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Today's **EXACT** race-by-race wagering plan for Aaron and Jared, the two founders of Racingdudes.com. You can play these tickets exactly, or you can take our opinions and sprinkle in your own thoughts as well. The decision is up to you.



## AARON HALTERMAN

"PREAKNESS!!!"



## JARED WELCH

"The last time the Preakness will run at 'Old Hilltop'. Let's end with a bang!"

## RACE No1

PROJECTED PACE:



**Halterman**

Let's kick off the card with a win bet on #5 Augusta Melody, who has great connections, and is coming into this race off of a nice win against tougher horses at Keeneland.

My Bet: **\$20 to Win on #5 Augusta Melody**

Suggested Exacta: 1,5/1,2,5  
Suggested Trifecta: 1,5/1,2,5,8/1,2,5,8

**Welch**

I'll kick things off with a Pick 3 to start the card. I've got strong opinions in the first three races, but I'm worried about the prices, so I'll play a pick 3 in hopes of getting a decent return.

My Bet: **\$10 Pick 3: 5 / 9 / 1,3**

Suggested Exacta: 5,7,8 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 1,5,7,8 BOX

## RACE No2

PROJECTED PACE:



**Halterman**

I'll make another win wager here on #9 Drop the Hammer, who was decent last time out in a tough allowance race at Keeneland. She gets Irad Ortiz, Jr. to ride for the second straight race.

My Bet: **\$20 to Win on #9 Drop the Hammer**

Suggested Exacta: 7,9,11 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 7,8,9,11 BOX

**Welch**

Hopefully I'm alive in the Pick 3 going into this race. If not, I will play a win wager on #9 Drop the Hammer. She looks like a standout in this race.

My Bet: **No Bet**

Suggested Exacta: 7,9,11 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 6,7,9,11 BOX

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## RACE No3

PROJECTED PACE:



**Halterman**

No specific bets for me in this one, as I don't really want to bet maidens on a big day. You can always find my exacta and trifecta suggestions below if you still want to bet the race.

My Bet: **No Bet**

Suggested Exacta: 1,3/1,3,4  
Suggested Trifecta: 1,3/1,3,4,7/1,3,4,7

**Welch**

Once again, hopefully I'm alive to #1 Last Man Standing and #3 Varney to end the Pick 3. If I'm not, I'll probably just skip this race.

My Bet: **No Bet**

Suggested Exacta: 1,3/1,3,4  
Suggested Trifecta: 1,3/1,3,4,7/1,3,4,7

## RACE No4

PROJECTED PACE:



**Halterman**

They'll all be hard pressed to beat #6 Booth if he shows up with the sort of effort we've seen from him at Oaklawn Park this year. I'll place a large win wager on him in this spot.

My Bet: **\$50 to Win on #6 Booth**

Suggested Exacta: 5,6/5,6,7  
Suggested Trifecta: 5,6/3,5,6,7/3,5,6,7

**Welch**

I really like #6 Booth in this race, but once again I'm worried about the price. So I'll play him on top of an exacta, and will use #3 Celtic Contender and #7 Epic Ride underneath to spice things up.

My Bet: **\$10 Exacta: 6/3,7**

Suggested Win: #6 Booth  
Suggested Trifecta: 6,7/3,5,6,7/3,5,6,7

## RACE No5

PROJECTED PACE:



**Halterman**

I'll kick off a daily double here using #3 Glean and #9 Mischief Maxey in this leg. Glean broke her maiden on the turf two races back, while Mischief Maxey won her turf debut last time out at Laurel Park.

My Bet: **\$3 Daily Double: 3,9 / 3,5**

Suggested Win: 3,9,11 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 3,4,9,11 BOX

**Welch**

I'm interested to see what #11 River Seine does in this race. She is making her United States debut today, while also getting Prat to ride. I expect her to run well.

My Bet: **\$20 to Win on #11 River Seine**

Suggested Exacta: 3,9,11 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 2,3,9,11 BOX

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## RACE No6

PROJECTED PACE:



**Halterman**

I'll hopefully be alive to a daily double coming into this race with #3 One Magic Philly and #5 Zeitlos. I will not start a new bet here, though, as I will save my bullets for later in the card.

My Bet: **No Bet**

Suggested Exacta: 3,5,7 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 1,3,5,7 BOX

**Welch**

I'll go with another Exacta in this race, using #3 One Magic Philly on top. She seems to be the class of the field, and I'll use #4 Disco Ego and #5 Zeitlos on the bottom of the Exacta.

