

OptixEQ Looks at the 2020 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1)

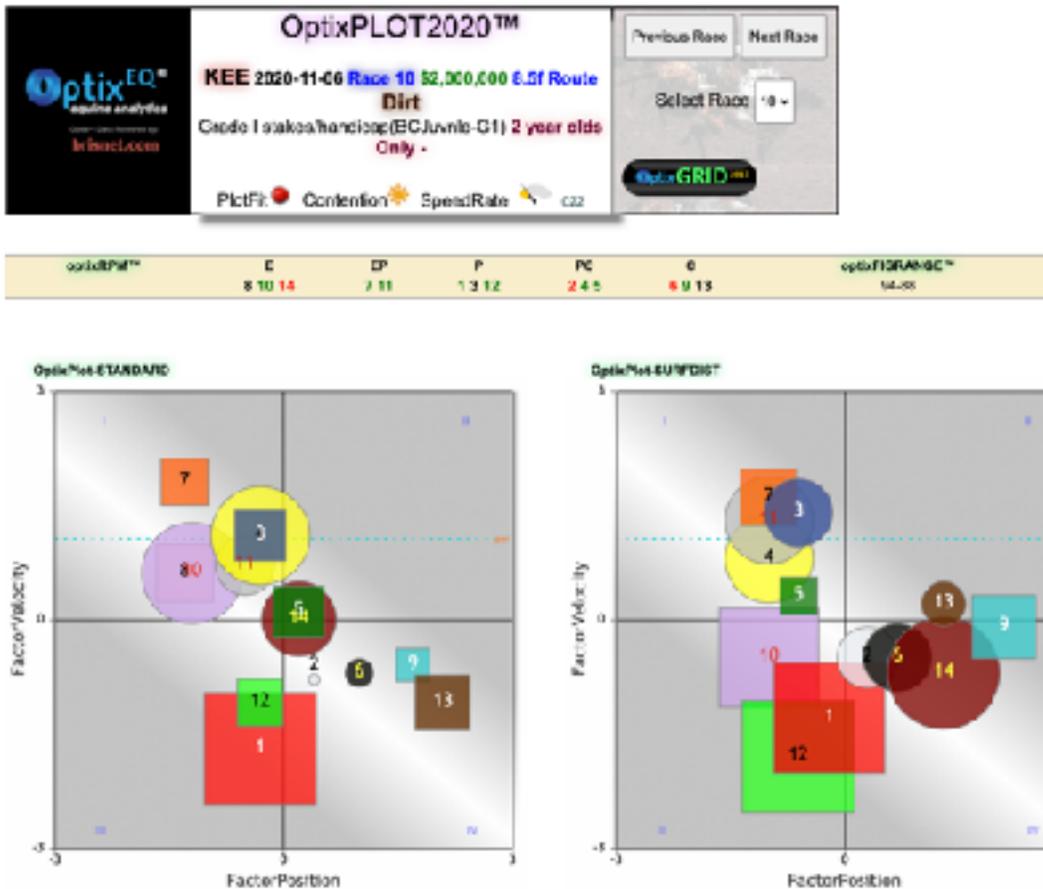
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INTRO

The \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) is the showcase event for 2 year old colts. Among the full field are five recent maiden breakers and two Grade 1 stakes winners. The OptixFIG range for today's race is 88-94, so it will probably take an OptixFIG in the low 90s to win. Four runners came out of the G1 Breeders Futurity contested at this same track and distance. The strong morning-line favorite is **#7 JACKIE'S WARRIOR**. He is undefeated in four races while earning impressive OptixNOTES grades of **B+** in three of those races. He has already won two Grade 1 stakes and one Grade 2 stakes. His most recent OptixFIG of 100 in the G1 Champagne towers over the field. If you are looking for a reason to knock the favorite, here's two: 1) this will be his first time traveling two turns, and 2) he'll face more early pace pressure than in previous starts where he made a very **EASY_LEAD** according to OptixNOTES.

OptixPLOT2020

Below is the **OptixPLOT2020** for this race. **PlotFit is Red**, which is reflective of the inexperience of the field. In races where horses are stretching out, we want to upgrade SQUAREs and downgrade medium/large CIRCLES. We also want to look at OptixNOTES and identify horses with excuses that can negatively reflect the horse's PLOT, like **#6 KEEPMEINMIND**. This colt has had issues with trips in his first two starts and, although he PLOTs as a Q4 CIRCLE, we will cut him some slack.



PAST 3 RUNLINES

OptixPLOT2020 now has the most recent form-cycle information readily available on the main page.

The fields for the “Past 3 Runlines” are pretty self-explanatory, and we’ve added a new category “OptixALERTS” which identifies positive form-cycle notes when you hover over the data in the application. To access full past-performance data, click on the “OptixGRID” button in the header.

