

Friday

Keeneland Race 6 The Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint (G1) 3:00 ET

7 Oxymore 8-1

2 Love Reigns 4-1

12 The Platinum Queen 7-2

9 Sharp Azas Tack 15-1

Trainer Wesley Ward has won this race three times in a row, each of the winners going gate to wire. But Love Reigns figures to be less than her 4-1 ML. The edge goes to the Chad Brown trained Oxymore, who cuts back from a mile in the Nownownow at Monmouth Park. He set the early fractions, briefly lost the lead, and battled back to win the Skidmore two back at Saratoga going 5 ½ furlongs. Private Creed exited that race to win the Juvenile Sprint at Kentucky Downs and the Indian Summer at Keeneland in his next two starts. The Brown trainee earned pace figures in the Skidmore that are quick enough he should be right in the mix early and the 8-1 morning line looks fair enough. Love Reigns won the Bolton Landing last out at the Spa and that effort was flattered when the runner up Danse Macabre came back to win the Untapable at Kentucky Downs next out. Irad did not give this filly much of a ride two back at Royal Ascot. The Platinum Queen is the best of the Euros and was a game winner of the Prix de l'Abbaye (G1) on soft ground at Longchamnp. She has landed in the exacta in 6 of her 7 starts and has some tactical speed.

Keeneland Race 7 The Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) 3:40 ET

7 Chop Chop 4-1

3 And Tell Me Nolies 8-1

10 Chocolate Gelato 7-2

8 Atomically 12-1

14 Raging Sea 8-1

Speed has done very well in this race in recent years but this year there just may be an overabundance signed up to compete and we will go with a couple of fillies that are going to be coming from off the pace in a wide open race. Chop Chop broke poorly in the Alcibiades (G1) over the main track here leaving her last early. She came with a good middle move and finished up full of run

to miss by just a nose to Wonder Wheel. She can turn the tables and draws a better post. Her trainer Brad Cox won this race in 2019. And Tell Me Nolies is coming off a win in the Chandelier (G1) at Santa Anita which was her first trip around two turns. She stumbled coming out of the gate, stalked a sharp early pace and pulled off the upset at 8-1. She came from off the pace to win the Del Mar Debutante (G1) two back going seven furlongs. She looks as if she has some upside and is going to be a decent price.

Keeneland Race 8 The Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1) 4:20 ET

11 G Laurie 12-1

4 Free Look 5-1

5 Pleasant Passage 12-1

2 Cairo Consort 12-1

6 Be Your Best 8-1

G Lurie adds blinkers and gets a key jock switch from Franco to William Buick. This gal got a less than stellar ride from Franco last out in the Natalma (G1) where she was in hand while racing fifth behind a slow pace and got buried in traffic while the winner Last Call got a good trip catching an outside trip. When clear late our top pick showed a good late turn of foot and just needs a better trip here and should get it. She will not be 12-1 but looks as if she still will offer some good value. She is out of a stakes placed Arch mare that has dropped two other turf winners. Free Look caught yielding ground in the Miss Grillo (G2) which is always a key prep for this race. The Brown trainee tracked the early pace, was bumped hard by a foe at the eighth pole and just could not get to the gate to wire winner late in a runner up finish. She was a smart maiden winner two back at Saratoga in her second career start. Four she beat in that maiden race came back to graduate in their next starts. Brown has won this race four times, the last coming in 2018. The home team has dominated this race, Euro invaders winning just twice in 14 editions. Pleasant Passage won the Miss Grillo in gate to wire fashion after breaking her maiden in her debut coming from off the pace. Nothing wrong with this gal if she goes off near her 12-1 morning line.

Keeneland Race 9 The Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) 5:00 ET

4 Forte 4-1

3 Cave Rock 4-5

6 Blazing Sevens 6-1

10 National Treasure 8-1

Forte passed his first test going two turns a game win in the Breeders' Futurity (G1) over the Keeneland main track. He battled on gamely to edge Loggins by a neck and it was nearly seven lengths back to the third-place finisher. The Pletcher trainee won the Hopeful (G1) two back in an impressive effort in the slop. He should work out a good trip sitting mid pack and just needs the chalk to face some pressure early. That favorite is Cave Rock who took the field gate to wire to win the

American Pharoah (G1) at Santa Anita in his first route. He is the lone runner in the field that has run a triple digit Beyer Speed Figure and he has done it twice. His stablemate National Treasure has some early zip but the two Baffert stablemates getting into a speed duel does not seem likely. Longshot Hurricane J breaks from the rail and has some zip and if he pressures the favorite our top pick should have a good shot of a mild upset.