My Bet: **\$5 Exacta: 3/4,5**

Suggested Win: #3 One Magic Philly  
Suggested Trifecta: 3,4,5,7 BOX

## RACE No7

PROJECTED PACE:



**Halterman**

No plays for me in this one, which looked to be one of the tougher races on the card. If you want to play, my exacta and trifecta wagers are below, and you can also check out the Pick 4 and Pick 5 page.

My Bet: **No Bet**

Suggested Exacta: 2,3,8 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 2,3,7,8 BOX

**Welch**

I don't have a great feel for this one, so I'll stay away from making a specific wager. My Trifecta could pay well if it comes in, but my confidence level is low.

My Bet: **No Bet**

Suggested Exacta: 2,3,8 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 2,3,8,9 BOX

## RACE No8

PROJECTED PACE:



**Halterman**

I'll kick off this one with another daily double, using #3 Ancient World and #8 One Nine Hundred. Both of these horses seem like up and comers, and I expect both to show up and run well in this logical spot.

My Bet: **\$3 Daily Double: 3,8 / 2,5**

Suggested Exacta: 3,7,8 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 3,7,8,11 BOX

**Welch**

#8 One Nine Hundred is worth a win wager in this race. He was ultra-impressive breaking his maiden last time out, while he also ran well behind a monster named Colloquial two races back.

My Bet: **\$20 to Win on #8 One Nine Hundred**

Suggested Exacta: 7,8,10 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 7,8,9,10 BOX

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## RACE No9

PROJECTED PACE:



**Halterman**

I won't start a new wager here, but hopefully I am alive in the daily double from the previous race to #2 No Nay Hudson and #5 Determined Kingdom. This could be a decent paying double if we can get it home.

My Bet: **No Bet**

Suggested Exacta: 2,5,6 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 2,5,6,8 BOX

**Welch**

This is the toughest race on the card for me to handicap. I could see a lot of different things happening, so I'll skip this one.

My Bet: **No Bet**

Suggested Exacta: 2,6/2,6,9  
Suggested Exacta: 2,6/2,5,6,9/2,5,6,9

## RACE No10

PROJECTED PACE:



**Halterman**

I loved how #6 Invictus looked in his last race at Keeneland, and I also love the spot they are trying him at today. You can say the exact same about #1 Crudo as well, so I will use both of them in a daily double.

My Bet: **\$3 Daily Double: 1,6 / 6,7**

Suggested Exacta: 1,6/1,6,8  
Suggested Trifecta: 1,6/1,6,8,9/1,6,8,9

**Welch**

There is no doubt this is a two horse race between #1 Crudo and #6 Invictus. After watching both replays, I like Crudo a bit more, so I will make a win wager on him in this race. Either one of these two horses could make some noise this summer.

My Bet: **\$20 to Win on #1 Crudo**

Suggested Exacta: 1,6/1,3,6  
Suggested Trifecta: 1,6/1,3,6,9/1,3,6,9

## RACE No11

PROJECTED PACE:



**Halterman**

This is a difficult race, but I'll use two horses to kick off another daily double. #3 Clock Tower gets class relief here after facing tougher at Keeneland last time out, while #7 Reagan's Wit also exits the same race, where he finished a close fourth.

My Bet: **\$3 Daily Double: 6,7 / 10,13**

Suggested Exacta: 6,7,8 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 6,7/4,6,7,8/4,6,7,8

**Welch**

Let's start another Pick 3 here using #7 Regans' Wit, who is getting class relief after running well against tougher horses at Keeneland. His best effort will beat this group today. Also using the #8 Curahee who adds blinkers and Saez and could be a major pace presence.

My Bet: **\$5 Pick 3: 7,8 / 10,13 / 2,8**

Suggested Exacta: 6,7,8 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 4,6,7,8 BOX

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## RACE No12

PROJECTED PACE:



**Halterman**

Let's keep the daily doubles rolling as I use #10 Fort Washington and #13 Trikari to kick off a new one, and hopefully finish off the one from the previous race as well. I'm also trying to get live to #2 Journalism and #8 Clever Again in the Preakness.