Past 3 Runlines

FN	Horse	BL	DEL	Surf	Dist	Prior RaceKeys	Prior RaceClass	oBq	aFIG	Fin	OptixNCTEE	OptixALERTS	PRE
1	CAMP HOPE J: ALBARADOR J T: MCPPEK KENNETH G	30	12	D	RTE (8.5')	CD_2020-10-25_09	Md Sp Wt	B+	E7	1	WIDE	{,NT,}	P
2	KING FURY J: HERNANDEZ B JJR T: MCPPEK KENNETH G	15	12	D	RTE (8.5') D RTE (8.5')	CD_2020-10-25_08 KEE_2020-10-03_09 CD_2020-09-03_07	StroSretS6k BdrnFul-G1 Md Sp Wt	B C B	E2 33 E3	1 8 1	WIDE TWO_MOVES	2,TG3,NT,}	PC
3	REINVESTMENT RISK J: ORTIZIRAC JR T: BROWN CHAD C	4.5	27	D	RTE (8F) D D	BEL_2020-10-10_04 SAR_2020-09-01_13 SAR_2020-08-01_01	Champage-G1 Hopeful-G1 Md Sp Wt	B- B B+	E3 E4 E3	2 2 1	POCKET SAVED MOVE		P
4	LIKEABLE J: VELAZQUEZ J R T: FLETCHER TODD A	15	48	D	RTE (8F) D TD	BEL_2020-09-19_08 SAR_2020-08-22_05	Md Sp Wt Md Sp Wt	B B-	E5 36	1 2	LONE NO_LEAD SLOG	2,RW1,NT,}	PC
5	ESSENTIAL QUALITY J: SAEZ LUIS T: COX BRAD H	4	34	D	RTE (8.5') D D	KEE_2020-10-03_09 CD_2020-09-05_04	BdrnFul-G1 Md Sp Wt	B+ B+	E9 E2	1 1	PERFECT TRAFFIC ROOM TROUBLE BURSTTURF? HOT	3,RW1,GW2,NT,}	PC
6	KEEPMEINMIND J: ORTIZJOSE L T: DODORO ROBERTINO	30	34	D	RTE (8.5') D RTE (8F)	KEE_2020-10-03_09 CD_2020-09-02_06	BdrnFul-G1 Md Sp Wt	B B-	E5 E0	2 2	BTL TRAFFIC SHUFFLE TRAFFIC ROOM	3,TG4,GW1,NT,}	C
7	JACKIE'S WARRIOR J: FOSARIO JOEL T: ASMUSSEN STEVEN M	1.4	27	D	RTE (8F) D D	BEL_2020-10-10_04 SAR_2020-09-01_13 SAR_2020-08-01_09	Champage-G1 Hopeful-G1 SarSpcl-G2	B+ B+ B+	100 E7 E3	1 1 1	EASY_LEAD EASY_LEAD LONE	4,OF3,RW1,RW2,NT,}	EP
8	CLASSIER J: GEROUX FLORENT T: BUFFENT BOB	12	13	D	SPR (6.5')	SA_2020-11-24_09	Md Sp Wt	B+	E7	1	RUSH LONE	2,RW1,NT,}	E
9	SITTIN ON GC J: LANERIE CJ T: ROMANS DALE	12	40	D	RTE (8F) D D	CD_2020-09-05_10 ELP_2020-08-16_02	Irrocolis-G3 Md Sp Wt	B+ B	E4 E7	1 1	CLOSE SAVED CLOSE	{,NT,}	C
10	DREAMER'S DISEASE J: COHEN DAVID T: DODORO ROBERTINO	30	34	D	RTE (8F) D D	KEE_2020-10-03_03 ED_2020-09-07_10 ELP_2020-08-08_06	OCIn 75000m2i JuvntB50k Md Sp Wt	B C B	E1 E2 E5	1 8 1	LONE NO KEEP NO LEAD TACTIC+ GREEN	4,TG4,RW1,RW3,NT,}	E
11	NEXT J: CORRALES GERARDO T: WARD WESLEY A	15	15	TD	RTE (8.5') D D	KEE_2020-10-03_04 ED_2020-09-16_35 WO_2020-08-14_05	Alto 11000m2i Md Sp Wt Md Sp Wt	B+ B C+	E9 E5 34	1 1 6	GRT SAVED COVER PLODDY	7,TG3,NT,}	EP
12	HOT ROD CHARLIE J: GAFFALIONE TYLER T: ONEILL DOUG	30	35	D	RTE (8F) D D	SA_2020-11-02_33 BMR_2020-09-01_03 BMR_2020-08-14_03	Md Sp Wt Md Sp Wt Md Sp Wt	B B- C+	E2 E9 36	1 5 3	NASAL_3 DUEL NASAL_3 PRERACE+ NASAL_3 SLOG SAVED OTHER EQUIP?	3,TG4,CG45,NT,}	P
13	ROMBAUER J: CASTELLANO J J T: MCCARTHYMICHAEL W	15	41	D	RTE (8.5') D D	SA_2020-09-28_08 BMR_2020-09-01_09 BMR_2020-07-25_01	Andham-G1 DMFJvTh,100k Md Sp Wt	B B- B+	E4 32 32	2 6 1	M/WF WIDE MOVE CLOSE TROUBLE- HOT	2,TG4,NT,}	C
14	CALIBRATE J: SANTANA RICARDO JR T: ASMUSSEN STEVEN M	20	34	D	RTE (8.5') D D	KEE_2020-10-03_09 SAR_2020-09-16_06	BdrnFul-G1 Md Sp Wt	C B	33 E1	6 1	PREFERS SAVED	{,2,0,}	E

Horse-by-Horse Analysis Using OptixPLOT2020

Note: for more detailed trip-note information where applicable, you can go to [OptixGRID](#) and click on the Extended Comments.

