

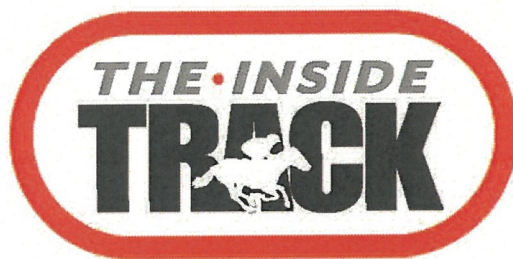
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Japanese star Forever Young has been listed at 6-1 for the Breeders' Cup Classic on Saturday. (Shamela Hanley / Eclipse Sportswire / Breeders's Cup)

2025 Breeders' Cup Picks & Analysis

Final entries are in and we're ready to rock n' roll into the 2025 Breeders' Cup on Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1!

These are the best days of the year to win a life-changing wager, and we've done our homework, with both picks and longshots for every Breeders' Cup race.

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Catch all the excitement of the Breeders' Cup from Del Mar, Friday, Oct. 31 at 1:35 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 1 at 12:05 p.m.

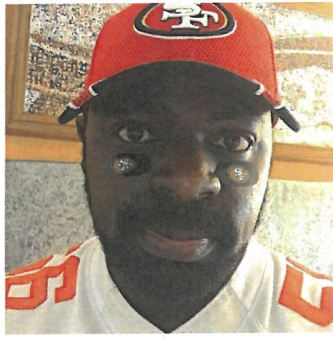
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NFL Picks by TravyFootball Week 9

It's been a wild ride this season with injuries piling up and teams still trying to find their identity halfway through the year. In my Week 9 picks, I'm breaking down three key matchups that could shake up the standings — including a Monday night game that has "shootout" written all over it. Some teams are hanging on by a thread, others are starting to look like real contenders, and one might just surprise everyone with a statement win. Check out my full breakdown [here](#).



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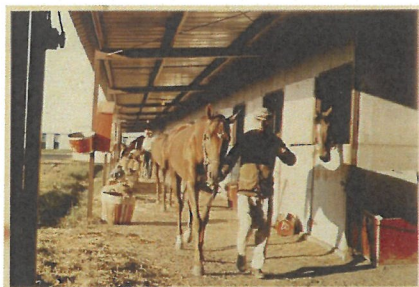


Groom Julianna LeRoux reacts as she leaves the winner's circle with Baby Gundin after their victory in the Miss Imperial Overnight Stakes on Aug. 26 for trainer Jerry Gourneau and owner Henry S. Witt Jr. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo) Click photo to enlarge.

2025 Breeders' Cup Picks, Analysis and Links

Track photographer Jason Halstead takes numerous photos during the races, and not all of them can make it into the win photos. If you're looking for something frameable from your big race, or of your special horse, email Jason at jjhphoto@gmail.com.

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A Snapshot in Time by Bob Gates

Well, it's Halloween and the time seems just right for this photo. This picture was found amongst assorted racing papers and whatnot. Here's what's written on the reverse of the photo "Frosty Witch - two-year-old filly – first horse to set foot on Assiniboia Race Track. Breeder Swan River by Darell Lumax." The photo dates back to around May/June 1958 and my best guess is that's Art King walking with young Frosty Witch (Assiniboia Downs archives).



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Village Voice (15-1) looks like a live longshot for the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf. (Coglianese Photos / Chelsea Durand)

Live Longshots and Value Plays for the 2025 Breeders' Cup

The 2025 Breeders' Cup is upon us! The eyes of the racing world are on Del Mar for this year's World Championships, and America's Best Racing has several price plays for Friday and Saturday "where the turf meets the surf."

With 14 races, full fields, and some of the top horses in training, there are plenty of opportunities to find value. Let's take a look!

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Breeders' Cup Juvenile Filly Turf entrant Hawaii showed a quicker turn of foot in her last start, a win at The Curragh. (Debra A. Roma)

Breeders' Cup Friday: Europeans expected to add to recent dominance on turf

You might have forgotten a filly named Hard to Justify. After all, her last start came in May 2024. Why bring her up? Hard to Justify's victory in the 2023 Juvenile Fillies Turf marks the only North American-based 2-year-old turf win at the last two Breeders' Cups. European horses landed the other five Friday turf races, and they almost certainly will win more this Friday.