My Bet: **\$3 Daily Double: 10,13 / 2,8**

Suggested Exacta: 7,10,13 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 4,7,10,13 BOX

**Welch**

Hopefully I'm alive in the Pick 3 to #10 Fort Washington and #13 Trikari. Either way, we are rolling out a Daily Double here with those two, plus the #4 Neat, who could run well at a nice price. Let's be live to #2 Journalism and #8 Clever Again in the Preakness.

My Bet: **\$5 Daily Double: 4,10,13 / 2,8**

Suggested Exacta: 4,10,13 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 1,4,10,13 BOX

## RACE No13

PROJECTED PACE:



**Halterman**

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I won't get complicated in the Preakness Stakes this year. If #2 Journalism shows up with his best race, I think he will take it home, and I think his price will be good enough to bet to win.

My Bet: **\$30 to Win on #2 Journalism**

Suggested Exacta: 2,8/2,6,8  
Suggested Trifecta: 2,8/2,6,7,8/2,6,7,8

**Welch**

As much as I love #2 Journalism and think he's the best horse in the race, 44 Derby runners-up have started in the Preakness. Only three have won. And now can he run down a fresh horse like the #8 Clever Again? I'm not so sure.

My Bet: **\$20 Exacta: 8/2**

Suggested Win: #8 Clever Again  
Suggested Trifecta: 2,8/2,8/4,6,7,9

## RACE No14

PROJECTED PACE:



**Halterman**

No bet for me to close things out, but if you want to take a shot my suggested plays are below. It's just hard to have much interest in the Arabian race, as I don't have the knowledge to make a serious wager.

My Bet: **No Bet**

Suggested Exacta: 1,2,9 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 1,2,6,9 BOX

**Welch**

I will skip the Arabian race, but hopefully everyone had a great Preakness! It should be a fun day of racing, thanks for supporting the site!

My Bet: **No Bet**

Suggested Exacta: 1,2,9 BOX  
Suggested Trifecta: 1,2,6,9 BOX

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**AARON  
HALTERMAN**

*"Let's cash these!"*



**JARED  
WELCH**

*"Getting Clever Again home would make this day extra sweet!"*

1	\$20 to Win on #5 Augusta Melody
2	\$20 to Win on #9 Drop the Hammer
4	\$50 to Win on #6 Booth
5	\$3 Daily Double: 3,9 / 3,5
8	\$3 Daily Double: 3,8 / 2,5
10	\$3 Daily Double: 1,6 / 6,7
11	\$3 Daily Double: 6,7 / 10,13
12	\$3 Daily Double: 10,13 / 2,8
13	\$30 to Win on #2 Journalism

1	\$10 Pick 3: 5 / 9 / 1,3
4	\$10 Exacta: 6/3,7
5	\$20 to Win on #11 River Seine
6	\$5 Exacta: 3/4,5
8	\$20 to Win on #8 One Nine Hundred
10	\$20 to Win on #1 Crudo
11	\$5 Pick 3: 7,8 / 10,13 / 2,8
12	\$5 Daily Double: 4,10,13 / 2,8
13	\$20 Exacta: 8/2

Today's **EXACT** Pick 3, Pick 4, and Pick 5 tickets Aaron and Jared will be playing. These tickets are hand constructed using the knowledge and input from the previous betting opinions. Wager responsibly and good luck!

