

## OptixEQ Looks at the 2020 Breeders' Cup Mile (G1)

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#### INTRO

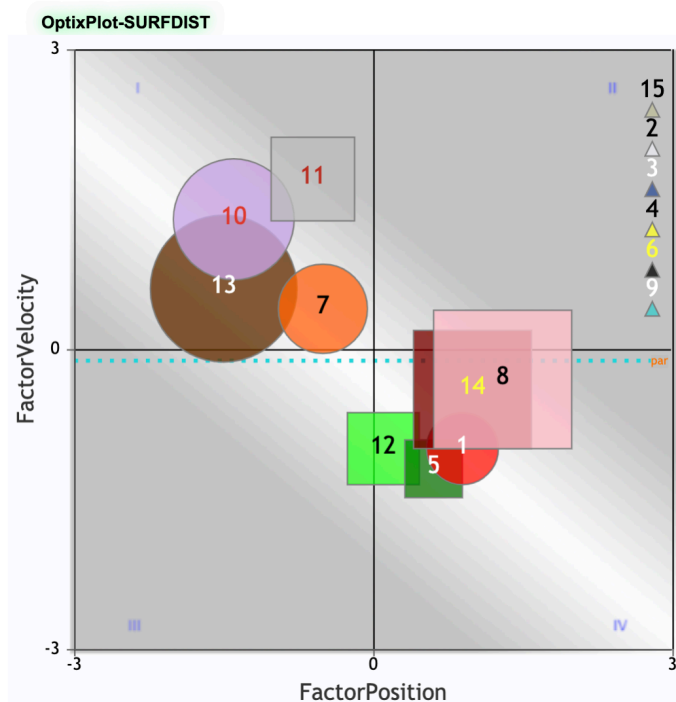
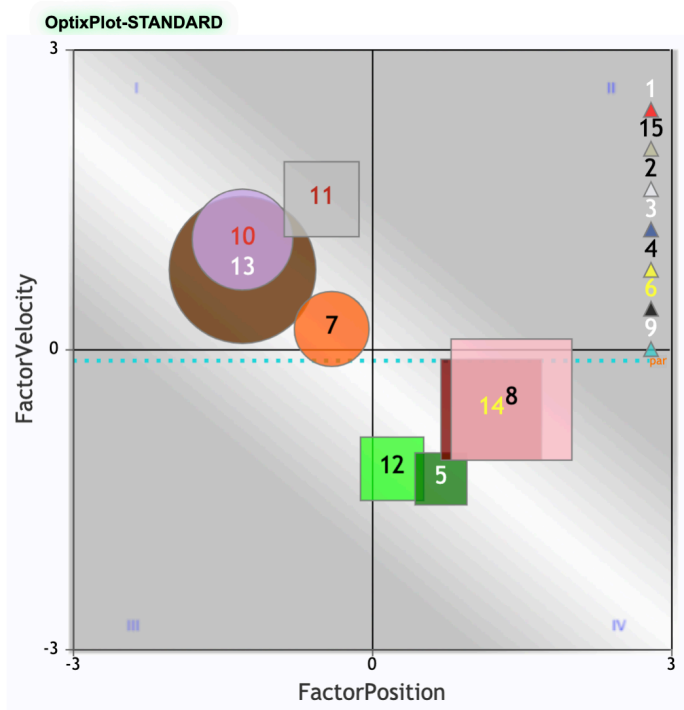
This version of the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Mile (G1) is ultra competitive. Some of the most prominent Euro runners are **#2 KAMEKO** , **#6 SAFE VOYAGE** and **#9 ONE MASTER**. On the U.S. side, Chad Brown has three entries including the returning winner of this race last year, **#14 UNI**.

#### OptixPLOT2020

The PLOT is a difficult read mainly because we don't yet have the ability to PLOT the European runners. The early pace Contention and SpeedRate look average, but if we were able to PLOT the other runners, we would expect it be above average. I have watched all key Euro races and will give my assessment of the those contenders in our horse by horse analysis. In turf events, we generally focus on horses who can finish, so we will be downgrading CIRCLES and upgrading SQUARES of the horses we have PLOTEd.