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Kentucky Derby winner Sovereignty will not run in the Breeders' Cup Classic, which leaves the winner's circle wide open for a host of rivals, and their are numerous other horses worth watching. (Imagn Images)

2025 Breeders' Cup: Seven must-watch horses on Saturday

From the ultimate underdog to a two-time champion, SportsLine expert and microshare horse owner Jeff Hochman shares the horses who will be must-see TV this weekend.

Hochman will be at Del Mar for the Breeders' Cup and has identified seven must-watch horses for Saturday. From an ultimate underdog to a hometown hero, these four-legged animals have stories that go beyond their ability to run fast.

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Do you remember when the Downs put on race day concerts? The usual fair trended towards country music, but the offerings were always entertaining. You got a pre-race or post-race concert and a full card of racing all for the price of admission. And that's another thing -- remember when you had to pay to get into the races? Click [here](#) for the history blog's tribute to race day concerts of the '70s and '80s. (From August 25, 2023)

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Breeders' Cup Analysis

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True Love, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint (Shamela Hanley / Eclipse Sportswire / Breeders's Cup)

By G.S. Thompson

Breeders' Cup Picks for Friday, Oct. 31

Race 6, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint

1. #9 TRUE LOVE
2. #8 HAVANA ANNA
3. #11 SCHWARZENEGGER

TRUE LOVE is the clear class with proven Group form and a devastating last furlong; if she breaks cleanly, her finishing kick should separate her from the field. HAVANA ANNA represents strong value and seems even more dangerous cutting back to 5f, where she should sit just behind the leaders before making her move. SCHWARZENEGGER is Ward's best speed colt, armed

with :21-and-change pace and the toughness to stick around if the fractions aren't too hot.

Longshots

#1 BRUSSELS #2 MILITARY CODE, #5 OBLITERATION, #10 CY FAIR

Race 7, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies

1. #7 EXPLORA
2. #5 TOMMY JO
3. #2 BOTTLE OF ROUGE

EXPLORA looks the most complete of this group, with tactical speed and local seasoning that should allow her to stalk and pounce at the right moment. TOMMY JO is steadily improving for Pletcher and has the stamina and grinding style that make her dangerous stretching out. BOTTLE OF ROUGE has the advantage of Del Mar experience and carries her speed in a way that makes her very tough if she relaxes early.

Longshots

#9 LA WALLY, #3 MEANING, #8 SUPER CORREDORA

Race 8, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf

1. #13 PRECISE
2. #9 TIME TO DREAM
3. #3 IMAGINATIONTHELADY

PRECISE is the class of the race, with Group 1-level form and the settle-and-quicken style that consistently wins this event for O'Brien. TIME TO DREAM is the best American hope, with strong late fractions that give her a chance if the pace is honest. IMAGINATIONTHELADY's versatility makes her dangerous; she can secure a ground-saving trip and get first run on the deeper closers.

Longshots

#2 QUEEN OF HAWAII, #6 SWITCH IN LOVE, #12 PACIFIC MISSION

Race 9, Breeders' Cup Juvenile

1. #8 TED NOFFEY
2. #7 BRANT
3. #2 BLACKOUT TIME

TED NOFFEY has been the most professional colt in the division, boasting both figures and maturity that set him apart, and he should get the perfect trip. BRANT is Baffert's best shot with local seasoning and speed, likely to sit near the favorite and keep fighting late. BLACKOUT TIME is the grinder who benefits most if the two leaders duel too hard and will be rolling late to pick up the pieces.

Longshots

#1 INTREPIDO, #3 MR. A.P, #4 COMPORT, #6 LITMUS TEST

Race 10, Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf

1. #14 GSTAAD
2. #12 BOTTAS
3. #9 ARGOS

GSTAAD is the most talented colt on paper, and if he settles despite his outside post, his turn of foot should overwhelm this group. BOTTAS is steadily improving for Clement and has the tactical speed to put himself in a winning spot turning for home. ARGOS is the best domestic win candidate with his push-button style and ability to adapt to different trip scenarios.

