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**TO THE PREAKNESS STAKES**



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# WELCOME

On Saturday, October 3, 2020, the 2020 *Triple Crown* trail will make its final stop at *Pimlico Race Course* in the \$1 million Preakness Stakes (G1). For the first time in the race's storied past, the Preakness is part of the *Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" Challenge Series*. The winner will earn an all-expenses-paid berth into the *Breeders' Cup Classic* (G1).

*Kentucky Derby* winner *Authentic* will lead the charge from Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, but this year's Preakness is loaded with legit contenders, so this could shape up to be one of the better fields that we've seen in recent history.

This **Inside Track to the Preakness Stakes** combines some of the best handicapping forces in the country. *The Racing Dudes* have been at it for years, offering handicapping picks and analysis daily for over 9 years. Aaron and Jared are more than ready; they've analyzed these competitors for over a year!

**The 145th running of the 1 3/16-mile Preakness for 3-year-olds will anchor an all-stakes program of 12 races, seven graded, worth \$2.7 million. The undercard includes:**

- ▶ \$250,000 Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (G2)
- ▶ \$250,000 Dinner Party Stakes (G2)
- ▶ \$200,000 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash (G3)
- ▶ \$150,000 Miss Preakness Stakes (G3)
- ▶ \$150,000 Gallorette Stakes (G3)
- ▶ \$150,000 Laurel Futurity
- ▶ \$150,000 Selima Stakes
- ▶ \$100,000 James W. Murphy Stakes
- ▶ \$100,000 Hilltop Stakes
- ▶ \$100,000 Skipat Stakes
- ▶ \$100,000 UAE President Cup (Arabian) (G1)

**But that's not all! Along with the 12 stakes races on Preakness Day at Pimlico, this Inside Track to the Preakness Stakes wagering guide also includes multi-race betting suggestions for the entire card!**

## IN THIS ALL-INCLUSIVE INSIDE TRACK TO THE PREAKNESS STAKES, YOU WILL FIND:

- ▶ Race-by-race analysis of all 12 stakes races on the Preakness Stakes card, including:
  - ▶ Overview of the Race
  - ▶ Race Shape and Pace Analysis
  - ▶ Top Selections
  - ▶ Major threats
  - ▶ Longshots to Use
- ▶ Exclusive Picks and Plays for each race which include: Win bet, place or show bet, longshot across the board play, exacta, trifecta, superfecta, horses to use in multi-race wagers, what to play on a straight wager, and what to play on an exotic wager.
- ▶ Pick 4 and Pick 5 betting suggestions for the entire Preakness Stakes card
- ▶ Top 4 choices for all stakes races from the expert handicappers at [racingdudes.com](http://racingdudes.com), including Mike "Saratoga Slim" Spector, Mike "Somobomb" Somich, Curtis "Magic" Kalleward, Ricky "Rocket Man" Pasternak, Dr. Miranda Bunge, and Vinny Blond from Real Dynasty Picks!

Each Win, Place, Show, or Across the Board wager comes with a confidence rating so that you can see how strongly we feel about each pick.

Finally, always remember to wager responsibly and never wager more than you can afford.

**Good luck!**





# RACE 1: SELIMA STAKES

1 1/16 MILES (TURF)  
FILLIES 2-YEAR-OLDS  
\$150,000

## OVERVIEW:

The Selima kicks off a very unique all stakes card on what should be an outstanding Preakness Day. A field of 8 juvenile fillies will do battle in a race that drew a pretty competitive field. It also gives us a chance to see how the turf plays early in the card, which could be beneficial as we work our way through the later races on the docket.

## RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

**Pure Speed:** NONE

**Pressing Speed:** *Golden Voice*

**Stalkers:** *Domain Expertise, Celestial Cheetah*

**Closers:** *Fluffy Socks, Invincible Gal, Zeyaraat, Line Dancing, Tic Tic Tic Boom*

Usually a 2-year-old stakes early in the year is full of speed, so it's surprising to see there isn't much signed on here. They should be tightly grouped throughout the race, giving no one horse a real advantage.

## TOP CHOICE: #3 INVINCIBLE GAL

Invincible Gal is one of the few with stakes experience, which came last time out at Monmouth Park. She also broke her maiden impressively on debut at Saratoga, which is not an easy thing to do. Last time out, she was bumped at the start, which caused her to get a rough trip. With better luck in this spot, she might just be faster than the rest of these fillies.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #1 Fluffy Socks, #2 Golden Voice, #4 Domain Expertise

Fluffy Socks and Domain Expertise both come from trainer Chad Brown, so expect them to be dangerous. Fluffy Socks also picked up a nice win at Kentucky Downs last time out, as did Golden Voice, who's sired by the great Golden Horn, one of the best international horses in recent memory.

