Falls, stalked the pace, stayed wide and in the clear on the far turn and into the lane, finished decently, but was never really a danger to the top pair.

Holy Helena, third in the Grade 2 Dance Smartly at her home track Woodbine, was disappointing as she got away slowly, lagged back, was asked for run turning for home, but the run never came.

OCTOBER 7 (BC JUVENILE FILLIES)

Grade 1 Frizette, Belmont



Winner: Jaywalk
Trainer: John Servis
Beyer: 84

Graceful Princess, a daughter of top sire Tapit and Horse of the Year Havre de Grace and one of the main contenders, scratched due to a fever. Covfefe was a big favorite here off a smashing debut win Sept. 16 at Churchill, but it was Delaware Park stakes winner Jaywalk who took down the top prize.

Jaywalk, a daughter of Cross Traffic, surprisingly proved quickest, going right to the lead. She set a brisk pace under some

pressure from Nonna Madeline, saw that gal fall away while Covfefe loomed on the far turn, but then easily dispatched with that rival, opening up from there to win handily.

Brucia La Terra, impressive winner of her debut Aug. 12 at Saratoga, was last early after a slow start, bided her time while saving ground, pitched out on the turn for home, and finished decently, though she was never a danger to the winner.

Cassies Dreamer, claimed for \$50,000 out of her smart debut win Aug. 3 at Saratoga and then a rallying third in the Grade

1 Spinaway there Sept. 1, lagged back, moved closer on the far turn, but was then basically one-paced to the line.

Covfefe, a \$250,000 daughter of Into Mischief and the overwhelming favorite off a big debut win, came in at the start, bumping with Nonna Madeline, seemed content to settle in a stalking position in third, moved closer going into the far turn, loomed a threat on the turn, but couldn't sustain her run. This tougher spot, longer trip, and new surroundings might have been a case of her biting off a tad too much too soon.

OCTOBER 7 (BC JUVENILE SPRINT)

Futurity, Belmont



BARBARA D. LIVINGSTON

Winner: Uncle Benny
Trainer: Jason Servis
Beyer: 80

A former major dirt stakes for juveniles has been given a facelift as it's now a turf sprint giving those who want a crack at the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint a launching pad.

Uncle Benny, a smart winner of his debut on dirt Aug. 24 at Monmouth, took to the new footing nicely and may have punched his ticket to Churchill for the inaugural Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint. It's no surprise he likes turf as he's by a European Group 1 turf winner.

From his outside post, Uncle Benny broke inward, bumping with Swamp Rat to get away

poorly as he was last, was still last going to the far turn, swung very wide on the turn to commence his run, was wider still into the lane, and rallied strongly to get the win.

Backtohisroots, trying turf for the first time and dropping after running seventh in the Grade 1 Hopeful on Sept. 3 at Saratoga, also was bumped at the start to get away poorly, sat a couple lengths in front of the eventual winner as Joyful Heart set a strong pace, made his run with the winner into the lane while to his inside, finished well, but just couldn't quite finish with the winner.

Dragic, a filly facing boys and third in a turf mile stakes Sept. 1 at Kentucky Downs (also against males), stalked the pace, moved to the lead into the lane, but was unable to fend off the top two.

Fayette Warrior, easy winner over maidens in a turf sprint Sept. 6 at Kentucky Downs, stalked as well, was still a threat into the lane, but flattened out.

Veterans Beach, easy winner of his turf sprint debut Aug. 10 at Saratoga and third in the Laurel Futurity (a turf sprint) Sept. 22, sat midpack from the start, moved toward the inside turning for home, pitched out wide into the lane, but never mustered a run.

Joyful Heart, big winner over maidens in a turf sprint here July 8 and back to sprinting after finishing third in the Grade 3 With Anticipation at a mile Aug. 29 at Saratoga, veered inward at the start, still had the speed to make the top, held a narrow lead turning for home as Real Money continued to dog him, and then gave way readily.

OCTOBER 10 (BC JUVENILE FILLIES TURF)

Grade 2 Jessamine, Keeneland



Winner: Concrete Rose
Trainer: Rusty Arnold
Beyer: 78

This race was won last year by Rushing Fall, who went on to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf. Concrete Rose, a smashing winner of her turf-sprint debut Aug. 20 at Saratoga, moved well up in class, to a different course, to a route for the first time, and flourished. The daughter of Twirling Candy showed the speed to stalk as longshot City

Diva set a modest pace, remained in stalking mode to the far turn while a few lanes off the fence, moved to the inside on the turn, came off the inside into the lane to make her run, and powered past her rivals in the final furlong.

Pakhet, a smart maiden winner routing on turf Sept. 15 at Belmont, sat in midpack from the start, remained there to the far turn, moving wide for clear sailing, swung wider still turning for home, and finished well to get up for second, though she was never a danger

to the winner.

Belle Laura, a big winner over maidens Sept. 20 at Churchill, was slow into stride to be last early, remained well back to the far turn, pitched out very wide into the lane to be widest of all, and finished well to almost get up for second.

Fierce Scarlett, a \$320,000 daughter of Scat Daddy and the 2-1 favorite off a big maiden win Sept. 15 at Belmont, sat in midpack from the start, swung wide on the far turn, loomed a threat into the lane, but flattened out.