



2011 Breeders' Cup Super Screener
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Introduction

The Kentucky Derby stands as one of America's all-time great iconic and legendary events. It captures the hearts and imagination of the masses and serves as the ambassador for the entire U.S horse racing industry. From the casual to the professional horseplayer, nothing beats the excitement and anticipation (as Winter trudges on) of the "Run for the Roses" which begins in January and takes us on a magical journey to the first Saturday in May.

While the Kentucky Derby captivates all, the Breeder's Cup is the ultimate horse racing experience for the fan that follows the sport all year long. On what other weekend will you find 15 races comprised of overflowing fields of the best horses in the world competing for racing glory? And, talk about monster payoffs!

With deep fields and huge wagering pools, the possibility of a lifetime score lurks around the corner of just about every Breeder's Cup race. Yes, for the horseplayer, the Breeder's Cup weekend is undeniably the highlight of the racing year.

With the tremendous fan response to our Triple Crown Super Screener series, we embarked on what has truly been our greatest undertaking to date. That's right, we made the decision to conduct a massive, multi-month study and expand the Super Screener product to produce this unique and penetrating analysis of all 14 Breeder's Cup races.

Like the **Triple Crown Super Screener**, we wanted to develop a powerful set of rules, unique to each Breeder's Cup race, that...

- Are based on evaluating the "**how**" a horse has run leading up to the Breeder's Cup versus, the far less important, "**where**" he finished and in "**what**" time he completed the race.
- **Compare the Breeder's Cup field to time-tested, reliable "benchmarks of performance" produced by past Breeder's Cup winners** centering on the key "hows" that led to their victory.
- Consistently **separate horses that will finish in the top half of the field versus those that will finish in the bottom half** of the field.
- **Toss vulnerable low-priced horses** or ranks them in the bottom half of the field.
- **Isolates high-flying bombers** with the best chance to hit the board.
- Identify the three horses to **hit the trifecta within the top seven horses** as ranked by the **Super Screener**.

The Study

As we learned while conducting the **Triple Crown Super Screener** research studies, pace figures were critical to the development of exceptional screening criteria that effectively separates contenders from pretenders. We used BRIS pace and speed ratings because they provide a consistent framework of pace and speed figures going back many years.

For this Breeders' Cup study, we went back 13 years (1998 to 2010--the time period in which there was complete and consistent data) and captured over 40 variables from the final two preps run by approximately 1,500 horses that had competed in these historical Breeder's Cup races.

As we learned in our **Triple Crown Super Screener** studies, you never want to look back more than two races run prior to the Breeder's Cup in applying the **Super Screener** criteria.

Our next step was to compare the top half finishers from the bottom half finishers of the field paying particular attention to the short-priced horses that ended up in the bottom half and long shots that finished among the top four. We wanted to understand what factors beyond final speed ratings best separates the top finishers from the rest of the field.

Finally, we compared the running lines of all Breeder's Cup winners over the past 13 years to uncover reliable performance benchmarks against which all future Breeder's Cup contenders will be screened. That final step completed the formulation of our **Breeder's Cup Super Screener** criteria for all 14 Breeder's Cup races (and inferences about the newly-added Juvenile Sprint).

The result?...a truly break-through analysis that revealed powerful screening criteria unique to each Breeder's Cup race (most never unearthed previously) that accurately isolates top win contenders, screens out vulnerable low-priced fan favorites and identifies from the pool of many long shots, which have the best shot to hit the board.

We present to you our findings, insight and recommendations for all 15 Breeder's Cup races in easy-to-follow and ready-to-apply reports as follows:

1. **Race Profile** – Past Winners/Odds, Average Payoffs, Running Styles of Top 4 Finishers
2. **Super Screener Criteria** -- Rules for identifying winners, eliminating vulnerable low-priced horses and isolating long shots with best chance to hit the board
3. **2010 Field Screened** – A look back at how the Super Screener would have ranked last year's

Breeder's Cup fields

4. **2011 Field Screened** – An initial screening of the Pre-entries followed by the screening of the final field.
5. **2011 Super Screener Ranker** – Ranking of the Breeder's Cup fields into 4 categories—Win Contenders, Board Hitters, Bottom Dwellers, Toss Outs
5. **Structured Wagering Tickets**—Wagering recommendations for each race to cover all budget levels.