## LONGSHOTS TO USE: #5 Zeyaraat

She moves to the turf after a solid debut dirt win at Parx. Zeyaraat is by Honor Code, who has had some success with turf horses so far, and the breeding on the dam side doesn't look too bad for the turf as well. If she takes to the surface, then she could make a little bit of noise in a spot that is not overly difficult.

**OTHERS:** #6 Celestial Cheetah, #7 Line Dancing, #8 Tic Tic Tic Boom

Tic Tic Tic Boom is the interesting one out of this group. Not only does she have the best name ever, but she also finished third in a stakes at Monmouth Park last time out. If she can progress off of that effort, she could pull off the upset here.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #3 Invincible Gal - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #1 Fluffy Socks - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #4 Domain Expertise - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 1,3,4 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 1,2,3,4 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 1,2,3,4 BOX

**MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 1,2,3,4

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$10 to Win on #3 Invincible Gal

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$2 Exacta BOX 1,3,4



# RACE 2:

## GALLORETTE STAKES [G3]

1 1/16 MILES (TURF)

FILLIES & MARES 3-YEAR-OLDS & UP

\$150,000

### OVERVIEW:

This contest could serve as one of the best on the card, with several quality fillies and mares lining up to earn a graded stakes win. Juliet Fox Trot has run against some of the best horses in this division all year long, but several other horses in this race have also shown solid talent. This also gives us another early chance to see how the Pimlico turf course is playing.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

**Pure Speed:** *She'sonthewarpath*

**Pressing Speed:** *Juliet Fox Trot*

**Stalkers:** *Storm the Hill, Jabuticaba*

**Closers:** *Not in Jeopardy, No Mo Lady, Varenka, Wicked Awesome (MTO)*

This pace looks to be a little on the slow side, with just one true speed horse signed on to run. Juliet Fox Trot drawing the rail will liven it some; however, overall the leaders will probably have an advantage.

### TOP CHOICE: #1 JULIET FOXTROT

She gets major class relief in this spot after facing the best horses in the division all year long. She only lost by 1 1/4 lengths to Rushing Fall 2 starts back, and that horse would be 1/9 against this field. If she shows up with her best race, then she should cruise to an easy.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #3 *She'sonthewarpath*, #6 *Storm the Hill*

*She'sonthewarpath* will try to take this field gate to wire and can spring the upset if she gets a perfect trip and the favorite has some trip trouble. *Storm the Hill* could also pull off an upset if she improves while running under Mike Maker's care for the first time. Maker usually improves turf horses almost immediately, so that makes her dangerous.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #4 *No Mo Lady*, #8 *Varenka*

*No Mo Lady* has been no worse than second in 3 starts this season, including back-to-back runner-up efforts in stakes company. *Varenka* has not run her best in quite a while, but she has the back class to win a race of this caliber. This level is probably where she belongs if she wants to put forth her best chance to win.

### OTHERS: #2 *Not in Jeopardy*, #7 *Jabuticaba*

Both of these seem a little overmatched in this difficult spot. Most years, they might be able to compete, but this edition came up a bit tougher than expected.

Main Track Only: #5 *Wicked Awesome*

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #1 *Juliet Fox Trot* - Confidence Level: 5 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #6 *Storm the Hill* - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #3 *She'sonthewarpath* - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 1,6/1,3,6

**TRIFECTA:** 1,6/1,3,4,6/1,3,4,6

**SUPERFACTA:** 1,3,4,6 BOX

**MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 1,6

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$50 to Win on #1 *Juliet Fox Trot*

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta 1,6/1,3,4,6/1,3,4,6





# RACE 3: SKIPAT STAKES

6 FURLONGS (DIRT)

FILLIES & MARES 3-YEAR-OLDS & UP

\$100,000

## OVERVIEW:

The female sprint division's events on major race days have been entertaining all season long. The Skipat has long been a staple of the Preakness undercard that we look forward to seeing each season. This year's version drew a smaller field of 7, but it still could be a good betting race with no real standout in the field.

## RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Chalon, Never Enough Time*

**Pressing Speed:** *Liza Star, Bronx Beauty*

**Stalkers:** *S W Briar Rose, Last True Love*

**Closers:** *Bye Bye J*

This race always has a fast pace, and this year's should be no different. Chalon and Never Enough Time are going to roll early, but Liza Star and Bronx Beauty won't be far behind. The closers and stalkers in this field should get a fair chance to run down the pacesetters in the late stages.

## TOP CHOICE: #4 LIZA STAR

This 6-year-old mare is very consistent and her 2020 races have been some of the strongest of her career. She should be a solid price and gets Florent Geroux to ride, which is a positive. With an aggressive ride, she might pull off a mild upset.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #1 Chalon, #2 S W Briar Rose, #3 Never Enough Time

Chalon is easily the class of this race, but she has scratched from the race. S W Briar Rose should get a nice pace setup, which makes her dangerous. Never Enough Time comes into this race after winning the Alma North Stakes at Laurel Park.