Keeneland Race 10 The Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1) 5:40 ET

4 Silver Knott 3-1

8 I'm Very Busy 9-2

11 Reckoning Force 20-1

6 Andthewinneris 5-1

1 Victoria Road 8-1

Silver Knott is sent out by the Charlie Appleby barn that won three BC races last year and is 6 for 11 overall and in North America in the past five years has hit at a 46% clip. This colt is coming off a game victory in the Autumn (G3) at Newmarket going a mile on good ground. Two back on soft ground he was third in the Champagne (G2) at Doncaster. The winner of that race was Chaldean who came back to win the Dewhurst Stakes (G1) in his next outing on Oct. 8. He looks tough in this spot as the likely favorite. The Euros hold a 9-6 edge over the home team in this race. pack I'm Very Busy caught yielding ground in the Pilgrim (G3) last out as the chalk. He was bumped around early, raced near the back of the pack, and came up a length short of getting to the winner Major Dude who has a better trip. Prat sticks here for Brown who won this race in 2019 with Structor. Reckoning Force adds blinkers after getting off poorly last out in the Bourbon (G2) at Keeneland. He did not have a good trip in a seventh-place finish at 4-1. He won the Juvenile at Kentucky Downs two back going a mile. He is better than he showed last out and should be a generous price.

Saturday

Keeneland Race 3 The Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1) 11:50 ET

7 Obligatory 8-1

4 Ce Ce 4-1

8 Goodnight Olive 3-1

5 Frank's Rockette 6-1

12 Lady Rocket 10-1

Obligatory came from far back to run third last out in the Ballerina 'Cap (G1) at Saratoga. The filly trained early, picked up some momentum on the far turn and had to steady at the quarterpole. She got going late and Ortiz let up on her once she got into third while no threat to the top pair. Ce Ce was a disappointing fifth in that race and rebounded to win the Chillingworth (G3) in her next start. Our top

pick earned a career top two back in a game runner up finish to Bella Sofia in the Bed of Roses (G2). She has won twice at seven furlongs and stalkers and closers have fared well in this race. The Mott trainee should get an honest pace in front of her. Ce Ce is the defending champ of this race and she comes in their year having won the same prep race she did last year. She tossed in a real clunker two back but looks back on track for the McCarthy barn. She has done her best work at seven furlongs and should see some pace in front of her here.

Keeneland Race 4 The Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G1) 12:29 ET

7 Arrest Me Red 15-1

8 Golden Pal 2-1

4 Campanelle 8-1

11 Casa Creed 6-1

10 Caravel 20-1

Trainer Wesley Ward will be tough here with the likely favorite Golden Pal, but the defending champ is not going to offer much bang for the buck. I'll lean to Ward's other runner Arrest Me Now who will be a generous price in this spot. The colt came off a three month break last out at Kentucky Downs where he made a good late run to finish third in the Turf Sprint (G2) at six furlongs. He has won 6 of 10 on turf in his career including going 3 for 4 at this distance. He should be tighter second off the break and is going to get overlooked in the betting. Golden Pal is the obvious one to beat but expect a bit less than the 2-1 morning line. He wired the field last out in the Woodford (G2) over the turf at Keeneland. The colt is now perfect in four trips over the turf at Keeneland. He owns solid early and mid pace numbers. Ward is just 1 for 13 in this race. The home team is tough in this race, and one from the Ward trio should get it done here, but I don't have a strong opinion on which one will get the job done. The filly Campanelle has shown she can be competitive versus the boys.

