

2016 PREAKNESS GUIDE

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EXAGGERATOR VS. NYQUIST: PART 5

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The Preakness Stakes is the second jewel of the elusive Triple Crown ran in between the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont Stakes. Called "The Run for the Black-Eyed Susans," the Preakness is run at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore on the third Saturday of each May and was first run in 1873. The race is 1/16 mile shorter than the Kentucky Derby and ran at a distance of 1 & 3/16 miles for 3 year olds on the main dirt track. This year's edition of the Preakness will be run on Saturday, May 21.

After winning the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness is the next step for Nyquist along a possible Triple Crown, looking to repeat the feat accomplished by American Pharoah last year.

This "2016 Preakness Guide presented by Guaranteed Tip Sheet and RacingDudes.com" will give you the information needed to hopefully make a nice return on the two days at Pimlico including Black-Eyed Susan day on Friday, May 20.

This Preakness Guide includes:

- Preakness Overview including:
 - Picks from Racing Dudes, Saratoga Slim and Guaranteed Pick Sheet
- Horse capsules for each of the projected horses in the 2016 Preakness field including:
 - Trainer, jockey, projected odds, horse running style (i.e., early speed, presser, closer)
 - Last five races including date, track, race (Graded stakes abbreviated to G1, G2 & G3 for Grade-1, Grade-2 & Grade-3), distance, finish and final Brisnet Speed Figure
 - Pros (positive angles on the horse), Cons (negative angles on the horse) and the Bottom Line
 - The horse capsules are broken into four categories – Win Contenders (horses to use to win or on top in exotic wagers), Can Hit the Board (horses to use in the 2nd, 3rd or 4th place slots), Considers (horses to possibly use or toss), Tosses (horses to not include on tickets)
- Pace analysis using Brisnet running styles to help map out how the race will be run & who has the best chance to win & hit the board based on pace.
- Preakness Wagering Strategy including trifecta & superfecta approach
- Undercard & Multi-Race Wagering Strategy including Black Eyed Susan / Preakness Double strategy.

For questions and to discuss more feel free to visit racingdudes.com or tweet us at @SaratogaSlim or @racing_dudes on Twitter. Please note all of the horse capsules, pace analysis and wagering strategy were written by Saratoga Slim.

Thank you,
Saratoga Slim

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Fellowship



Lauren King

Trainer: Mark Casse **Jockey:** Jose Lezcano

Pros: Pat Day Mile around 1-turn not what he wants & had wide trip throughout, so it could be a "cross-out" race. Was working awesome before race, so Casse was looking for a spot for him to run. Consistently showed good turn of foot on far turn in 2-turn races to get 3rd in each of 3 Gulfstream Derby preps. Only horses to beat him in those are Nyquist, Mohaymen, Zulu, Majesto & Greenpointcrusader. Forced wide in Fl. Derby & still ran past Mohaymen. May be able to carry late run at longer Preakness distance.

Cons: Has won only 2 races out of 12 lifetime starts, but in the money 7 times. As a closer, his Brisnet late pace figures have decreased from his remarkable 109 earned in his late running Holy Bull at 40/1 odds. Moved from trainer Stanley Gold to Mark Casse before Pat Day Mile and may still be getting used to new training regimen. Some may be scared off by his non-threatening Pat Day Mile.

Bottom Line: Consistent late closer, will get a good pace setup & may be a big price to use underneath

Last Six Races (Lifetime – 12 races, 2-3-3):

Date	Track	Race	Dist.	Fin.	Bris
5/7/16	CD	G3 Pat Day Mile	1 Mile	4 th	92
4/2/16	GP	G1 Fl. Derby	1 1/8 M	3 rd	92
2/27/16	GP	G2 Fount. of Youth	1 1/16 M	3 rd	95
1/30/16	GP	G2 Holy Bull	1 1/16 M	3 rd	89
1/2/16	GP	Mucho Macho 100k	1 Mile	5 th	78
11/28/15	GPW	Smooth Air 75k	1 Mile	2 nd	90

