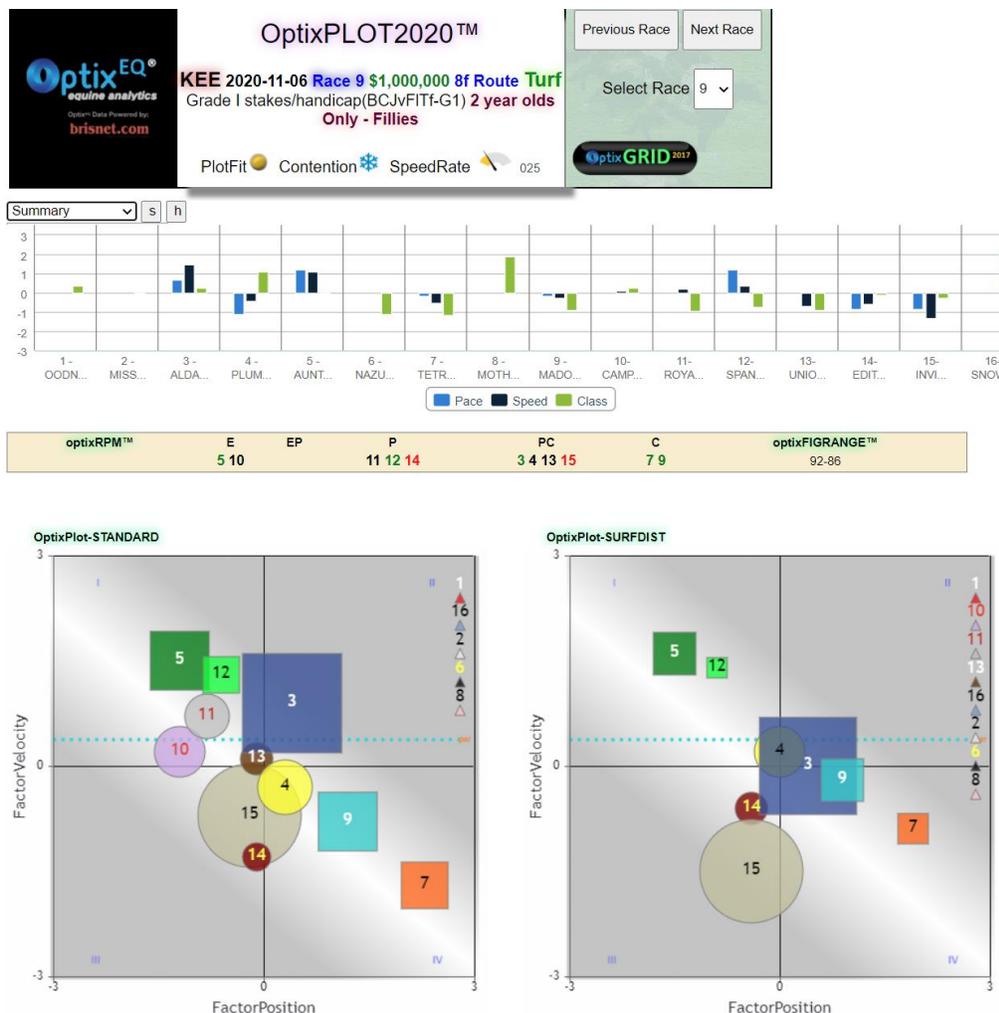


OptixEQ Looks at the 2020 Breeders Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1) By Ron Ricciuti



INTRO

The BC Juvenile Fillies Turf will be run at one mile on the Keeneland turf course. This will be the 13th running of this race. Unlike its counterpart race for males, only 2 of the previous 12 events have been taken by European trained/campaigned horses. Chad Brown has 5 victories to his credit including the inaugural event in 2008 with MARAM. He has taken the trophy home 4 of the last 6 years. If all 14 main entrants go to post the race will have 8 Irish bred participants 5 of whom have been campaigned in Europe. There may be a budding superstar amongst the remaining US campaigned trio. Lets' take a closer look.



PLOT FIT – YELLOW (due to lack of Optix translatable information for the European runners)

CONTENTION – SNOWFLAKE might be a little understated a label. I think the presence of AUNT PEARL (a very strong frontrunner and the favorite) will have others on their toes to prevent her from getting an easy lead. SPANISH LOVEAFFAIR who followed her in The G2 Jessamine stakes last out and the Wesley Ward trained duo of CAMPANELLE and ROYAL APPROVAL can apply early pressure.

SPEED RATE – 25 (Average) Reasonable given the composition of this field. Might be a little higher if the early pressers get aggressive and the two inside Europeans (ODNADATTA and MISS AMULET) join the fray. UNION GABLES is a wild card who could spice things up as well.