**LONGSHOTS TO USE:** #5 Bye Bye J, #6 Bronx Beauty

Bye Bye J has Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen on her side and has won 2 stakes this season, though she must rebound from a poor effort last time out. Bronx Beauty won the Regret Stakes at Monmouth Park last time out by 4 lengths. A similar effort gives her a shot in this race as well.

**OTHERS:** #7 Last True Love

It's hard to throw anyone out in this wide-open affair. Last True Love was beaten pretty soundly last time out by a couple of these runners, thus why she's in this position.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #4 Liza Star - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #2 S W Briar Rose - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #3 Never Enough Time - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 2,3,4 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 2,4/2,3,4,5/2,3,4,5

**SUPERFECTA:** 2,3,4,5 BOX

**MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 2,3,4,5

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$10 to Win on #4 Liza Star

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$2 Exacta BOX 2,3,4





# RACE 4: HILLTOP STAKES

1 MILE (TURF)  
FILLIES 3-YEAR-OLDS  
\$100,000

## OVERVIEW:

Though smaller fields began the card, this race drew a large field of 13 runners. The races tends to produce decent payouts, and not only are there several options in this year's edition, but most of the fillies look to be very similar from a speed figure standpoint. Box 'em up and call 'em home in this spot!

## RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Chart, Caravel, Evil Lyn, Aunt Nadine*

**Pressing Speed:** *Madam Maclean, Vigilantes Way*

**Stalkers:** *Secret Time, Princess Grace, Hollywood Hoopla*

**Closers:** *American Giant, Ylikedis, Shimmering, Lucky Jingle*

This race is likely to have a hot pace up front. Like most one-mile turf events, this one is full of speed, which is what it takes to win on most grass courses. Even if it gets fast up front, a few of these horses might have enough stamina to keep going.

## TOP CHOICE: #3 CARAVEL

Caravel has won 3 straight, including a Presque Isle stakes in her last start. That is enough to give her a slight nod over these fillies, especially considering a solid 12/1 morning line price. From a class and speed figure standpoint, she should have a big shot.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #2 Chart, #7 Vigilantes Way, #10 Shimmering

Chart won her turf debut last time out at Woodbine in the Ontario Colleen Stakes. Vigilantes Way was ultra-impressive in her last 2 starts and earned this shot against stakes company. Shimmering makes her US debut for top trainer Graham Motion and adds Lasix.

**LONGSHOTS TO USE:** #1 Madam Maclean, #6 Secret Time, #8 Ylikedis

Madam Maclean broke her maiden last time out by a head at Saratoga. Secret Time makes her US debut after a decent start to her career overseas. Ylikedis has won 2 in a row, but this is a bit of a class hike and she's also making this start after a 3-month layoff.

**OTHERS:** #4 American Giant, #5 Evil Lyn, #11 Lucky Jingle, #12 Aunt Nadine, #13 Hollywood Hoopla

This is the most wide-open race on the early portion of the card, so it's hard to throw any of these horses out. You need to go as deep as possible with your multi-race bets.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #3 Caravel - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #2 Chart - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #7 Vigilantes Way - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 2,3,7 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 2,3,7,10 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 2,3,7,10 BOX

**MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 2,3,6,7,10

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$10 to Win on #3 Caravel

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 2,3,7,10





# RACE 5:

## MISS PREAKNESS STAKES [G3]

6 FURLONGS (DIRT)  
FILLIES 3-YEAR-OLDS  
\$150,000

### OVERVIEW:

The 3-year-old sprinting fillies take the spotlight in the Miss Preakness, which will be contested for the 35th time this season. A strong field of 7 will do battle here, with several nice fillies lined up including last year's Frizette Stakes (G1) winner Wicked Whisper. Will she finally get back on track and pick up her next victory?

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Ain't No Elmers, Fly On Angel, Mundaye Call*

**Pressing Speed:** *Wicked Whisper*

**Stalkers:** *Ankle Monitor*

**Closers:** *Sound Machine, Princess Cadey*

There is no doubt that we'll see a fast pace here. Expect a few of these to roll to the lead early, making the jockeys battle for the best positions. However, most of the talented horses like to go early, so there's a chance that one of them holds on to win, despite the projected pace.