Longshots

#2 STREET BEAST, #8 STARK CONTRAST, #10 ARDISIA, #13 HEY NAY NAY



Forever Young, Breeders' Cup Classic (Shamela Hanley / Eclipse Sportswire / Breeders's Cup)

Breeders' Cup Picks for Saturday, Nov 1.

Race 4, Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint

1. #6 SWEET AZTECA
2. #4 TAMARA
3. #8 HOPE ROAD

SWEET AZTECA is a brilliant sprinter with consistent triple-digit-type figures and the kind of tactical speed that should allow her to sit just off the leaders and kick clear late. TAMARA has proven Grade 1 class, is versatile enough to adapt to pace scenarios, and with Smith guiding her she'll be well-timed for a strong late push. HOPE ROAD brings speed and grit, and Baffert's training style at Del Mar gives her a real chance to fire a peak effort.

Longshots

#1 ZEITLOS, #5 FEE BLANCHE, #9 RICHI

Race 5, Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint

1. #1 MOTORIOUS
2. #3 ARIZONA BLAZE
3. #8 AG BULLET

MOTORIOUS (GB) loves the Del Mar turf and has a devastating late kick perfectly suited to the 5f trip. ARIZONA BLAZE (GB) has Group 1 European sprint form and the kind of toughness to keep showing up; he should be in the mix despite the cutback. AG BULLET has speed to clear and the balance to finish, and she figures prominently if she avoids a duel.

Longshots

#4 KHADEM, #12 INVINCIBLE PAPA

Race 6, Breeders' Cup Sprint

1. #10 BENTORNATO
2. #1 KOPION
3. #7 IMAGINATION

BENTORNATO has the figures, the consistency, and the perfect pressing style to dominate if he avoids traffic; Ortiz Jr. makes him especially dangerous. KOPION is quick from the gate and tough to reel in when he grabs a clear lane—his 7f stamina makes him dangerous stretching his kick to 6f. IMAGINATION is a Baffert

colt who has shown both speed and fight, a major asset against this caliber.

Longshots

#2 BANISHING, #6 DR. VENKMAN, #12 STRAIGHT NO CHASER

Race 7, Breeders' Cup Distaff

1. #8 SEISMIC BEAUTY
2. #1 NITROGEN
3. #12 DORTH VADER

SEISMIC BEAUTY comes in as the top American distaff runner, with consistent triple-digit Beyers and the ability to stalk and pounce; Baffert has her peaking at the right time. NITROGEN offers a grinding style that plays perfectly at 9f, and her tactical positioning should keep her in the mix throughout. DORTH VADER has proven fight and tactical flexibility, and her style suits Del Mar's surface.

Longshots

#2 SARAWAK RIM, #3 CLICQUOT, #4 SCYLLA, #5 SCOTTISH LASSIE, #6 ALICE VERITE

Race 8, Breeders' Cup Turf

1. #1 REBEL'S ROMANCE
2. #8 MINNIE HAUKE
3. #2 GOLIATH

REBEL'S ROMANCE looks to repeat in this race and has the class, experience, and proven ability to handle firm U.S. ground. MINNIE HAUKE, the three-year-old filly from O'Brien, comes in off a strong Arc placing and gets weight, making her a serious rival. GOLIATH adds intrigue as a German shipper with stout staying form who could get the perfect stalking trip.

Longshots

#3 AMILOC, #6 WIMBLEDON HAWKEYE, #10 EL CORDOBES

Race 9, Breeders' Cup Classic

1. #5 FOREVER YOUNG
2. #7 SIERRA LEONE
3. #1 FIERCENESS

FOREVER YOUNG has been training sharply and his stamina and toughness give him a real chance to deliver Japan's first Classic; his prep lines suggest he's peaking now. SIERRA LEONE is a relentless closer who will benefit from a hot early pace and comes into the race in the best form of his career. FIERCENESS has tactical versatility and raw talent, and if he gets his preferred trip, he can take this group wire-to-wire or from just off the lead.