**Projected
Odds: 20/1**

CLOSER (S0)

Collected



Keeneland

**Projected
Odds: 15/1
Early (E/P7)**

Trainer: Bob Baffert **Jockey:** Javier Castellano

Pros: According to DRF clocker Mike Welsch, had the best work of any 3 year old on Derby week on May 5th. Before that, blew away maiden One More Round showing early speed from the far outside post, rating to win Lexington with Castellano up. In Sunland Festival of Racing, won gate-to-wire over a good horse in Gettysburg after setting modest pace & pulled away after being pressed throughout receiving a high 102 Brisnet speed figure at 1 & 1/8 mile. Put in strong 7 furlong work on May 13 at Churchill as final prep. Baffert & Castellano are top connections.

Cons: Last two wins have many hopeful, but both wins were on modest to slow paces. Even though he had some traffic & excuses in the Southwest, overall it was a dull performance. The Sham before that was one of the slowest Derby preps.

Bottom Line: May be near the pace, but may not be good or fast enough to step up in class here

Last Five Races (Lifetime – 6 races, 4-1-0):

Date	Track	Race	Dist.	Fin.	Bris
4/16/16	Kee	G3 Lexington	1 1/16 M	1 st	94
3/20/16	Sun	Sunland Fest. Rac.	1 1/8 M	1 st	102
2/15/16	OP	G3 Southwest	1 1/16 M	4 th	88
1/9/16	SA	G3 Sham	1 Mile	1 st	89
11/29/15	Dmr	G3 Cecille Demille	1 Mile (T)	2 nd	90

Lani



Melanie Martines

**Projected
Odds: 20/1**

Presser (N/A)

Trainer: Mikio Matsunaga **Jockey:** Yutaka Take

Pros: The Lani World Tour continues in Baltimore! After breaking slowly again in the Derby, he came with a decent run after having to go 8 wide to get 9th place. Won the UAE Derby at the Preakness 1 & 3/16 mile distance so distance should not be an issue. Sired by Tapit, has one of the best pedigrees of any 3 year olds in the crop for distance races.

Cons: Has to be able to break better from the gate, since it has put him far behind to start in both the UAE Derby & Kentucky Derby. His antics have been well documented as he get worked up & "studdish" before morning workouts and often gives out a "scream" before he hits the track, so it's a question how focused he is. His connections have an unorthodox training regimen where they gallop him endlessly, but seemed to work decently in the Derby. Connections are already saying he'll point to the Belmont Stakes, so they may be playing the long game instead of having him fully cranked for the Preakness.

Bottom Line: Will take money based on intrigue - may help the price on better horses

Last Six Races (Lifetime – 7 races, 3-1-0):

Date	Track	Race	Dist.	Fin.	Bris
5/7/16	CD	G1 Kentucky Derby	1 1/4 M	9 th	93
3/26/16	Mey	UAE Derby	1 3/16 M	1 st	N/A
2/21/16	Tok	Hcp 303696	1 Mile	5 th	N/A
11/28/15	Tok	Hcp 154660	1 Mile	1 st	N/A
11/22/15	Kyo	Stk 77737	1 1/8 M	1 st	N/A
10/3/15	Han	Stk 79647	1 1/8 M	2 nd	N/A

First off, Pimlico has been known as “a speed favoring track with tighter turns” and favors inside posts. Not to debunk these statements, but if you follow horse racing, you will probably hear that at least a dozen times in the next week leading up to the Preakness.

The tight turns and speed favoring nature of the track does not mean that closers cannot have success in the race, though. Looking at this year’s Preakness from a pace perspective, you will see a ton of speed signed on and one must handicap this race and not be overly swayed by overarching themes of the track.