### TOP CHOICE: #5 MUNDAYE CALL

This filly has been great this year under trainer Brad Cox this year, winning two of three races. She was soundly defeated in the Eight Belles Stakes last time out, but this field is not nearly as tough. Look for her to bounce back here, especially if the pace is a bit slower up front.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #2 Wicked Whisper, #3 Fly On Angel

Wicked Whisper definitely has the best class in the race, but she just can't seem to find the winner's circle this season. She was second in the Charles Town Oaks last time out behind Fly on Angel, who comes into this event looking for her third straight victory. She also has strong local connections who should not be ignored.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Ain't No Elmers

She built some hype after winning impressively twice at Fair Grounds, but she followed that with 3 straight bad, ugly losses. She did win last time out at Churchill Downs over allowance horses, so that means she might be back on the right track.

**OTHERS:** #4 Sound Machine, #6 Ankle Monitor, #7 Princess Cadey

This race seems pretty top heavy, leaving these three in tough. Any of them winning is hard to imagine.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #5 Mundaye Call - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #3 Fly On Angel - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #2 Wicked Whisper - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 2,3,5 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 3,5/1,2,3,5/1,2,3,5

**SUPERFECTA:** 1,2,3,5 BOX

**MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 2,3,5

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$40 to Win on #5 Mundaye Call

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 Trifecta 3,5/1,2,3,5/1,2,3,5





# RACE 6:

## DINNER PARTY STAKES [G2]

1 1/16 MILES (TURF)  
3-YEAR-OLDS & UP  
\$250,000

### OVERVIEW:

The newly-named Dinner Party Stakes (formerly the Dixie) is set for its 119th running. Usually, this race is contested right before the Preakness, but with the schedule change this season, it was moved up earlier on the card. Only 7 horses will contest this year's running, another reason why it was carded earlier in the day.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Somelikeithotbrown, Irish Strait, Factor This*

**Pressing Speed:** *Doctor Mounty*

**Stalkers:** *O Dionysus*

**Closers:** *True Valour, Hembree*

Look for lightning-fast opening fractions in this spot. Three top-notch turf speedsters have entered, including Factor This, who hasn't been behind another horse at the 1/2-mile pole all season long. Somelikeithotbrown and Irish Strait also have plenty of early speed.

### TOP CHOICE: #7 FACTOR THIS

From a class standpoint, Factor This is a clear standout. He has been nearly flawless this season, with his only loss coming by a narrow margin last time out in the Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic Stakes (G1), a very tough spot. This is one of the easier fields that he'll face all year.

### MAJOR THREATS: #3 HEMBREE

It's been a long time since Hembree won, but the pace has a chance to set up perfectly for him. He's the best closer, so if the pace does end up completely falling apart, then he's the most likely one who can pick up the pieces down the stretch. Even if he doesn't win, he could still finish second at a decent price.

**LONGSHOTS TO USE:** #2 Somelikeithotbrown, #5 Irish Strait

Somelikeithotbrown always shows up with a solid effort and will likely go to the front and try to take this field gate to wire. Irish Strait runs for the third time after a layoff, so he could product his best effort here. He has also some solid back class in his past performances.

**OTHERS:** #1 True Valour, #4 O Dionysus, #6 Doctor Mounty

The most interesting horse out of these three is Doctor Mounty, who's coming off of a gate-to-wire victory last time out. He'll likely stalk the pace here and get first run at the leaders as the field turns for home.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #7 Factor This - Confidence Level: 3.5 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #3 Hembree - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #2 Somelikeithotbrown - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 3,7/2,3,7

**TRIFECTA:** 3,7/2,3,5,7/2,3,5,7

**SUPERFECTA:** 2,3,5,7 BOX

**MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 3,7

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$20 to Win on #7 Factor This

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$2 Exacta 3,7/2,3,7





# RACE 7:

## FRANK J. DE FRANCIS MEMORIAL DASH [G3]

6 FURLONGS (DIRT)  
3-YEAR-OLDS & UP  
\$200,000

### OVERVIEW:

The DeFrancis Memorial is another race that we look forward to on Preakness Day. This year's edition drew a competitive field of 8, which might be a little light when it comes to established talent, but there could be a couple of up-and-comers who have the potential to elevate to the next level here.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Laki, Landeskog*

**Pressing Speed:** *Admiral Lynch*

**Stalkers:** *Midtowncharlybrown, Stan the Man*

**Closers:** *Krsto Skye, Eastern Bay, Nitrous*

While we could see a speed duel develop between Laki and Landeskog, it's more likely that they'll try to slow it down early. Both have solid speed, so it certainly won't be a slow pace, but everyone else should be able to stay close and have a fair shot in the stretch.