Keeneland Race 5 The Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) 1:10 ET

6 Laurel River 9-2

7 Cody's Wish 5-2

5 Gunite 7-2

9 Cyberknife 9-2

2 Simplification 15-1

Laurel River ran a career top last out winning the Pat O'Brien (G2) at seven furlongs at Del Mar on his second start off nearly an 11-month layoff. The colt stalked the early pace, split rivals, and drew clear to win by nearly four lengths. Three he beat that day came back to win stakes in their next starts. He is perfect in two trips at a mile, beating Alw-1 and Alw-2 foes. He looks primed for a top effort third off the bench for Baffert. Cody's Wish is also stretching out from seven furlongs. The Mott trainee won the Forego (G1) last out with a career top speed figure. Among the horses he beat that day were Jackie's

Warrior and Pipeline. He is perfect in five starts at a mile, two back winning the Hanshin at Churchill Downs. All five of those trips came at one turn. He was beaten just a neck in the two turn Challenger (G3) at Tampa Bay Downs back in March. He looks like a good fit here although his price is going to end up on the light side in a competitive race.

Keeneland Race 6 The Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (G1) 1:50 ET

5 Tuesday 8-1

3 Nashwa 5-2

4 Above the Curve 9-2

9 Rougir 12-1

11 In Italian 7-2

Tuesday appears to be the value among the Euro invaders. Her form is not great off her last two outings but both came over ground that was off and she seems to be better on firmer footing. She won the Epsom Oaks (G1) back in June on good ground and was beaten a length in the Yorkshire Oaks (G1) three back on good ground. Note Moore was aboard for both of those starts and is back on board today despite riding Above the Curve in her last three starts. Nashwa was the beaten favorite last out in the Prix de l'Opera (G1) on soft ground at Longchamp, beaten ¾ of a length to Place de Carrousel. She won the Nassau (G1) two back at Goodwood on good to firm ground. The runner up in that race was Aristia who won the Prix Jean Romanet (G1) in her next start. Overseas invaders have won this race three years in a row and five of the last six.

Keeneland Race 7 The Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) 2:30

4 American Theorem 10-1

9 Jackie's Warrior 4-5

5 Aloha West 12-1

2 Kimari 4-1

American Theorem came with a good late run while wide to finish in the runner up spot in the Pat O'Brien (G2) last out at seven furlongs. The winner Laurel River is a major player in the Dirt Mile. Three others exited the race to win next out, Senor Buscador winning the Ack Ack (G3), The Chosen Vron winning the EB Johnson at Los Al and the California Flag at Santa Anita and Defunded won the Awesome Again (G1) in his next start. Our top pick won the Bing Crosby (G1) two back at six furlongs, just his second trip at the distance. The pace is the question mark as it may not be that brisk, but this guy is worth a look if we catch most of the 10-1 morning line. We faded Jackie's Warrior in this race last year and it worked out well, but this field does not look that deep and he has put in five solid efforts since his clunker last year in this race. He ran in a sharp one in Cody's Wish last out in a runner up finish in the Forego (G1) and that foe is going to be tough in the Dirt Mile. The price is going to be short again this year but I think he runs big here.

Keeneland Race 8 The Breeders' Cup Mile (G1) 3:10 ET

- 13 Kinross 9-2
- 4 Modern Games 7-2
- 3 Dreamloper 6-1
- 8 Regal Glory 6-1
- 9 Malavath 15-1

Kinross has reeled off four in a row, last outing beating 17 foes in the British Champion Sprint (G1) at Ascot going six furlongs over good to soft ground. He won the Prix de la Foret (G1) two back at seven furlongs, the prep Goldikova used to win this race. He is a seven furlong specialist but looks more than capable of starching out to a mile here. He has won at 7 ½ furlongs on turf and at a mile on the all-weather. Dettori needs to work out a trip from the outside post but this gelding has a ton of talent and is coming into this race in the best form of his career and handles firmer ground. Modern Games will be the favorite and I am still smarting from missing out on the Pick 5 last year as he ran for purse money only in an impressive win in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1). He is making his third start in seven weeks but looks locked and loaded since landing in Lexington. He was much the best in the Woodbine Mile (G1) and regressed slightly last out in a runner up finish in the Queen Elizabeth II (G1) at Ascot on Oct. 15. The 7-2 looks fair but this guy likely goes off lighter. Dreamloper won the Prix du Moulin at Longchamp (G1) by 5 ½ lengths in smart effort bouncing back off a pair of subpar efforts. Euros have won three of the last four editions and this mare is going to be a decent price.