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## 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

PN	Horse	ML	DSL	Surf	Dist	Prior RaceKeys	Prior RaceClass	oNg	oFIG	Fin	optixNOTES	OptixALERTS	RS
1	<b>CIRCUS MAXIMUS_IRE</b> J: MOORE RYAN L T: O'BRIEN AIDAN P	12	21	T T T	RTE (8f) RTE (8f) RTE (8f)	ASC_20-10-17_04 LCH_20-09-06_06 DVL_20-08-16_04	Qun Elzbth-G1 Mun Lngchm-G1 Hrs Frsny B-G1	C C+ C+		10 3 3	: NO_FINISH : SPACED HARD LEAD NO_FINISH :	2[RW1.RW2.]	
2	<b>KAMEKO</b> J: MURPHY OISIN T: BALDING ANDREW	6	43	T T T	RTE (8f) YRK (10.3f) RTE (8f)	NKT_20-09-25_05 YRK_20-08-19_04 GWD_20-07-29_05	Shdwll JI S-G2 Juddmnt Int-G1 Qtr Sussx S-G1	B B- EX		1 4 4	: BUNCHED GRIT : COVER SAVED SHORTER? : POP POCKET TRAFFIC TROUBLE+	2[TG45.GW3.]	
3	<b>LOPE Y FERNANDEZ_IRE</b> J: DETTORI LANFRANCO T: O'BRIEN AIDAN P	30	21	T T T	SPR (8f) SPR (8f) SPR (6.5f)	ASC_20-10-17_02 HAY_20-09-05_05 DVL_20-08-09_04	QPC Brth C-G1 Bfr Spmt-G1 LRC Murc Gh-G1	C+ C B-		7 7 3	: WARM PLODDY : TRAFFIC : PLODDY	1[TG30.]	
4	<b>SISKIN</b> J: KEANE COLIN T: LYONS G M	15	62	T T T	RTE (8f) RTE (8f) RTE (8f)	LCH_20-09-06_06 GWD_20-07-29_05 CGH_20-06-12_06	Mun Lngchm-G1 Qtr Sussx S-G1 Tttrsls Ir-G1	C+ B- B-		4 3 1	: TROUBLE_S SPACED FREE : SLOG : GATE COVER TRAFFIC CLOSE		
5	<b>DIGITAL AGE_IRE</b> J: CASTELLANO J J T: BROWN CHAD C	8	63	T IT IT	RTE (9f) RTE (8.5f) RTE (9f)	CD_2020-09-05_13 SAR_2020-07-18_09 BEL_2020-06-20_11	TurfClsc-G1 OCIm 80000n3x OCIm 80000b	B+ B B	98 90 94	1 1 2	: CLOSE : : SHUFFLE	1[NT.]	C
6	<b>SAFE VOYAGE_IRE</b> J: HART JASON T: QUINN JOHN	15	34	T T T	SPR (7f) RTE (8f) SPR (7f)	LCH_20-10-04_06 LEP_20-09-12_06 YRK_20-08-22_03	Qatar Foret-G1 Clpr Lgstc-G2 Sky Bt Cty-G2	B B+ B+		3 1 1	: GRIT : TACTIC- GRIT : POP EASY_LEAD	1[RW3.]	
7	<b>CASA CREED</b> J: ALVARADO JUNIOR T: MOTT WILLIAM I	20	35	T IT T	RTE (8f) RTE (8f) RTE (8.5f)	KEE_2020-10-03_10 SAR_2020-08-22_09 CD_2020-06-20_09	ShdwITfM-G1 4strdavH-G1 WiseDan-G2	B- B- B-	100 96 94	4 3 7	: : BTL SHUFFLE CLOSE :	3[GW2.NT.3LO.]	P