### TOP CHOICE: #5 LANDESKOG

When trainer Brad Cox gets a good horse, he usually gets them to fire big first time out. That was the exact situation with Landeskog, who dominated an allowance field at Ellis Park last time out after 10 months away. This is a logical next step for Cox's potential future sprinting star.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #1 Admiral Lynch, #3 Eastern Bay, #7 Stan the Man

Admiral Lynch comes off an impressive victory last time out at Saratoga against allowance company. That easily earned him the right to run in this spot. Eastern Bay has won 3 of his last 4, including the Polynesian Stakes at Laurel Park last time out. Stan the Man enters off of a nice restricted stakes win at Saratoga.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #2 Krsto Skye, #4 Laki

Krsto Skye ships in from Gulfstream Park after finishing second in the Smile Sprint Stakes (G3) and disposing of starter allowance horses easily at that track in the start before. Laki has finished second in 3 straight, including the Polynesian last time out. He's good enough to do the same here at a price.

### OTHERS: #6 Midtowncharlybrown, #8 Nitrous

Nitrous has some decent back class, but we haven't seen his best races as of late. If he can get back to his prior form and the pace falls apart, then he could mow them all down late.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #5 Landeskog - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #1 Admiral Lynch - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #3 Eastern Bay - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 1,3,5 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 1,2,3,5 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 1,2,3,5 BOX

**MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 1,2,3,5

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$20 to Win on #5 Landeskog

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 1,2,3,5



# RACE 8: LAUREL FUTURITY

1 1/16 MILES (TURF)  
2-YEAR-OLDS  
\$150,000

## OVERVIEW:

The 2-year-olds take center stage in this race, something we are definitely not used to seeing on Preakness Day. A solid field of 10 will contest this turf event, which could end up producing a solid price. This will likely be the toughest race to get through in the Late Pick 5 and Late Pick 4 sequences.

## RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Nautilus*

**Pressing Speed:** *Kidnapped, Arrest Me Red*

**Stalkers:** *No One To Blame, Wootton Asset, Tijuana Brass*

**Closers:** *Pivotal Mission, Lights Us Up, Catman, Hidden Enemy*

Surprisingly, this is yet another 2-year-old race that doesn't seem to have a lot of pace. If he can work out a good trip, then Nautilus could have things all by himself on the front end.

## TOP CHOICE: #8 HIDDEN ENEMY

This horse might still be a maiden, but his Timeform Speed Figure last time out suggests that he can beat this field by several lengths. He ran second in a maiden special weight at Saratoga that had several nice prospects in the field. He could very likely break his maiden in a stakes, no easy feat.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #1 Pivotal Mission, #3 Wootton Asset, #10 Nautilus

Pivotal Mission is also a maiden, but he nearly won the More Than Ready Juvenile Stakes at Kentucky Downs last time out. Wootton Asset makes his US debut for top trainer Graham Motion. Nautilus broke his maiden at Saratoga last time out after finishing second in a tough maiden race there 2 starts back.

**LONGSHOTS TO USE:** #2 No One To Blame, #7 Catman

No One to Blame won an off-turf maiden special weight at Delaware Park last time out in impressive fashion. Look for him to improve while getting back on the turf. Catman is still a maiden, but he nearly won last time out at Kentucky Downs in a loaded field.

**OTHERS:** #4 Kidnapped, #5 Light Us Up, #6 Arrest Me Red, #9 Tijuana Brass

This race has several promising entries, but this group looked a little overmatched. Kidnapped and Light Us Up are the most interesting, as both are trying turf for the first time.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #8 Hidden Enemy - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #10 Nautilus - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #3 Wootton Asset - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**TRIFECTA:** 1,3,8,10 BOX

**EXACTA:** 3,8,10 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 1,3,8,10 BOX

**MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 1,3,8,10

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$10 to Win on #8 Hidden Enemy

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 1,3,8,10





# RACE 9:

## JAMES W. MURPHY STAKES

1 MILE (TURF)  
3-YEAR-OLDS  
\$100,000

### OVERVIEW:

The Murphy drew a large field of 14 for what might be the toughest race on the card. None of the runners seem to stand out all that much, either, making this the perfect race to have in the Late Pick 4 and Pick 5 sequences. It will be a challenge, but this race could help the payouts tremendously - you just have to survive it.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Sunsation, Don Juan Kitten*

**Pressing Speed:** *Vanzzy, Monday Morning Qb*

**Stalkers:** *Jolting Joe, Ocean Map, Buy Land and See, Bye Bye Melvin, Paradise Pride*

**Closers:** *Chocolate Bar, So Street, Reconvene, Jack the Umpire, Andesite*

It will be interesting to see the jockey tactics in this race, as several horses are capable of being on or sitting just off the lead. The pace will likely be fast up front, but the riders' decisions will determine just how fast.