Keeneland Race 9 The Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) 3:55 ET

- 8 Society 6-1
- 1 Malathat 3-1
- 6 Nest 9-5
- 4 Clairiere 4-1

7 Search Results 9-2

Society gets the nod here in a wide open race in which a win by any of the top five here would not be a surprise. Our top pick owns solid early and mid pace number and her best shot is if she is able to shake loose early. Last out she took the field gate to wire in the Cotillion (G1) at Parx, a race that did not exactly come up that tough. Three-year-old fillies have won this race four times in the last 11 years. We have only seen a wire job in the Distaff one time in the last 18 years. So we need a price and it looks like we should get a fair one. Malathat made a good late run to finish third in this race last year. She just fires each time out, a winner of 9 of 13 starts with three seconds. She earned a near career top two back winning the Personal Ensign (G1), last out her speed figure declined but she looks impressive winning the Spinster (G1) over the main track here by 5 ½ lengths. That effort looks like a perfect prep. Nest faced older for the first time last out and won the Beldame (G2). She ran well against the boys in a runner up finish in the Belmont (G1) back in June. Her win over the track was in

the Ashland (G1) back in April. She is very talented but has the look of an underlay here facing a solid field.

Keeneland Race 10 The Breeders' Cup Turf (G1) 4:40 ET

11 Mishriff 6-1

7 Nations Pride 7-2

3 Stone Age 15-1

5 Rebel's Romance 3-1

2 War Like Goddess 9-2

The Euros have been pretty dominant in this race, winning 23 times in 38 editions and taking six of the last seven. Mishriff comes in flying under the radar as his form is not what it was and he has lost all six starts this year, last out a well beaten 13th in the Arc (G1). We have seen winners of this race bounce back off subpar efforts at Longchamp. This guy won the 2021 Saudi Cup (G1) on dirt and then took the Dubai Sheema Classic (G1) on turf at this distance. He caught ground not to his liking in his last pair and if Gosden ships this guy over I have to think he is going to bounce back with a much better effort on firmer ground. National Pride is one of two in here sent out by Appleby and Buick is on this guy. He has run three solid races since landing in the U,S, taking the Saratoga Derby (G1) at 1 3/16 miles followed by the Jockey Club Derby (G3) last out at 1 ½ miles. Appleby and Buick teamed up to win last year's Turf with Yibir who was also a three-year-old. Stone Age came up short in two starts in the U.S. and then was fifth in the Irish Champions (G1) and Champion Stakes (G1) at Ascot last out. Another that should move forward on firmer ground and he is going to be a price. O'Brien has won this race five times and Moore sticks.

Keeneland Race 11 The Breeders' Cup Classic (G1)

6 Epicenter 5-1

4 Flightline 3-5

7 Olympiad 10-1

2 Life Is Good 6-1

Flightline is being hyped as the next coming of Secretariat and it looks as if he is going to go off at his ML of 3/5 or maybe a bit lighter. He could regress 10 Beyer points and still likely beat this group. However, this guy only has one start going two turns, one at this distance and has just five starts under his belt. He faces the toughest group of his career and at a puny price I just need to try to beat everyone's single. Epicenter looks like the most logical option. The Asmussen trainee has landed in the exacta in 9 of his 10 career starts and earned a career top with a sharp Travers (G1) win where he drew off to win by 5 ¼ lengths. He is proven at the distance and looks capable of putting up a similar number as last out. Three-year-olds have won four of the last eight editions of this race and Baffert saddled all of them. Asmussen did win the 2007 Classic with the three-year-old Curlin. The colt owns a solid pace prolife throughout with good late pace numbers. 9-2 or 5-1 looks better than 2-5 here.

Olympiad is coming off a win against a subpar group in the Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) which has always been a live prep for the Classic. The Mott trainee has earned triple digit Beyers in six of his last seven starts and looked super winning the Stephen Foster (G2) three back. Mott has two Classic wins with Cigar and Drosselmeyer. He looks up to facing a much tougher group here and is going to end up a decent price.

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