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The 29th running of the Breeders' Cup will start tomorrow morning at beautiful Santa Anita Park. The racing format has been expanded in recent years to a two day event. Here is a quick re-cap of the local horses of interest participating at Santa Anita this weekend.

The Friday card gets underway at 11:15 a.m., with 10 races on tap. The red-hot **Commander** is entered in the \$500,000 Marathon, which is scheduled to start at 1:46 p.m.; he will be trying to extend his six race winning streak. Former Hastings owner Bob Costigan has **Nancy O** entered in the \$1, 000,000 Juvenile Turf, the filly is trained by his daughter Carolyn. The recent Ballerina winner at Hastings, **Class Included**, is taking on the best fillies and mares in the world in the \$2,000,000 Ladies' Classic at 4:30 p.m. and the final race of day one of the Breeders' Cup is the \$150,000 Twilight Derby which will feature **Hoist**, who was third in the B.C. Derby for Glen Todd, Troy Taylor and Mario Gutierrez.

The Saturday races start earlier, with a 12 race program kicking off at 10:00 a.m. The \$1,000,000 Juvenile Turf goes at 11:50 a.m. and will showcase **Summit County**, who is out of the dam Socorro County who raced for Dave Forster and was bred in B.C. by Ralph Jesiak. The \$1,000,000 Dirt Mile will have two former B.C. Derby participants in the starting lineup; **Jersey Town**, second in the 2009 B.C. Derby, is owned by Kelowna businessman Chuck Fipke and will be one of the favorites, while **Second City** will be a big price. The Dirt Mile goes at 1:14 p.m. The final race of the day is the \$5,000,000 Classic with Game On Dude being the likely choice. Post time for the Classic is 5:35 p.m.

For some handicapping information on the Breeders' Cup races, got to the Derby Bar & Grill website or youtube.com, then type in handicappers corner to see Drew Forster and myself go through all of the races this weekend.

Good luck to everyone and enjoy the Breeders' Cup 2012!