## RACE 1: \$0.50 PICK 5

1,5 with 7,8,9,11 with 1,3,4 with 5,6 with 3,4,9,11 = \$96

## RACE 2: \$0.50 PICK 4

7,8,9,11 with 1,3,4 with 5,6 with 3,4,9,11 = \$48

## RACE 3: \$0.50 PICK 5

1,3 with 5,6 with 3,4,9,11 with 3,5,7 with 2,3,7,8 = \$96

## RACE 4: \$0.50 PICK 4

5,6 with 3,4,9,11 with 3,5,7 with 2,3,7,8 = \$48

## RACE 5: \$0.50 PICK 5

3,9 with 3,5,7 with 2,3,7,8 with 3,8 with 2,5,6,8 = \$96

## RACE 6: \$0.50 PICK 4

3,5,7 with 2,3,7,8 with 3,8 with 2,5,6,8 = \$48

## RACE 7: \$0.50 PICK 5

2,3,7,8 with 3,7,8,11 with 2,5,6 with 1,6 with 6,7 = \$96

## RACE 9: \$0.50 PICK 5

2,5,6,8 with 1,6 with 6,7,8 with 4,7,10,13 with 2,8 = \$96

## RACE 10: \$0.50 PICK 4

1,6 with 6,7,8 with 4,7,10,13 with 2,8 = \$24

# TOP 4 CONSENSUS PICKS

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RACE	Aaron Halterman	Jared Welch	Mike "Papa Dude" Halterman	Vinny Blond	<small>NEW</small> Jon White	<small>NEW</small> Al	<small>NEW</small> Best Speed	<small>NEW</small> Best Long Shots	Consensus
<b>1</b>	Augusta Melody Band Camp Radical Right Circle P	Augusta Melody Circle P Exploration Sheriff Ronnie	Augusta Melody Exploration Band Camp Sheriff Ronnie	Augusta Melody Band Camp Exploration Sheriff Ronnie	Augusta Melody Exploration Circle P Band Camp	Augusta Melody Exploration Band Camp Circle P	Band Camp Augusta Melody Circle P Sheriff Ronnie	Radical Right Freeze the Fire Sheriff Ronnie Top Blood	Augusta Melody Band Camp Exploration Circle P
<b>2</b>	Drop the Hammer Swan House Betula Fivecommatwo	Drop the Hammer Betula Swab House Miss Ellary	Drop the Hammer Betula Miss Ellery Sawn House	Drop the Hammer Honor Cat Betula Be Inspired	Honor Cat Drop the Hammer Swan House Paradise Wins	Drop the Hammer Betula Miss Ellary Paradise Wins	Drop the Hammer Fivecommatwo Betula Kobe's Smile	Fivecommatwo The Amazing Mizzen Be Inspired Kobe's Smile	Drop the Hammer Betula Honor Cat Swan House
<b>3</b>	Varney Last Man Standing Energize Drill Baby	Last Man Standing Varney Energize Drill Baby	Last Man Standing Varney Drill Baby Energize	Energize Last Man Standing Varney Drill Baby	Varney Last Man Standing Energize Drill Baby	Varney Last Man Standing Drill Baby Task Force	Varney Last Man Standing Drill Baby Energize	Energize Drill Baby Task Force Kitty's Son	Varney Last Man Standing Energize Drill Baby
<b>4</b>	Booth Concrete Glory Epic Ride Celtic Contender	Booth Epic Ride Celtic Contender Concert Glory	Booth Epic Ride Concrete Glory Prince of Jericho	Booth Epic Ride Concrete Glory Prince of Jericho	Booth Epic Ride Concrete Glory Prince of Jericho	Booth Epic Ride Concrete Glory Prince of Jericho	Booth Prince of Jericho Celtic Contender Concrete Glory	Epic Ride Ninetypercentmaddie Prince of Jericho Celtic Contender	Booth Epic Ride Concrete Glory Prince of Jericho
<b>5</b>	Mischief Maxey Glean River Seine Lilly Simone	River Seine Glean Mischief Maxey Sally's Gold	Glean Mischief Maxey Wise and Elegant Parola Sicura	Mischief Maxey Noquestionaboutit Parola Sicura Glean	River Seine Glean Mischief Maxey Parola Sicura	Glean River Seine Parola Sicura Mischief Maxey	Mischief Maxey Glean Parola Sicura Lilly Simone	River Seine Wise and Elegant Lilly Simone Sally's Gold	Mischief Maxey River Seine Glean Parola Sicura
<b>6</b>	One Magic Philly Zeitlos Striker Has Dial Apple Picker	One Magic Philly Zeitlos Disco Ebo Strike Has Dial	Zeitlos One Magic Philly Striker Has Dial Apple Picker	One Magic Philly Striker Has Dial Apple Picker Zeitlos	One Magic Philly Zeitlos Striker Has Dial Disco Ebo	Zeitlos One Magic Philly Striker Has Dial Apple Picker	One Magic Philly Striker Has Dial Zeitlos Apple Picker	Disco Ebo Apple Picker Admiral Hopper Happy Clouds	One Magic Philly Zeitlos Striker Has Dial Disco Ebo
<b>7</b>	Queen of the Mud Ocean Club Sparkle Blue Three Havanas	Sparkle Blue Ocean Club Queen of the Mud Way to Be Marie	Dana's Beauty Sparkle Blue Way to Be Marie Queen of the Mud	Three Havanas Way to Be Marie Queen of the Mud Dana's Beauty	Queen of the Mud Three Havanas Way to Be Marie Austere	Queen of the Mud Ocean Club Dana's Beauty Sparkle Blue	Sparkle Blue Ocean Club Dana's Beauty Charlene's Dream	Dana's Beauty Charlene's Dream Austere Conquest Dancer	Dana's Beauty Queen of the Mud Sparkle Blue Three Havanas