8	<b>MARCH TO THE ARCH</b> J: GAFFALIONE TYLER T: CASSE MARK E	15	49	T T T	RTE (8f) RTE (8f) RTE (8.5f)	WO_2020-09-19_09 WO_2020-08-15_09 CD_2020-06-20_09	WoMile-G1 KngEdwd-G2 WiseDan-G2	B B B-	98 101 94	2 1 6	: SAVED TRAFFIC MOVE : NASAL_S SAVED CLOSE :		PC
9	<b>ONE MASTER_GB</b> J: BOUDOT PIERRE-CHARLES T: HAGGAS WILLIAM J	12	21	T T T	SPR (8f) SPR (7f) SPR (7f)	ASC_20-10-17_02 LCH_20-10-04_06 DON_20-09-12_04	QPC Brth C-G1 Qatar Foret-G1 Bt365 Prk S-G2	B- B B-		3 1 2	: TRAFFIC : TACTIC+ :	1[RW2.]	
10	<b>HALLADAY</b> J: SAEZ LUIS T: PLETCHER TODD A	12	77	IT IT T	RTE (8f) RTE (8.5f) RTE (8.5f)	SAR_2020-08-22_09 SAR_2020-07-26_09 GP_2020-05-09_09	4strdavH-G1 BBaruchH-G2 SnsnFrvrB75k	B B- B	99 89 100	1 4 1	: LONE NO_LEAD : : FLOW	1[RW1.]	EP
11	<b>IVAR_BRZ</b> J: TALAMO JOSEPH T: LOBO PAULO H	4	35	T T T	RTE (8f) RTE (8f) RTE (8.5f)	KEE_2020-10-03_10 KD_2020-09-07_11 CD_2020-06-18_09	ShdwITfM-G1 TourstMleL750k OCIm 80000n3x	B+ B B	103 98 95	1 3 1	: NO_COVER CLOSE : X_FLOW OTHER : FLOW	3[TG45.NT.3LO.]	PC
12	<b>UNI_GB</b> J: ROSARIO JOEL T: BROWN CHAD C	5	35	T IT T	RTE (8f) RTE (8f) RTE (8f)	KEE_2020-10-03_08 SAR_2020-08-22_09 BEL_2020-06-27_10	FstLdy-G1 4strdavH-G1 JsAGm-G1	B C+ B-	95 91 89	1 7 3	: CLOSE : X_FLOW : X_FLOW MOVE IMPROVE?	4[TG45.GW3.NT.3LO.]	PC
13	<b>FACTOR THIS</b> J: GEROUX FLORENT T: COX BRAD H	8	35	T T T	RTE (8.5f) RTE (9f) RTE (10f)	PIM_2020-10-03_06 CD_2020-09-05_13 ELP_2020-08-02_10	DinnrPty-G2 TurfClsc-G1 KDPvTrfCpl100k	B B B+	106 97 98	1 2 1	: FLOW : PRESSED : OTHER DUEL GRIT	1[NT.]	EP
14	<b>RAGING BULL_FR</b> J: ORTIZ JOSE L T: BROWN CHAD C	8	35	T IT T	RTE (8f) RTE (8f) RTE (8f)	KEE_2020-10-03_10 SAR_2020-08-22_09 KEE_2020-07-10_08	ShdwITfM-G1 4strdavH-G1 MkrsMkMI-G1	B C+ B	102 92 98	2 5 3	: CLOSE : X_FLOW : BLANKET WIDE	2[TG45.NT.]	C
15	<b>ORDER OF AUSTRALIA_IRE</b> J: SOUMILLON C T: O'BRIEN AIDAN P	30	27	T T D	RTE (10f) RTE (12f) RTE (10.7f)	CGH_20-10-11_05 CGH_20-09-27_06 DUD_20-09-18_07	Nv IT Srvc-G3 Alw18400 Alw15000	C  .		9 1 1	: NO_KEEP : :		

