

Racing Flow™ Observations on the 2018 Breeders Cup

Racing Flow™ has had a pretty good run at the Breeders Cup. (We recognize that may make us a bounce candidate). Here are our past performances:

- 2014, upgrade \$2 win ROI - \$2.95; downgrade \$2 win ROI - \$0.00
- 2015, upgrade \$2 win ROI - \$2.73; downgrade \$2 win ROI - \$0.00
- 2016, upgrade \$2 win ROI - \$3.50; downgrade \$2 win ROI - \$1.05
- 2017, upgrade \$2 win ROI - \$3.06; downgrade \$2 win ROI - \$0.00

The following observations are not the final Racing Flow™ Upgrades & Downgrades for the November 2nd and 3rd BC cards. Instead, they are meant to describe the influence of race FLOW & track BIAS on the past performance of Breeders Cup entrants and illustrate how handicapping can be improved with Racing Flow™ enhanced running lines, something only possible with a Racing Flow™ subscription. We suggest you review this document in parallel with your BC advance running lines.

Official Upgrades & Downgrades reports will include analysis of non-Breeders Cup races at SA and the full Aqueduct and Churchill Downs cards. They can be obtained:

1) with an Xpressbet account:

- a) log into your account;
- b) click Pro Shop;
- c) click Thoroughbred;
- d) click Upgrade & Downgrade Report;
- e) purchase the 11/2 or 11/3 report for \$10 (or 12,000 XB Rewards Points) each;
- f) click "save" to download a copy to your hard drive.

2) without an Xpressbet account:

- a) go to racingflow.com
- b) click the Full Service - 1 month button (the cost is \$80, but you will also receive Upgrades & Downgrades Reports for the rest of 2018 and the ability to print Racing Flow™ figures with DRF Formulator running lines);
- c) reports will be emailed to you, so sign up ASAP to make sure you get on the mailing list in time for the Friday report.

If you would like to learn more about our statistics (in horseplayer parlance ... figures) visit racingflow.com and review the "Data & Figures" and "About Racing Flow" pages. For purposes of this document, you just need to know that CFR means closer favorability ratio. Each race is ranked from "most speed favoring" to "toughest for speed" on a scale from 1 to 100. If CFR = 1, the race ranks in the top one percentile in terms of favoring front runners. If CFR = 100, the race ranks in top one percentile favoring deep stretch runners.

If you have questions, send an email to jake@racingflow.com. Since it's a busy time of year, it may take until after the Breeders Cup for us to respond.

Good racing luck,

The Plod Boys

BC JUV TURF SPRINT

- The rally by **All About It** in the Indian Summer was aided by CFR 99. Since the winner came from even farther off the pace, this guy has a neutral rating, but he's a borderline downgrade.
- There's a pretty similar situation with **Backtohisroots**, although the Futurity CFR was "only" 86. Another borderline downgrade.
- **Chelsea Cloisters** may have been too close to the Indian Summer pace. More of an upgrade than a downgrade.
- **Stillwater Cove** is a classic quick-to-zip upgrade. The Natalia was a closer friendly CFR 95. This girl made the top but was run down by a very deep closer.
- **Strike Silver** was the beneficiary of the zippy Indian Summer, making her a clear downgrade today.
- **Uncle Benny** was the beneficiary of the CFR 86 Futurity. Not enough to downgrade, but nothing to really like.

BC JUV FILLY TURF

- We loved **Lady Prancealot** in her last based on prior strong close into tough CFR 9 at DMR. Almost got to wire-to-wire winner of last in a CFR 31 event. Borderline upgrade.
- As noted above, the Natalia was a closer friendly CFR 95, so **La Pelosa** gets a downgrade.
- **My Gal Betty** also seems to have benefitted from Natalia flow, but won't be a downgrade because she was positioned ahead of the winner in the early race stages.
- **Pivottina** is another Natalia flow beneficiary, and warrants downgrade status.