Longshots

#2 BAEZA, #3 NEVADA BEACH, #8 MINDFRAME, #9 JOURNALISM

Race 10, Breeders' Cup Mile

1. #2 NOTABLE SPEECH
2. #11 RHETORICAL
3. #4 THE LION IN WINTER

NOTABLE SPEECH is Appleby's ace, peaking at the right time with a turn of foot tailor-made for the Del Mar mile. RHETORICAL has emerged as a dangerous American miler with speed and a powerful finishing kick. THE LION IN WINTER is O'Brien's main chance, bringing Group 1 Euro class and the tactical ability to adapt to this race.

Longshots

#5 PROGRAM TRADING, #7 JOHANNES, #9 ARGINE, #10 JONQUIL

Race 11, Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile

1. #3 NYSOS
2. #6 FULL SERRANO (ARG)
3. #10 WHITE ABARRIO

NYSOS is the one to beat – his high cruising speed and raw ability are unmatched in this field, and he looks primed for another big win. FULL SERRANO (ARG) is a South American import with the right tactical style and finishing kick to threaten if the favorite falters. WHITE ABARRIO is classy and proven at the top level, making him a must-use in this spot.

Longshots

#2 GOAL ORIENTED, #4 MYSTIK DAN, #5 TUMBARUMBA

Race 12, Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf

1. #13 SHE FEELS PRETTY
2. #9 CINDERELLA'S DREAM
3. #5 GEZORA

SHE FEELS PRETTY has emerged as North America's best turf filly, with tactical speed and a powerful late run that make her a major win candidate. CINDERELLA'S DREAM (GB) is Appleby's filly with proven Euro class and a style that fits Del Mar's 11f. GEZORA has been running well in France and looks poised to translate her form here.