## **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 CIRCUS MAXIMUS (12/1)** is not in the same form coming into this race this year as he was last year when he finished fourth. His last effort on soft ground was dismal (**C, NO\_FINISH**). Other Euros offer much more promise.

**#2 KAMEKO (6/1)** is a G1 winner in Europe. Based on his form, it seems like this 8f distance hits him between the eyes. His only out of the money finish at today's distance was an excuse **EX**. He should be rolling late.

**#3 LOPE Y FERNANDEZ (30/1)** has been ineffectively sprinting in Europe. Overall form looks dull. He would need a complete turn around.

**#4 SISKIN (15/1)** has not showed the same brilliance he had as a 2 year old. Since his June return, he's run lower OptixNOTES grades (**B-**, **B-** and **C+**). I am not crazy about the recent gate issues. Not sure his head is in the right place and with this deep field, there isn't room for error.

**#5 DIGITAL AGE (8/1)** could be peaking right now based on his win in the G1 Turf Classic at 9f. His most recent races have been longer than a mile. Although, earlier in his career, he was able to win both times he tried the one mile distance. He ran big OptixFIG (100) in the middle of his 3 year old season so we know he is capable of running at today's optimal OptixFIG range. It looks like he needs firm ground to do his best running and he should get it on Saturday.

**#6 SAFE VOYAGE (15/1)** is yet another contender in what looks like a loaded BC Mile. He has shown some real class (**GRIT**) in his most recent races in G1/G2 races. He has an adaptable run style which explains his consistency. Looks like a solid board anchor in the exotics.

**#7 CASA CREED (20/1)** comes into the race in good form. His recent OptixFIGs are progressive, but has some issues closing out races. He only has 3 wins in 15 starts and is 0-3 in G1 races. His optimal distance is probably between 7f and 7.5f.

**#8 MARCH TO THE ARCH (15/1)** is a deep closer who has never hit the board in any true G1 races (Woodbine G1 not same level in the U.S.). Only 1 win in past 8 attempts at today's one mile distance. He seems over his head in here.

**#9 ONE MASTER (12/1)** has been consistent runner in G1/G2 level in Europe. However, most of his races are 6-7 furlongs. That should not be a huge problem. The shorter distance races translate fairly well to longer U.S. distances. He has been out of the money both times trying to go a mile including last 2018 BC Mile but both times he was within a length of the winner. Could be good exotics player if ignored at the windows.

**#10 HALLADAY (12/1)** will be prominent early and based on the OptixPLOT Q1 CIRCLE he will need to deal with some other speeds. He is most effective as a **LONE**. With the presence of **#13-FACTOR THIS** that will be a difficult task. Do not think the pace dynamics suit his style. He might have benefited from an inside bias on the day of his recent Fourstardave win.

**#11 IVAR (4/1)** PLOTs strongly and has shown progressive form. If he can get close to duplicating his effort last time, then he must be rated a serious WIN contender. The only question left remaining is did he

peak in the Shadwell Turf Mile over this track last out? Note - this is his third race in his current form cycle and he continues to train with 2 solid works since his last race.

**#12 UNI (5/1)** has had two races this year where she was **X\_FLOW**, but still, visually, she seems to have lost a step as a 6 year old. She just doesn't seem to have that powerful late kick she showed in winning this race last year. Also, think this year's race is a much more competitive field than last year's version. Her PLOT does not stand out.

**#13 FACTOR THIS (8/1)** will most likely try to wire the field. It's not easy for a runner to wire a turf field like this one unless they have major class/quality. He hasn't run his best at this 8f distance (0-6) and those races were all non-graded stakes company.

**#14 RAGING BULL (8/1)** is another contender in a deep race. He fits on OptixFIGs and class. A Q4 SQUARE suggests he will be coming late. This race is going to be all about the trip. He seems to be thriving in his pre-race appearances.

### **CONCLUSION**

This is a very competitive race. My key contenders are **#2 KAMEKO**, **#6 SAFE VOYAGE** and **#14 RAGING BULL**.

### **Wagering Options:**

Win: 2,6

KEY Exacta Box: 2 / 6,14.

Trifecta: 2,6 / 2,6,14 / 2,5,6,9,11,12,14

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