Breeders' Cup Classic

\$5 Million • 1 1/4 Mile • 3-Year-Olds and Upward

Average \$2 Payoffs (last 10 years...excludes outliers)

Win	Exacta	Trifecta	Superfecta
\$22.00	\$140.00	\$2,057.00	\$14,794.00

Past Ten Winners

Year	Winner	Year	Winner
2010	Blame (5-1)	2005	Saint Liam (2-1)
2009	Zenyatta (5-2)	2004	Ghostzapper (5-2)
2008	Raven's Pass (13-1)	2003	Pleasantly Perfect (14-1)
2007	Curlin (4-1)	2002	Volponi (43-1)
2006	Invasor (6-1)	2001	Tiznow (6-1)

Running Style – First Four Finishers

Year	First	Second	Third	Fourth
2010	Closer	Closer	Closer	Closer
2009	Closer	Closer	Off-the-pace	Off-the-pace
2008	Off-the-pace	Closer	Off-the-pace	Off-the-pace
2007	Closer	Wire	Closer	Closer
2006	Closer	Off-the-pace	Off-the-pace	Closer
2005	Off-the-pace	Presser	Closer	Closer
2004	Wire	Presser	Closer	Closer
2003	Closer	Wire	Closer	Wire
2002	Off-the-pace	Presser	Closer	Closer
2001	Presser	Closer	Wire	Closer

Wire = 5 (12.5%); Presser = 4 (10%); Off-the-pace: 6 (15%); Closer = 25 (62.5%)

Breeders' Cup Classic Super Screener Rules

1. New York State of Mind - When the BC has not been held at Santa Anita, 9 of the past 10 winners had at least one of their final two preps and either Belmont or Saratoga. The lone exception was Tiznow in 2000 when he prepped for the BC with wins in the Super Derby in Louisiana and the Goodwood at his home base in California.

2. Hot Hand - 6 of the past 7 winners of the Classic were coming off Grade 1 victories. The lone exception was last year when Blame came into the BC off a runner-up effort in the Jockey Club Gold Cup. Despite his loss, Blame posted a career top speed figure, so there was no doubt he was coming into the race in top form.

3. Coolmore - As much as you have to respect the powerhouse Aidan O'Brien stable, they have not found as much success as you would expect in this race. There have been 10 O'Brien starters over the past 11 years. The average finish position has been 7th, with 8 of the 10 starters going off at odds of less than 10-1.

4. Always Be Closing - 6 of the past 8 winners of the Classic were closers. Over the past 10 years, 62.5% of the finishers in the Super were closers. Also, since 1999, 78% of longshots (20-1 or higher) who finished in the Super were closers.

5. 314 - When the BC has not been held at Santa Anita, 8 of the past 10 winners topped 314 in at least one of their final two preps when you combine their E2, LP and BRIS speed figures. 54% of starters with BRIS numbers failed to meet this criteria.

6. Home Surface Advantage - Since 1998, when the Classic has been run on dirt, International runners have been held winless with an average finish position of 7th. Only 3 of the 15 International starters have made it into the Tri.

7. Speed Kills - Since 1998, there have been 29 horses who went off at 10-1 in the Classic and finished in the bottom half of the field. 24 (83%) of those runners were need the lead types or pressers. If you want to back a speed horse at a short price, choose wisely.

8. Keep It Fresh - 10 of the past 13 winners of the Classic (including the last 8 in a row) had at least a 5 week layoff either before the BC or their final prep.

9. It's Not How You Start... - Looking at a runner's LP can help you find some separation among eventual winners and favorites who disappoint. Over the final two preps, winners have LP numbers that are on

average 5 points higher than short priced starters who finish off the board.

10. Go With The Flow - Most Classic winners have shown the ability to be flexible and adapt their running style depending on the particular race. A typical example is Curlin, who could run close to the pace or come from way out of it depending on the early fractions. A dead closer like Zenyatta or a wire-to-wire runner like Ghostzapper are rarely in the winner's circle. Those two winning the Classic speaks more to their spectacular talent than anything else.

Screening The 2010 Breeders' Cup Classic

Number of Super Screener Criteria Met and Missed. 2010 Field Listed In Order Of Finish.