BC JUVENILE FILLIES

- We love Tito's Vodka sponsoring the event. Just a little lime for me, no tonic, no ice.
- We liked **Bellafina** in the Chandelier, as she was exiting a vs zip win (CFR 95) in her G1 debut. The last was a CFR 91, so she benefitted by sitting off **Vibrance**. The others in the race had no excuse.
- All three of the FL Bred Stakes favored closers (CFR 92, 83 & 97), so while **Cookie Dough** benefitted from her last trip, she avoids a downgrade because she was forwardly placed in the prior two.
- The Alcibiades was a closer friendly CFR 97, so both **Reflect** and **Restless Rider** benefitted (the former more so). Downgrades both.
- **Serengeti Empress** is the vs zip (CFR 97) winner of the Pocahontas. Often they bounce, but sometimes they become superstars. We're betting on the latter.
- **Sippican Harbor** got benefit of CFR 82 in the Spinaway. Not enough to downgrade, but enough to flatter her a bit too much for our liking.

- **Splashy Kitten** is a marginal downgrade. The maiden win was wire-to-wire with CFR 11; in the Pocahontas, she passed a couple that were exhausted from early efforts to challenge **Serengeti Empress**.
- The CFR 91 of the Chandelier gives **Vibrance** upgrade status today.

BC JUV TURF

- **King of Speed** benefitted from CFR 93 in the Zuma Beach, making him a downgrade today.
- **Louder Than Bombs** benefitted from CFR 91 in the Armed Forces, leading to a downgrade today. However, he was a vs plod winner (CFR 3) of his debut, which usually portends good things for a horse's future.
- **Much Better** made a classic quick-to-zip move in the Zuma Beach, so we're expecting much better today. Upgrade.

BC JUVENILE

- **Code of Honor** was a downgrade in the Champagne based on his with plod (CFR 3) debut, but he comported himself nicely under neutral Flow & Bias conditions. Neutral today.
- **Dueling** was a point short of upgrade status when he broke his maiden in last. We're much more positive than negative on this colt out of a Slew mare.

BC FILLY & MARE SPRINT

- **Anonymity** was dueled into defeat vs a closer friendly CFR 92 in the LA Woman. Gets an upgrade today.
- **Dream Pauline** stalked and rallied in a 1x at Saratoga despite CFR 3. Upgrade today.
- **Golden Mischief** stalked and rallied in the TCA (CFR 9) at Keeneland. Yet another upgrade.
- **Chalon, Happy Like a Fool** and **Miss Sunset** don't inspire, as they raced ahead of the winner of the CFR 9 TCA.
- **Selcourt** had things her own way (CFR 7) while wiring the Santa Monica. She's a downgrade today.
- **Shamrock Rose** had a favorable setup (CFR 95) while rallying to win the Raven Run. Another downgrade.
- **Sky Diamond** got the closer friendly CFR 92 when besting **Anonymity** in the LA Woman. Yet another downgrade.

BC TURF SPRINT

- Seemingly outclassed **B Squared** is a near upgrade for closing the gap vs the wire-to-wire winner of the (CFR 11) EB Johnston.
- **Bucchero** got plenty of flow when rallying to win the Woodford (CFR 94) in his last. Downgrade today.
- **Extravagant Kid** appears to have been too close in the Woodford. Marginal upgrade.
- **Pay Any Price** was a vs zip (CFR 100) winner two races back, but took advantage of a comfortable CFR 11 in winning his latest wire-to-wire. Tough call.
- **Will Call**, like **Bucchero**, took advantage of the Woodford CFR 94 zip. Downgrade today.

BC DIRT MILE

- **Awesome Slew** exits the speed friendly (CFR 2) Ack Ack, but the winner came from behind him. Neutral today.
- **Dak Attack** was an upgrade in his last after chasing a wire-to-wire winner in the speed friendly (CFR 10) Mucho Macho Man back in January. In his last, he was run down by a closer in a Kee 2x that was pretty tough on speed (CFR 81). He's close to being an upgrade today, but not quite.
- **Giant Expectations** is a clear upgrade. Could not rally in the speed friendly (CFR 11) SA Handicap, and was clearly hindered by the (CFR 2) Ack Ack. Could move forward.
- **Limousine Liberal** is a clear upgrade. Almost got up in the Phoenix when experiencing a troubled trip and difficult (CFR 10) flow.
- We've got to downgrade **Promises Fulfilled**, who took advantage of the speed friendly Phoenix flow.
- **Seeking the Soul** is the clearest of upgrades for overcoming the difficult (CFR 2) flow of the Ack Ack.
- **Warrior's Club** never led in the Ack Ack, but folded despite the speed friendly conditions. Marginal downgrade.
- The effort of **Whitmore** in the Phoenix is similar to that of **Limousine Liberal**, although not quite as impressive. An upgrade nonetheless.