OPTIX RPM – (Run Style vs. Plot Position for this race) – GREEN (AUNT PEARL, SPANISH LOVEAFFAIR, ALDA, TETRANOL, MADONE) **RED** (EDITOR AT LARGE, INVINCIBLE GAL ae)

NOTE: Due to the absence of **OptixRPM** and **OptixPLOT** information for European based runners are providing a **[projected run style]** based on video replay work in brackets for all entrants below. Highest Racing Post Rating achieved is included for European runners.

Past 3 Runlines

PN	Horse	ML	DSL	Surf	Dist	Prior RaceKeys	Prior RaceClass	oNg	oFIG	Fin	optixNOTES	OptixALERTS	RS
1	ODNADATTA_IRE J. FOLEY SHANE T. HARRINGTON MRS JOHN	20	54	T	SPR (7f) SPR (7f) SPR (7f)	CGH_20-08-13_04 LEP_20-08-09_01 LEP_20-06-21_01	#Mygr Stud-G1 #Fmk Crty S-G3 #MdSpWt	B- C+ B	3 5 1	3	NO_COVER FLOODY -LONE	1[RW3]	
2	MISS AMULET_IRE J. LEPAROUX JULIEN R T. CONDON KEN J	12	41	T	SPR (6f) SPR (8f) SSPR(5f)	NKT_20-09-26_03 YRK_20-08-20_01 NAS_20-08-03_03	fJuddmt Chv-G1 fSky Bt Lvth-G2 fKqrgn Irain E53k	B B B	2 1 1	2	-POP TACTIC- MOVE_X_FLOW MOVE POCKET ROOM BURST		
3	ALDA J. VELAZQUEZ J R T. MOTION H GRAHAM	12	47	T	RTE (8f) SPR (6.5f) SPR (6f)	WO_2020-09-20_09 WO_2020-08-23_07 BEL_2020-07-09_01	Natama-G1 CtchaGimpl.100k Md Sp Wt	B B B	90 96 84	2 1 1	-TROUBLE SAVED CLOSE COVER		PC
4	PLUM ALI J. ROSARIO JOEL T. CLEMENT CHRISTOPHE	4	33	IT	RTE (8.5f) RTE (8f) RTE (8.5f)	BEL_2020-10-04_07 KD_2020-09-07_08 SAR_2020-07-23_03	MsGrillo-G2 JuvfHills.500k Md Sp Wt	B B+ B+	88 78 76	1 1 1	-TROUBLE_S BURST NO_PUSH CLOSE	2[NT.3LO.]	PC
5	AUNT PEARL_IRE J. GEROUX FLORENT T. COX BRAD H	3	30	T	RTE (8.5f) RTE (8f)	KEE_2020-10-07_07 CD_2020-09-01_05	Jessamm-G2 Md Sp Wt	B B+	92 88	1 1	-LONE	2[RW1.NT.]	E
6	NAZUNA_IRE J. SAEZ LUIS T. VARIAN ROGER	30	42	T	SPR (7f) SPR (7f) SPR (7f)	NKT_20-09-25_04 DON_20-09-10_02 DON_20-08-15_02	fShdwll Rckf-G2 fBrsn Sltm4k #MdSpWt	B- C B	2 7 1	2	-SLOG -RANK MOVE		
7	TETRAGONAL_IRE J. FRANCO MANUEL T. BALTAS RICHARD	20	33	T	RTE (8f) RTE (8f) RTE (7.4f)	SA_2020-10-04_08 DMR_2020-09-06_08 BEV_20-08-04_04	SurferGrIL100k JuvfITRL75k MdSp	B C+ B	87 67 1	2 7 1	-NASAL_S CLOSE COLD -NASAL_S SLOG	2[TG45.NT.]	C
8	MOTHER EARTH_IRE J. MOORE RYAN L T. O'BRIEN AIDAN P	20	28	T	RTE (8f) SPR (7f) SPR (7f)	NKT_20-10-09_06 CGH_20-09-13_04 CGH_20-08-22_04	fB365 Flls-G1 #Mygr Stud-G1 fA.R.M. Hdn-G2	B- C C+	3 11 3	3	-TROUBLE_S MOVE -LONE NO_KEEP -COVER TRAFFIC ROOM	2[TG30.RW2.]	
9	MADONE J. PRAT FLAVIEN T. CALLAGHAN SIMON	10	33	T	RTE (8f) RTE (8f) RTE (8f)	SA_2020-10-04_08 DMR_2020-09-06_08 DMR_2020-07-31_08	SurferGrIL100k JuvfITRL75k Md Sp Wt	B B+ B+	87 74 79	1 1 1	-X_WIDE MOVE -TRAFFIC TWO_MOVES CLOSE -PRERACE- TRAFFIC TWO_MOVES CLOSE	1[NT.]	C
10	CAMPANELLE_IRE J. DETTORI LANFRANCO T. WARD WESLEY A	4	75	T	SPR (6f) SSPR(5f) SSPR(5f)	DVL_20-08-23_02 ASC_20-06-20_02 GP_2020-05-31_02	Dryl Mmy -G1 fQueen Mry S-G2 Md Sp Wt	B B B	1 1 87	1	-PRESSED MOVE -FREE MOVE -BOS		E
11	ROYAL APPROVAL J. ORTIZ IRAD JR T. WARD WESLEY A	10	26	IT	SPR (6f) SPR (6.5f) SSPR(5f)	BEL_2020-10-11_09 KD_2020-09-09_03 ASC_20-06-20_02	Matron-G3 Md Sp Wt fQueen Mry S-G2	B A- C	86 91 17	1 1 1	-BOS BURST STRONG OTHER -NO_PUSH	1[3LO.]	P
12	SPANISH LOVEAFFAIR J. GAFFALIONE TYLER T. CASSE MARK E	15	30	T	RTE (8.5f) RTE (8f) RTE (8f)	KEE_2020-10-07_07 GP_2020-08-29_10 GP_2020-07-23_01	Jessamm-G2 ShrpSusanB75k Md Sp Wt	B- B B	89 87 86	2 1 1	-WIDE MOVE -FREE BURST NO_LEAD NO_PUSH FLOW	2[OF3.NT.]	P
13	UNION GABLES J. ORTIZ JOSE L T. PLETCHER TODD A	20	26	IT	SPR (6f) SPR (7f) SPR (5.5f)	BEL_2020-10-11_09 SAR_2020-09-03_03 SAR_2020-08-09_04	Matron-G3 PCUJohnst.100k Md Sp Wt	B- C B-	85 85 71	2 1 1	-SLOG -BLANKET SLOG KICKBACK	3[TG30.GW3.NT.]	PC
14	EDITOR AT LARGE_IRE J. CASTELLANO J J T. BROWN CHAD C	12	33	IT	RTE (8.5f) RTE (8.5f)	BEL_2020-10-04_07 SAR_2020-09-07_03	MsGrillo-G2 Md Sp Wt	B- B B	85 76 1	3 1 1		1[NT.]	P
15	INVINCIBLE GAL_GB J. ORTIZ JOSE L T. MOTION H GRAHAM	30	34	T	RTE (8.5f) RTE (8f) SPR (5.5f)	PIM_2020-10-03_01 MTH_2020-09-07_08 SAR_2020-08-07_06	SelmaB150k SorortyB100k Md Sp Wt	B- B B	79 72 83	2 2 1	-DUEL COVER		PC
16	SNOWFALL_JPN J. BOUDOT PIERRE-CHARLES T. O'BRIEN AIDAN P	20	28	T	RTE (8f) SPR (7f) SPR (7f)	NKT_20-10-09_06 CGH_20-08-13_04 CGH_20-08-22_04	fB365 Flls-G1 #Mygr Stud-G1 fA.R.M. Hdn-G2	C C C	8 9 5	8	-NO_KEEP NO_KEEP		