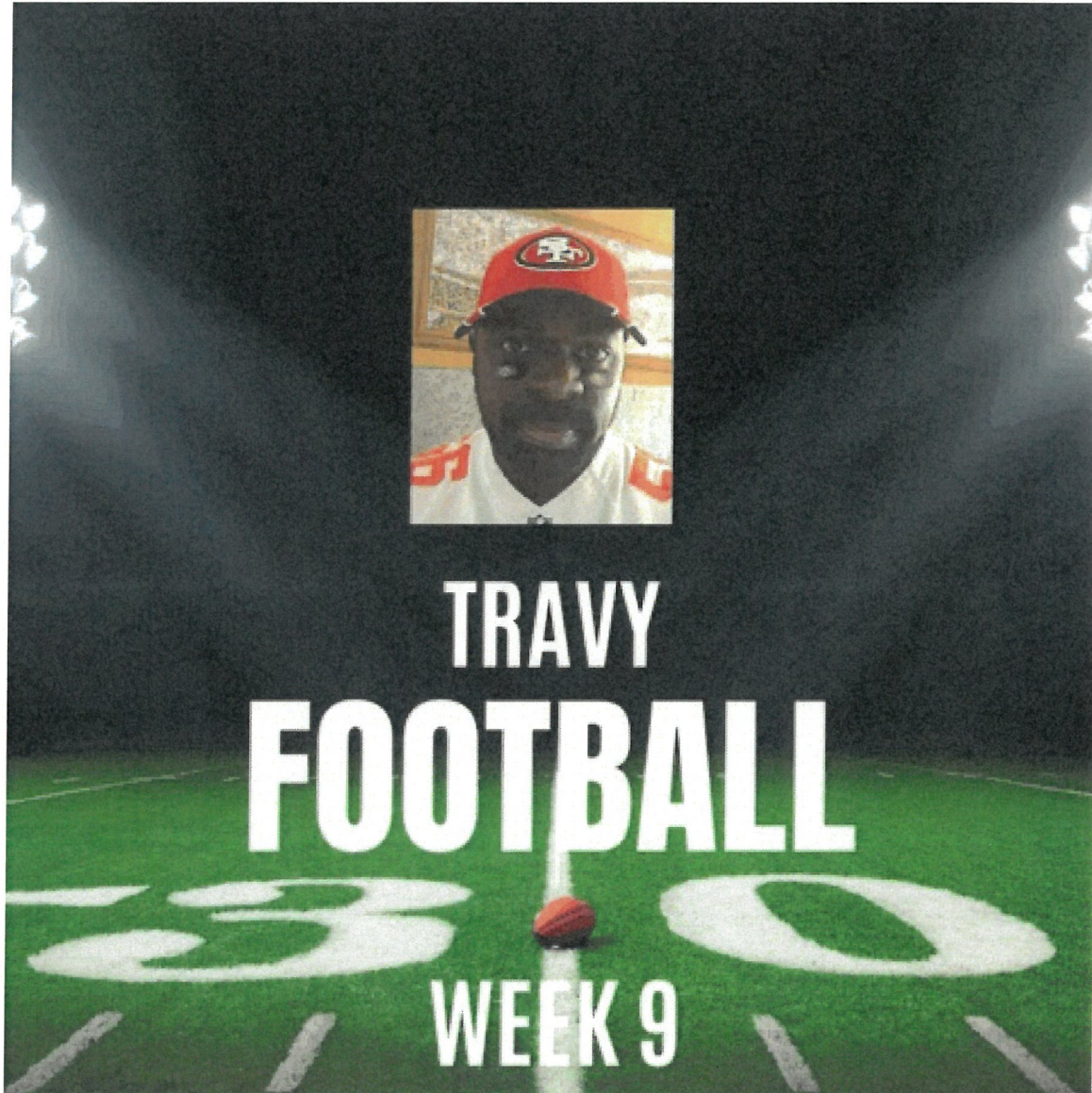
Longshots

#4 VILLAGE VOICE, #6 DIAMOND RAIN, #11 BEDTIME STORY,
#14 SEE THE FIRE

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TravyFootball Week 9

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By Travers Cummings

49ers over Giants (Sunday noon): I haven't talked much about the 49ers this year, mostly because I can't confidently pick them to win a game this season. It's not because I don't think they can, but more so due to the absurd number of injuries they're dealing with yet again. At some point, you just have to throw your arms up and wave the white towel, asking, "Who's next to get hurt?" How they've even managed to win five games so far is

remarkable. Now they'll take whoever's still healthy and able to play into the Meadowlands to face the Giants, who are reeling from a major injury of their own. Christian McCaffrey was bottled up against the Texans last week, but I think he'll have much more success against the Giants' 30th-ranked rushing defence. Mac Jones, who's been filling in for Brock Purdy, will most likely get the start again, although he's dealing with a knee injury of his own (of course).

Cowboys over Cardinals (Monday night): Dallas had a tough outing last week against the Broncos. Their defence is so bad — unbelievably bad — and it might be all-time bad. When the offence was putting up 30–40 points a game, they could compensate for the terrible defence, but eventually they were going to run into a team that actually plays defence — like Denver did — and they completely shut down Dak Prescott and the offence. Now it's back home to Texas to take on the Arizona Cardinals on Monday night. Kyler Murray has missed the last couple of games with a foot injury but is expected to be back for this one. Funny enough, the Cards have actually looked better this season with backup QB Jacoby Brissett than they have with Kyler Murray. This game should be a shootout, so for you fantasy football people — start all your Cowboys and Cardinals players.

Lions over Vikings (Sunday noon): The Vikings' disappointing season continues with a trip to Detroit this weekend. I don't even know who's playing quarterback for Minnesota in this one. There have been a lot of whispers about what's going on with J.J. McCarthy. He's been out since Week 2 with a sprained ankle, and it's taking an unusually long time to heal. Some people believe the Vikings are trying to protect him, essentially saying he's not ready to be an NFL quarterback yet, hence delaying his comeback, while others believe he's legitimately just taking a long time to heal. Typically, it doesn't take almost two months to recover from a sprained ankle — I guess it depends on the severity of it. With Carson Wentz going down for the season, they'll have to make a decision on McCarthy quickly, because there's no way they're going to start third-stringer Max Brosmer. If they're looking for a 42-year-old touch football quarterback though, I'm available — they just need to pick up the phone and call me. Regardless of who's playing, it won't matter, because the Lions have been stomping opponents who show up to their stadium, and I expect that trend to continue.

Last week: 1–2

Season overall: 14–10