Horse	Met	Missed	Comments
Blame	7	1	Hits all screener criteria he's eligible for outside winning a G1 in his final prep. Huge number earned in Gold Cup defeat and G1's wins over Quality Road in the Whitney and over this strip in the Foster show he's been in form all season. The pick.
Zenyatta	5	3	Biggest X factor in this race because we know her talent based off her perfect record and her Classic victory last year. What we we don't know is how she'll stand up to this level of competition outside her home turf in So Cal and on a dirt surface. An obvious win contender but will likely be over bet.
Fly Down	5	3	3 year old has had his best performances in the Gold Cup, Travers and Belmont so distance is not an issue. Hits many screener criteria and fits the profile of a live longshot. May not be up to Blame and Zenyatta but is a threat to be involved late.
Lookin' At Lucky	6	2	Hits the most screener criteria in the field outside of Blame. Red hot off of wins in the Preakness, Haskell and Indian Derby. Only questions is if he can get the 1 1/4 mile. Prime contender.
Paddy O'Prado	3	3	Turf specialist had nice run in the Derby slop earlier this year, but Super Saver isn't exactly the type he'll be up against here. Hard to see him making an impact without a wet track.
Etched	1	7	Has the poorest score in the field as far as the screener is concerned. A toss.
Musket Man	4	4	Game runner may be better suited for the middle distances rather than 10 furlongs. Hits on a few screener criteria so he could sneak into the bottom of the exotics at a price, but a major piece of the action seems unlikely.

First Dude	3	5	Still eligible for a first level allowance despite putting together an admirable season. Front running style wont do him any favors with the likes of Quality Road and Haynesfield. A toss.
Pleasant Prince	3	5	Hits a few screener criteria but that's based on his running style rather than his performance. A toss.
Espoir City	3	4	Japan's star miler is up against several historical trends. In order to win he would have to be a superstar. Too many questions to back him seriously. A toss.
Haynesfield	4	4	Freaked in the Gold Cup beating Blame and Fly Down easily. If he runs back to that race he wins, but you have to be concerned with a bounce after such an improvement over his previous races. Fits the profile of a vulnerable favorite.
Quality Road	4	4	Can argue his best is better than anybody else's best. Unfortunately his performances have been trending down every since his sensational Donn win to start the season. Like Haynesfield, fits the profile of a vulnerable favorite.

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Drosselmeyer	4	3	Ran a top when running 2 nd to Flat Out in Gold Cup. Can run the distance but misses on some key figures in screener. Can be involved in the bottom half of the exotics.
Flat Out	7	0	Clean sweep of screener criteria and we know he can go 1 ¼ mile thanks to Gold Cup win. Havre de Grace got him when they met at Saratoga but he's a top win contender.
Game On Dude	3	5	Rough screener score for a multiple G1 winner. A toss.
Gio Ponti	4	3	Would be sub .500 on screener if not for G1 win on the turf going a mile, so score can be misleading. A player against.
Havre de Grace	7	0	Perfect screener score is impressive. Huge race at Saratoga followed by easy win at Belmont is the same path her old man took to a Classic win in '05. A top win contender.
Headache	4	3	Misses on any screener criteria tied to talent or performance. Nice to see him get here from his claiming days but betting wise he looks like a toss.
Ice Box	4	3	Better screener score than you would think considering he's been off form since near miss in '10 Derby. Tizway's defection clears up one spot on the board which makes the bottom of the exotics more wide open. Triple digit LP number in last suggests it's not inconceivable he can be a bottom dweller.
Prayer for Relief	2	5	Tied for lowest score in the field. A toss.
Rattlesnake Bridge	4	3	Misses on a couple key criteria including any to do with speed figures. A toss.

Ruler On Ice	6	1	Probably the most surprising screener score. Huge LP figures and an aptitude at the distance make him a live contender to hit the board at a big price.
So You Think	2	5	Have to admire talent and toughness of this world traveler. Would have to break several historical trends in order to win. A play against.
Stay Thirsty	4	3	Always in Uncle Mo's shadow but he keeps getting better from a numbers perspective. Contender to hit the board.
To Honor and Serve	4	4	Misses on a several criteria mainly having to due with his front-running style. A mixed bag.
Uncle Mo	4	4	Talent isn't an issue but has quite a few misses on the screener. Fits the profile of a vulnerable favorite. Not inconceivable that he can win but will offer no value. A play against.

Breeders' Cup Classic Final Rankings

Win Contenders

Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Odds
Havre de Grace	Jones	TBD	4-1
Flat Out	Dickey	TBD	8-1

Board Hitters

Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Odds
Ruler On Ice	Breen	TBD	20-1
Stay Thirsty	Pletcher	TBD	8-1

Bottom Dwellers

Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Odds
Uncle Mo	Pletcher	TBD	3-1
To Honor and Serve	Mott	TBD	12-1
Drosselmeyer	Mott	TBD	20-1
Ice Box	Zito	TBD	50-1

Toss Outs

Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Odds
So You Think	O'Brien	TBD	10-1
Gio Ponti	Clement	TBD	12-1
Game On Dude	Baffert	TBD	15-1
Prayer for Relief	Baffert	TBD	20-1
Rattlesnake Bridge	McLaughlin	TBD	20-1
Headache	Maker	TBD	30-1