#1 CAMP HOPE (30/1) was impressive in debut when winning going two-turns from post position 9 and earning an OptixNOTES grade of **B+**. This is a relatively short rest - not typically a winning move for this trainer with 2 year olds.

#2 KING FURY (15/1) another fast turnaround after a huge improvement second time two turns. The final 3/16m fraction was well above the standard for the track and class. However, he ran poorly in a common race when facing several others in here. He has the same trainer as **#1 CAMP HOPE** so there is the same negative with fast turnaround, but he might represent more value than the other McPeek runner.

#3 REINVESTMENT RISK (9/2) needs to find a way to turn the tables on **#7 JACKIE'S WARRIOR** who beat him in the last two races. Maybe the switch in venue, the two turn configuration or the pace dynamic could change the result. He put in solid 4f work before leaving for Kentucky.

#4 LIKEABLE (15/1) just broke maiden vs. relatively soft field as a **LONE** in a one-turn mile at Belmont. He will need to improve his OptixFIG going two-turns against better horses with what's expected to be a more difficult pace scenario. Siding against for the win.

#5 ESSENTIAL QUALITY (4/1) has no real knocks, PLOTs well after winning his debut and G1 stakes while earning OptixNOTES grades of **B+**, but he probably still needs to improve OptixFIG-wise to win. In his stakes win, he was the beneficiary of a **PERFECT** trip.

#6 KEEPMEINMIND (30/1) improved OptixFIG in second while trying two turns and graded stakes company. According to OptixNOTES, his graded stakes effort was better than looked (**BTL**). His PLOT is suspect, but with these lightly raced two year olds, there is always room for significant improvement from race to race. Mixed, but must be left on ticket somewhere.

#7 JACKIE'S WARRIOR (7/5) will most likely be an overwhelming favorite. He has the best OptixFIGS, a strong PLOT, and holds class edge with three G1 Stakes wins already to his credit. The only question marks are the first time two turns and today's early pace pressure. In his most recent wins. OptixNOTES points out he was able to make an **EASY_LEAD**. That is most likely not going to be the case today.

#8 CLASSIER (15/1) ran strongly in sprint debut (OptixNOTES grade **B+**). Stretches out and adds blinkers probably to improve on his slow start in his debut. Baffert shows extreme confidence by wheeling this horse back into a stakes event within 13 days of a maiden win.

#9 SITTIN ON GO (12/1) ran big OptixFIG (94) in Iroquois. He has been given plenty of time to recover and has been training forwardly (five works in last 45 days). He just might be "sitting on go", contender.

#10 DREAMER'S DISEASE (30/1) ran his best OptixFIG (**91**) by far in winning Optional Claiming event earning at KEE, however he did benefit from being the **LONE** speed that day. In his other win

according to OptixNOTES he stole the race on the front-end (**TACTIC+**). He will need to deal with the other speeds in this field, but based on a huge recent 5f work he could be peaking at the right time.

#11 NEXT (15/1) takes the next step up the class ladder after showing good progression race to race. He will need to improve against better horses and a more difficult pace scenario. His last race was impressive earning **B+**, but it did come in an off-turf-event, so there was not much competitive dirt form in the event.

#12 HOT ROD CHARLIE (30/1) just broke maiden race with a very low OptixFIG (82). Nothing in form suggests a breakout performance especially first time winners in a Grade 1 stakes.

#13 ROMBAUER (15/1) seems relatively slow. He will need major OptixFIG boost to compete with the major contenders.

#14 CALIBRATE (20/1) was well backed but ran a poor **C** in the G1 Breeders Futurity over today's track 34 days ago. His MSW debut has come back relatively soft. He will need a major turnaround here to make an impact.

CONCLUSION

#7 JACKIE's WARRIOR (7/5) is a deserving favorite. If you are looking to play against the favorite; the other viable win contenders are **#8 CLASSIER (15/1)**, **#3 REINVESTMENT RISK (9/2)** and **#9 SITTING ON GO (12/1)**. While **#10 DREAMER'S DISEASE (30/1)**, **#6 KEEP MEMIND (30/1)** and **#2 KING FURY (15/1)** could be underneath long shots.

Wagering Options:

Win: 8,9

KEY Exacta : 7 / 8,9

Trifecta: 7 / 3,8,9 / 2,3,6,8,9,10,14

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