(PP#) HORSE NAME (ML ODDS) [projected run style]

(1) OODNADATTA_IRE (20/1) [EP 105 RPR]

Finished a non-threatening 3rd behind SHALE and PRETTY GORGEOUS in the G1 Moyglare Stud Stakes last out and 5th behind that same pair 2 back. Her only win came in a front running maiden score and while she may have to use early for position from the rail she isn't fast enough to get the lead in this spot. Hard to make a case for this one as she hasn't impressed at the requisite level. Toss.

(2) MISS AMULET_IRE (12/1) [EP 111 RPR]

Will be interesting to see how Leparoux rides this filly. She has some speed and may need to employ some during the short run to the 1st turn. This is her first time beyond 6F. Breeding says she should relish the extra distance. Use underneath in exotics.

(3) ALDA (12/1) [PC]

Has produced 2 strong o_FIGs (90,96) in her last two over The Woodbine lawn. She encountered some TROUBLE in The Gr.1 Natalma stakes last out when carried wide off the turn and finishing just behind a perfect trip winner. PLOTs here as a large Q1/Q2 square. Trainer Motion won this race last year with SHARING and Johnny V is no stranger to working out successful inside trips with this type. Win contender but needs favorite to be off her game. Use underneath in exotics.

(4) PLUM ALI (4/1) [PC]

Sports a perfect 3 for 3 record winning clear each time. The G2 Miss Grillo winner would be the pick if not for our next contender. Use underneath in exotics.

