THE BIG-MARGIN MIRAGE

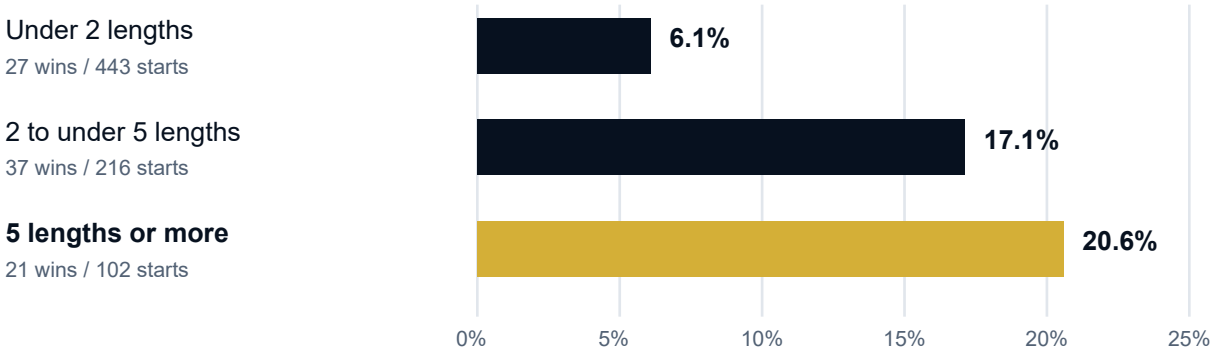
Won by Ten. Worth the Price?

Winning by a street is useful. We would still like to know who else lived on it.

A runaway prep win can flag a very good horse. It does not tell us whether the Breeders' Cup price is worth taking. We checked every starter, including the ones nobody mentions afterwards.

01 / MORE WINNERS. STILL NO AUTOMATIC PROFIT.

BC win rate by final-prep winning margin | 2016-2025



Gold identifies the 5+ length group, not a profitable betting angle. The chart compares historical starter strike rates, not predicted chances.

THE 5+ LENGTH GROUP: THE ACTUAL BILL

21 wins / 102 starts

$204 staked | $191.74 returned | $12.26 loss (-6.0%)



MARK'S ENSIGHT

Mark likes a horse that wins by ten. It gives him time to find the name, check the result and explain that he had been very strong on it.

Study scope: 138 BC races, 1,581 starts, 2016-2025. Chart shows physical prep winners only; beaten runners and promoted winners remain in the full study.

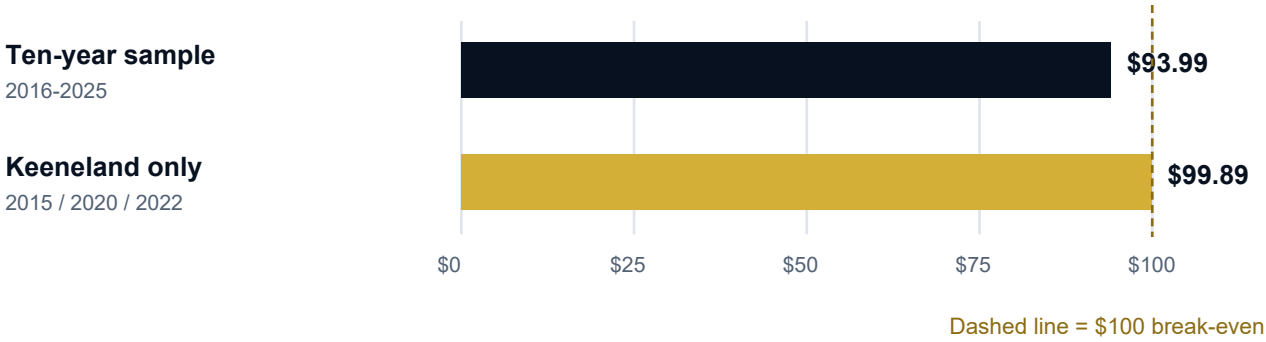
THE KEENELAND CHECK

Six winners. Six cents short.

Across every Keeneland Breeders' Cup in 2015, 2020 and 2022, the 5+ length prep winners went 6 from 28. A $2 win bet on each cost $56 and returned $55.94. A photograph is lovely. The accounts prefer a surplus.

02 / WHAT CAME BACK FOR EACH $100 STAKED?

5+ length prep winners | returns include the winning stakes



Keeneland study: 41 races and 494 starts; 28 qualified for this angle. The samples overlap (2020 and 2022). This is not independent confirmation or a forecast.

THREE QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU TAKE THE PRICE

1 **Who did it beat?**

Check the opposition and field size. A wide margin alone cannot measure the strength of the race.

2 **Did the setup help?**

Check pace, surface and distance. Will the same advantage survive the championship test?

3 **Has everyone already bought the replay?**

Set a minimum acceptable price after assessing the field. Being the likeliest winner does not make every price attractive.

THE FULL DOUBLE TROUBLE LIVE PACKAGE

Race-by-race research, bonus files and updates. $29 through Friday, October 23, 11:59 p.m. Pacific. $49 thereafter.

Source: official BC results archive; contemporary pre-race form; DTL calculations. Flat $2 win bets at final US odds, no rebates. Physical margin in the immediately preceding race; scratches excluded; repeat horses count as separate starts. Unadjusted historical groups, not a betting system. Full methods and race tables are in the paid report.