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8	One Nine Hundred Ancient World Faster Gator Retribution	One Nine Hundred Faster Gator Touchy Perfect Force	Normandy Coast Touchy One Nine Hundred Faster Gator	Ancient World One Nine Hundred Retribution Faster Gator	One Nine Hundred Touchy Keep It Easy Faster Gator	Ancient World Fater Gator Touchy Retribution	One Nine Hundred Faster Fator Perfect Force Normandy Coast	Keep It Easy Normandy Coast Touchy Perfect Force	One Nine Hundred Ancient World Faster Gator Normandy Coast
9	No Nay Hudson Determined Kingdom Coppola Mattingly	Coppola No Nay Hudson Fore Harp Determined Kingdom	Coppola Determined Kingdom No Nay Hudson Fore Harp	Coppola Duncan Idaho No Nay Hudson Boat's a Rockin	Witty No Nay Hudson Coppola Fore Harp	No Nay Hudson Coppola Witty Determined Kingdom	Coppola Determined Kingdom Boat's a Rockin No Nay Hudson	Mattingly Fore Harp Witty Boat's a Rockin	Coppola No Nay Hudson Determined Kingdom Witty
10	Invictus Crudo Authentic Gallop Just a Fair Shake	Crudo Invictus Bear Claw Necklace Just a Fair Shake	Crudo Invictus Hymn Just a Fair Shake	Invictus Crudo Hymn Bear Claw Necklace	Invictus Crudo Hymn Just a Fair Shake	Invictus Crudo Hymn Just a Fair Shake	Invictus Crudo Hymn Just a Fair Shake	Just a Fair Shake Bear Claw Necklace Bestfriend Rocket Authentic Gallop	Invictus Crudo Hymn Just a Fair Shake
11	Reagan's Wit Soleil Volant Curahee Barbadian Runner	Reagan's Wit Curahee Soleil Volant Barbadian Runner	Clock Tower Reagan's Wit Curahee End of Romance	End of Romance Soleil Volant Reagan's Wit Clock Tower	Reagan's Wit Clock Tower Soleil Volant End of Romance	Reagan's Wit Clock Tower Twain Curahee	Reagan's Wit Soleil Volant Clock Tower Curahee	Curahee End of Romance Soleil Volant Twain	Reagan's Wit End of Romance Curahee Soleil Volant
12	Trikari Fort Washington Cash Equity Neat	Trikari Fort Washington Neat Divin Propos	Trikari Fort Washington Balnikhov Irish Aces	Signator Irish Aces Fort Washington Crystal Quest	Trikari Irish Aces Fort Washington Signator	Fort Washington Irish Aces Trikari Abrumar	Trikari Fort Washington Irish Aces Balnikhov	Neat Irish Aces Abrumar Divin Propos	Trikari Fort Washington Neat Divin Propos
13	Journalism Clever Again River Thames Sandman	Clever Again Journalism River Thames Heart of Honor	Journalism Sandman Clever Again Goal Oriented	Journalism Clever Again River Thames Sandman	Journalism Clever Again Sandman Gosger	Journalism Goal Oriented River Thames Sandman	Journalism Sandman River Thames Clever Again	Goal Oriented Clever Again Gosger American Promise	Journalism Clever Again Sandman River Thames
14	Diamond Gem AA RB Motherload AA Take a Chance RB Grand Slam	Diamond Gem AA Rb Motherload AA Take a Chance RB Grand Slam	Diamond Gem AA RB Grand Slam RB Motherload AA Take a Chance	RB Grand Slam Diamond Gem AA Tm Princess RB Motherload	Diamond Gem AA RB Grand Slam RB Motherload Tm Princess	Diamond Gem AA RB Grand Slam AA Take a Chance RB Motherload	Diamond Gem AA RB Motherload AA Take a Chance RB Grand Slam	AA Take a Chance WMA Smoke Signal Like Moulin Rouge Quick Rae AA	Diamond Gem AA RB Grand Slam RB Motherload AA Take a Chance





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