(5) AUNT PEARL_IRE (3/1) [E]

Her win in The G2 Jessamine was something to behold. She led every step of the way and broke the stakes record by 1.35 seconds in her 2nd career start. The course was on the fast side that day so I did some digging in The Keeneland Results database to get a better idea how good her effort really was. Here's what I found:

Since 2006, 286 races have been run at 8.5 on turf at Keeneland. AUNT PEARL ran the 5th fastest time during that period (tied with WASTED TEARS). The 4 who have run faster? RUSHING FALL, MR. DUMAS, TEPIN, and SACRED LIFE. Decent company to be in but incredible when we consider she is 2 and they were all older. Cox and Geroux talk about her like she is something really special.

SINGLE in horizontal wagers. WIN value at 2/1+. PLUM ALI might keep the betting honest but expect lower than that.

(6) NAZUNA_IRE (30/1) [PC 104 RPR]

Has not impressed in two lesser British stakes placings. Toss.

(7) TETRAGONAL (20/1) [C]

Improved with a fast closing 2nd in the listed Surfer Girl stakes in her last. Maiden winner needs to improve again to crack the top 4. Toss.

(8) MOTHER EARTH (20/1) [EP 111 RPR]

Has certainly been busy this year making her 8th start since June. Only MISS AMULET has been as active. Most of the field has had only 3 or 4 starts. It's not the best idea to question these connections but she seems overmatched. Toss.

(9) MADONE (10/1) [C]

Another who sports a perfect 3 for 3 record but in more dramatic fashion than PLUM ALI. Hard to knock a horse with the following NOTES profile. She knows her job. Big test for class today but like others needs the favorite to falter. Use underneath in exotics.

9	MADONE	20201106	33	KEE ⁹	⊕	RTE (8f)	--	BCJvFIT-G1	2	F	★	92-86	I		
9	Madone	20201004	28	SA ⁸	⊕	RTE (8f)	Firm	SurferGrL100k	2		1	75-69	87	⊕ B	X_WIDE MOVE
9	Madone	20200906	37	DMR ⁸	⊕	RTE (8f)	Firm	JuvFITrL75k	2		1	79-73	74	⊕ B+	TRAFFIC TWO_MOVES CLOSE
9	Madone	20200731		DMR ⁸	⊕	RTE (8f)	Firm	Mid Sp Wt	2		1	-	79	⊕ B+	PRERACE+ TRAFFIC TWO_MOVES CLOSE

(10) CAMPANELLE_IRE (4/1) [E 114 RPR]

Is making her first start beyond 6F but is perfect in 3 starts at sprint distances taking The Darley Prix Mornay Gr.1 in her last at Deauville. Expect her to be forwardly placed but it seems a tall order to provide a sufficient long enough fight for Aunt Pearl off an extended layoff. Return from Europe might have her needing one. Toss.

(11) ROYAL APPROVAL (10/1) [P]

Was surprised to see her in The Matron G3 after her eye-catching maiden score at Kentucky Downs. She finished strongly after dueling through fast fractions in track record time (which has since been broken as the surface was quite glib this past meet) that day. Was no match for stablemate CAMPANELLE in her first 2 starts. Ward did not look or sound impressed with the work over soft ground at Keeneland. Would be a surprise ITM finisher over firm and is a definite toss if they opt to run on anything less.

(12) SPANISH LOVEAFFAIR (15/1) [P]

Chased AUNT PEARL last out after winning her first two starts at a mile. Hard to see her making up the gap today. Use underneath in exotics as she is most likely to be involved early and hold for a share.

(13) UNION GABLES (20/1) [PC]

Worn down late by ROYAL APPROVAL in the G3 Matron her first start on grass. Hard to recommend except for Pletcher's ability in first time route situations. First time she will be in a field larger than 7 and with a far outside post works against. Toss.

(14) EDITOR AT LARGE_IRE (12/1) [P]

Given his domination in this race any Chad Brown filly must be considered but will almost certainly be over bet. Will need to improve as she wasn't getting to PLUM ALI in her 3rd place finish in The G2 Miss Grillo. Far outside post hinders chances. First time in a very large field. Toss (unless you have a steadfast Chad Brown rule)

ALSO ELIGIBLES:

(15AE) INVINCIBLE GAL (30/1) [PC] – *Placed in two listed stakes this summer/fall. Will get tested for class today. TOSS.*

(16AE) SNOWFALL_JPN (20/1) [EP] – *Has not shown ability to compete at this level. TOSS.*

CONCLUSION

AUNT PEARL has a rare combination of early speed and turn of foot that gives her a huge advantage in this spot.

IF she doesn't seem right on race day or throws a dud (always a possibility) PLUM ALI, ALDA, and MADONE are the logical alternatives.

MISS AMULET and SPANISH LOVEAFFAIR should be added to the mix underneath in 3rd and 4th spots of exotics.