Run Style Definitions

[E] A winner exhibiting a typical 'E' (or Early) run style would show the horse leading or battling for the lead through the duration of the race. An 'E' horse is any horse which typically vies for the early lead or whose better races are run on the lead. Most 'E' horses are need-the-lead types which can not reasonably be expected to successfully rate behind a pacesetter.

[E/P] A winner exhibiting a typical 'E/P' (or Early/Presser) run style would show the horse running 2nd or 3rd and within a few lengths early before making the winning move. A 'E/P' horse, like an 'E' horse, may also run on the frontend. However, unlike an 'E' horse, it can reasonably be expected to successfully lay just behind a pacesetter.

[P] A winner exhibiting a typical 'P' (or Presser) run style would show the horse running in the middle-of-the-pack early before making his winning move. A 'P' horse may at times run close to the pace but rarely, if ever, challenges for the lead early. Unlike a 'S' horse, the 'P' horse doesn't typically run from the rear-of-the-pack in it's better races.

[S] A winner exhibiting a typical 'S' (Sustain or Closer) run style would show the horse running in the back-of-the-pack early before making his late winning move.

[NA] A 'NA' (or Not Available) run style is used for first-time-starters and those horses without any meaningful running lines to accurately assess the horse's preferred run style.

[Early Speed Points] Ranging from a low of 0 points to a high of 8 points, this measures the Early Speed ability of the horse based upon its running position and beaten lengths at the 1st Call in recent races at today's distance. The higher the points, the more early speed the horse has shown in recent races. The Early Speed points are displayed in the past performances after the horse name and in parenthesis alongside BRIS Run Style - e.g. (P7).

Handicapping the horses in the Preakness is just half the battle. Trying to predict the pace in the race is the next part of putting together the Preakness puzzle.

By using the Brisnet running styles of each horse, the pace can be predicted more easily. For those not familiar with the Brisnet Run Style Definitions, please see the descriptions to the left from the Brisnet.com website / library and a summary below:

The run style of the horse is either:

- E = Early
- E/P = Early/Presser
- P = Presser
- S = Sustained or Closer

The number next to the run style represents the early speed points. The numbers range from 0-8 and measure the Early Speed of the horse based on its running position and beaten lengths at the first call of recent races. The higher the number, the more early speed a horse has shown in recent races.

Horse	Brisnet Running Style	
Uncle Lino	E7	Early
Laoban	E6	
Awesome Speed	E6	
Stradivari	E/P8	Early / Pressers
Collected	E/P7	
Nyquist	E/P6	
Dazzling Gem	E/P5	
Exaggerator	P	Pressers
Lani	N/A	N/A
Fellowship	S0	Closers
Cherry Wine	S0	
Possibles		
Gun Runner	P4	Presser
Creator	S0	Closer

The table to the left shows the Brisnet running styles for each horse expected in the 2016 Preakness Stakes (horses that are currently only possible for the race are listed at the bottom of the table).

It should be immediately noted that 7 of the 11 probable horses have either “E” (Early) or “E/P” (Early / Presser) as their run styles. With the majority of the horses wanting to naturally show early speed, there is every reason to believe that they will hook up on the front end and press each other into fast fractions.

The most likely pace setter will be the maiden **Laoban (E6)** since he set hot paces in both his last two Stakes races (Bluegrass & Gotham). Based on post position, he will be “winging it” on the front end again.

Uncle Lino (E7) went gate-to-wire in his last race showing early speed and the ability to hold on late, actually accelerating (using his Brisnet late pace figures). He was able to sit 2nd in his previous two races, so he may be pressing the pace instead of setting it in the Preakness.

Awesome Speed (E6) is named suitably, as he likes to show speed as he did in almost winning the Federico Tesio in gate-to-wire fashion (as was placed the winner via disqualification). Before getting bumped from the gate in the Fountain of Youth, he won on the front end in both of his non-graded Stakes wins, so there is no doubt that he will be on or near the lead in the Preakness.