BC FILLY & MARE TURF

- **A Raving Beauty** was an upgrade entering her last, but she won the First Lady wire-to-wire with fairly easy flow (CFR 23). Neutral today.
- Nice effort by **Fourstar Crook** in going last-to-first in the Flower Bowl with CFR 23. And who would be surprised by a Chad Brown exacta?
- **Santa Monica** was a disappointing upgrade in her last (she was hindered by the CFR 1 flow of the Glen

Falls. And who would be surprised by a Chad Brown trifecta?

BC SPRINT

- See **B Squared** comment from BC Turf Sprint.
- **Distinctive B** failed in the SA Sprint despite favorable (CFR 2) flow. Downgrade today.
- **Firenze Fire's** performance in the Dwyer was fabulous (major close into CFR 9). Two for two at today's distance.
- See **Happy Like a Fool** comment from the BC Filly & Mare Sprint.
- **Limousine Liberal** a clear upgrade (see comment from BC Dirt Mile).
- **Mind Your Biscuits** was an upgrade winner in Dubai and an upgrade (tough luck) loser in the Met Mile. If you toss the two 9f tries, he could be a upgrade today.
- **Promises Fulfilled** is a downgrade (see comment from BC Dirt Mile).
- **Roy H** ran past **Distinctive B** in the SA Sprint vs unfavorable (CFR 2) flow. Upgrade today.
- See **Warrior's Club** comment from BC Dirt Mile.
- **Whitmore** is an upgrade (see comment from BC Dirt Mile).

BC MILE

- **Analyze It** hung as an upgrade in his last, having gone quick-to-zip (CFR 99) in the Secretariat.
- See **A Raving Beauty** comment from BC Filly & Mare Turf
- **Divisidero** has been a frequent upgrade over his career, and is an upgrade once again. The Woodbine Mile gave no chance to closers (CFR 1).
- While not quite a downgrade today, **Next Shares** got a nice (CFR 90) setup in his last at Keeneland.
- **Oscar Performance** was an upgrade winner of the Woodbine Mile, having been too close in the Secretariat. But the Canadian "with plod" win moves him down a notch to neutral.
- Like **Next Shares**, **Qurbaan** got a nice setup in Shadwell.

BC DISTAFF

- **Abel Tasman**, the upgrade winner of last year's Kentucky Oaks, is an upgrade once again. The Zenyatta Stakes gave little chance to a deep closer (CFR 10).
- **La Force** also gets a vs plod upgrade from the Zenyatta.

- **Vale Dori** also exits the speed friendly Zenyatta. Didn't lead early, so not a downgrade. But forwardly place early, so not an upgrade either.

BC TURF

- We don't make figures for European racing, so it's unlikely we'll point to a winner here.
- **Liam the Charmer** is a near upgrade, having gone last-to-first despite a speed friendly CFR 12 in the John Henry Stakes.

BC CLASSIC

- **Catholic Boy** has been a favorite of ours since his vs plod (CFR 10) maiden win, but recent FLOW & BIAS figures leaves him neutral today.
- **Discreet Lover** is downgrade. The Jockey Club Gold Cup gave a decided edge to stretch runners (CFR 94).
- **Gunnevera** has been a Racing Flow™ favorite, and was a failed upgrade when he could not catch his Japanese rival in the Woodward.
- **Mendelssohn** is an upgrade based on his pace pressing effort in the Jockey Club Gold Cup. Quick ... somebody look up Aidan O'Brien's record in Grade 1 dirt races.
- See **Mind Your Biscuits** comment from BC Sprint.
- **Seeking the Soul** is the clearest of upgrades (see comment from BC Dirt Mile).
- **Thunder Snow** is a quick-to-zip upgrade for his effort in the Jockey Club Gold Cup.