### TOP CHOICE: #10 DON JUAN KITTEN

Don Juan Kitten has finished first or second in 3 straight and narrowly lost the Saranac Stakes by a head last time out at Saratoga. This Kitten's Joy colt is improving as the year goes along, and his best distance seems to be 1 mile. Getting back to a firm turf course is also a positive.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #7 Vanzzy, #9 Monday Morning Qb, #12 Andesite, #13 Bye Bye Melvin

Vanzzy will try to rebound after a poor start last time out. Monday Morning Qb, a dirt stakes winner, tries turf for the first time, but his breeding hints that he'll like it. Andesite ran a career-best last time out and has powerful connections. Bye Bye Melvin upset the Saranac at 19/1 while wearing blinkers for the first time.

**LONGSHOTS TO USE:** #1 Chocolate Bar, #11 Buy Land and See

Chocolate Bar moves up in class after narrowly missing in a Kentucky Downs allowance last time out and has been running his best lately. The same could be said of Buy Land and See, who ran a solid third last time out in the Mahony Stakes at Saratoga.

**OTHERS:** #2 Sunsation, #3 So Street, #4 Reconvene, #5 Jack the Umpire, #6 Jolting Joe, #8 Oceans Map, #14 Paradise Pride

This race is extremely wide open, but the horses in this group seem a bit overmatched. We'll need to see solid improvement in order for them to have a shot at pulling off an upset.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #10 Don Juan Kitten - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #7 Vanzzy - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #9 Monday Morning Qb - Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 7,9,10 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 7,9,10,12 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 7,9,10,12 BOX

**MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 1,7,9,10,12,13

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$10 to Win on #10 Don Juan Kitten

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 cent Trifecta BOX 7,9,10,12



# RACE 10:

## BLACK-EYED SUSAN STAKES [G2]

1 1/8 MILES (DIRT)  
FILLIES 3-YEAR-OLDS  
\$250,000

### OVERVIEW:

The Black-Eyed Susan is usually the headline race on the Friday before the Preakness, but this year's will be contested on Preakness Day itself. Though it's missing a headlining 3-year-old filly, the race at least gives us a very competitive wagering opportunity. This is yet another tough event in the late sequences that should pay well.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

**Pure Speed:** Mizzen Beau, Landing Zone

**Pressing Speed:** Hopeful Growth, Miss Marissa, Perfect Alibi

**Stalkers:** Project Whiskey, Truth Hurts

**Closers:** So Darn Hot, Dream Marie, Bonny South, Sharp Starr

There are no real speed burners in this race, but there's still enough speed to make it interesting, especially with Landing Zone entered. There should be a fair pace for all runners.

### TOP CHOICE: #5 BONNY SOUTH

She seems to easily be the class of this race after knocking heads with the top fillies in the country this season. There are no heavy hitters here and the pace has a chance to set up pretty well for a closer like herself. As long as she doesn't get into traffic trouble, she should be an easy winner.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #7 Mizzen Beau, #9 Miss Marissa

Mizzen Beau enters this race off of a nice win at Woodbine in the Bison City Stakes. That race was over a synthetic surface, though, so it's questionable if she can be as good on dirt. Miss Marissa has won 2 straight allowances, including at Saratoga last time out.

**LONGSHOTS TO USE:** #8 Hopeful Growth, #10 Landing Zone, #11 Perfect Alibi

Hopeful Growth gets class relief here after running in the Kentucky Oaks (G1). She was an easy winner of the Monmouth Oaks (G3) 2 starts back. Landing Zone has the most speed in the race and could be dangerous if she gets out to an easy lead. Perfect Alibi has back class and seems to be finally rounding into her 2019 form.

**OTHERS:** #1 Project Whiskey, #2 Truth Hurts, #3 So Darn Hot, #4 Dream Marie, #6 Sharp Starr

It will be hard for any of these to make an impact here. Most of them have already been beaten by the horses who we've ranked above them.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #5 Bonny South - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #7 Mizzen Beau - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #9 Miss Marissa - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 5,7/5,7,9

**TRIFECTA:** 5,7/5,7,8,9/5,7,8,9

**SUPERFECTA:** 5,7,8,9 BOX

**MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 5,7

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$50 to Win on #5 Bonny South

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta 5,7/5,7,8,9/5,7,8,9





# RACE 11: PREAKNESS STAKES [G1]

1 3/16 MILES (DIRT)  
3-YEAR-OLDS  
\$1,000,000



## OVERVIEW:

The 2020 Triple Crown Trail comes to an end with the Preakness, a sentence that none of us ever want to say or write again. It's been a wild season with many ups and downs, but it's nice to see a solid field drawn for this Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" for the Classic. Authentic is a deserving favorite, but there are plenty of potential horses to use if you want to try beating him.

## RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Swiss Skydiver, Thousand Words, Authentic*

**Pressing Speed:** *Art Collector, Ny Traffic, Pneumatic*

**Stalkers:** *Jesus' Team, Liveyourbeastlife*

**Closers:** *Excession, Mr. Big News, Max Player*

The pace has a shot to be swift up front, with several speed horses signed on to run. Authentic will want to be in front, which is likely to happen, and he proved in the Kentucky Derby (G1) that he can go fast early and still stay on late when the real running begins. However, he could be challenged for the early lead here.

## TOP CHOICE: #9 AUTHENTIC

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert has never lost the Preakness with a horse that won the Kentucky Derby. That alone makes Authentic a worthy favorite, but his Kentucky Derby effort was far and away better than what anyone else in this field has done, and this outside draw should only help his chances. He should get the job done here.

## MAJOR THREATS: #3 Art Collector, #10 Pneumatic

Art Collector finally gets his chance after scratching just before the Kentucky Derby draw with a minor injury. He seems ready to roll based on his latest workouts, and he might have ultimately benefited from the extra rest. The same can be said for Pneumatic, who skipped the Derby to prepare for this race. He seems to be developing well and might be ready to run a big race.

## LONGSHOTS TO USE: #2 Mr. Big News, #4 Swiss Skydiver, #5 Thousand Words

Mr. Big News ran a surprisingly good race last time out in the Kentucky Derby, finishing third. With a similar effort, he'll make noise again. Thousand Words could redeem himself after flipping in the Kentucky Derby paddock and scratching out of the race. The filly Swiss Skydiver adds spice, but she must improve to beat this group.

## OTHERS: #1 Excession, #6 Jesus' Team, #7 Ny Traffic, #8 Max Player, #11 Liveyourbeastlife

There are several in here who don't seem to match up, but Max Player and Ny Traffic could be good underneath candidates from this group. Max Player has run a tough campaign, though, and that could start taking its toll soon. Ny Traffic needs to bounce back after a poor effort last time out in the Kentucky Derby.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #9 Authentic - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #10 Pneumatic - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #3 Art Collector - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 3,9,10 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 3,5,9,10 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 3,5,9,10 BOX

**MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 3,9,10

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$40 to Win on #9 Authentic

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$5 Exacta BOX 3,9,10



# RACE 12:

## UAE PRESIDENT CUP [ARABIAN] [G1]

1 1/16 MILES (DIRT)

ARABIAN 4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD

\$100,000

### OVERVIEW:

If you still need something to bet after the Preakness, or if you've lost your ass and need to win some money back, why not give the Arabians a shot in this spot? We follow the Arabian races all season long, so we do have quite a bit of knowledge on these horses. This is a worthy betting race if you still feel like playing after the Preakness is over.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Paddys Day, Uptown Sandy Girl, Dance With Me BW*

**Pressing Speed:** *Kissour, Quick Sand AA, RB Rich Lyke Me*

**Stalkers:** *Uptown Cruisedirector, Lazur Hess*

**Closers:** *Madjickman, Iridesse, Belfast, Colors in Motion*

The pace should be fairly quick in this spot, which is not usually the case with Arabian races. Several horses here can show early speed.

### TOP CHOICE: #4 IRIDESSE

Iridesse nearly won last time out in a tough race at Delaware Park, losing by a nose. Here, she gets a hot pace up front on paper, which should set up well for her running style. With the right trip, she should be able to pick up the win at what could be a pretty decent price.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #5 Uptown Sandy Girl, #6 Kissour, #7 Quick Sand AA

Uptown Sandy Girl has hit the board in 7 of her last 8 starts. Kissour ducked into the gap last time out, but before that race, he was very impressive in a few tough races. Quick Sand AA comes into this one off of an easy win at Delaware Park last time out in a Grade 1.

**LONGSHOTS TO USE:** #3 Uptown Cruisedirector, #8 RB Rich Lyke Me, #9 Lazur Hess, #12 Dance With Me BW

Everyone in this group will have a chance to pull the upset in this spot. A lot of times, the Arabian horses trade off wins and struggle with consistency. On their best days, anyone here could make an impact in this spot.

**OTHERS:** #1 Paddys Day, #2 Madjickman, #10 Colors In Motion, #11 Belfast,

This race contains a lot of filler, so it would be a big surprise to see anyone from this group pull off the upset. Most of these were beaten multiple lengths in their last few races.

### PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #4 Iridesse - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #7 Quick Sand AA - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #6 Kissour - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 4,6,7 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 4,5,6,7 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 4,5,6,7 BOX

**MULT-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 4,5,6,7

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$5 to Win on #4 Iridesse

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 cent Trifecta BOX 4,5,6,7





### MULTI-RACE WAGER TICKET SUGGESTIONS

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#### Race 1: \$0.50 Pick 5

1,2,3,4 with 1 with 2,3,4,5 with 2,3,6,7,10 with 5 = \$40

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#### Race 2: \$0.50 Pick 4

1,6 with 2,3,4,5 with 2,3,7,10 with 2,3,5 = \$48

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#### Race 4: \$0.50 Pick 4

2,3,6,7,9,10 with 2,3,5 with 7 with 1,3,5,7 = \$36

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#### Race 7: \$0.50 Pick 5

1,3,5,7 with 1,3,8,10 with 1,7,9,10,12,13 with 5 with 3,9,10 = \$144

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#### Race 8: \$0.50 Pick 4

1,3,8,10 with 7,9,10,12 with 5,7 with 3,5,9,10 = \$64





# expert picks

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<b>SATURDAY, 10/3/2020</b>								
<b>Selima Stakes</b>	Invincible Gal (GB) Fluffy Socks Domain Expertise Golden Voice	Invincible Gal (GB) Domain Expertise Fluffy Socks Golden Voice	Domain Expertise Invincible Gal (GB) Golden Voice Fluffy Socks	Invincible Gal (GB) Fluffy Socks Golden Voice Domain Expertise	Domain Expertise Invincible Gal (GB) Fluffy Socks Golden Voice	Invincible Gal (GB) Domain Expertise Fluffy Socks Golden Voice	Domain Expertise Fluffy Socks Invincible Gal (GB) Golden Voice	Invincible Gal (GB) Domain Expertise Fluffy Socks Line Dancing
<b>Gallorette Stakes (G3)</b>	Juliet Foxtrot (GB) Storm the Hill She'sonthewarpath No Mo Lady	Juliet Foxtrot (GB) She'sonthewarpath Storm the Hill No Mo Lady	Juliet Foxtrot (GB) Varenka She'sonthewarpath Storm the Hill	Juliet Foxtrot (GB) She'sonthewarpath Varenka Storm the Hill	Juliet Foxtrot (GB) Storm the Hill She'sonthewarpath No Mo Lady	Juliet Foxtrot (GB) Storm the Hill Varenka She'sonthewarpath	Varenka She'sonthewarpath Storm the Hill Juliet Foxtrot (GB)	She'sonthewarpath Juliet Foxtrot (GB) Storm the Hill Varenka
<b>Skipat Stakes</b>	Liza Star S W Briar Rose Never Enough Time Bye Bye J	Liza Star Never Enough Time Bronx Beauty S W Briar Rose	Bronx Beauty Bye Bye J Liza Star S W Briar Rose	Chalon Never Enough Time Bye Bye J Liza Star	Bye Bye J Liza Star Never Enough Time Bronx Beauty	Liza Star Never Enough Time Bronx Beauty Bye Bye J	Never Enough Time Liza Star Bronx Beauty Bye Bye J	Bye Bye J Bronx Beauty Liza Star Never Enough Time
<b>Hilltop Stakes</b>	Caravel Chart Vigilantes Way Shimmering (IRE)	Vigilantes Way Shimmering (IRE) American Giant Caravel	Shimmering (IRE) Evil Lyn Vigilantes Way Chart	Vigilantes Way Princess Grace Chart Secret Time (GER)	Secret Time (GER) Evil Lyn Shimmering (IRE) Vigilantes Way	Vigilantes Way Evil Lyn Chart American Giant	Shimmering (IRE) Lucky Jingle American Giant Evil Lyn	Vigilantes Way Chart Caravel Evil Lyn
<b>Miss Preakness Stakes (G3)</b>	Mundaye Call Fly On Angel Wicked Whisper Ain't No Elmers	Mundaye Call Wicked Whisper Fly On Angel Ain't No Elmers	Mundaye Call Wicked Whisper Fly On Angel Sound Machine	Mundaye Call Sound Machine Wicked Whisper Ain't No Elmers	Mundaye Call Wicked Whisper Ain't No Elmers Sound Machine	Mundaye Call Fly On Angel Sound Machine Ain't No Elmers	Mundaye Call Fly On Angel Sound Machine Wicked Whisper	Fly On Angel Mundaye Call Wicked Whisper Sound Machine
<b>Dinner Party Stakes (G2)</b>	Factor This Hembree Somelikeithotbrown Irish Strait	Factor This True Valour (IRE) Hembree Somelikeithotbrown	Factor This Somelikeithotbrown Hembree Irish Strait	Factor This Somelikeithotbrown Hembree True Valour (IRE)	Factor This True Valour (IRE) Hembree Doctor Mounty	Factor This Somelikeithotbrown Hembree Irish Strait	Factor This Somelikeithotbrown Hembree Doctor Mounty	Factor This Somelikeithotbrown True Valour (IRE) Doctor Mounty





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SATURDAY, 10/3/2020								
Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash (G3)	Landeskog Admiral Lynch Eastern Bay Krsto Skye	Landeskog Admiral Lynch Nitrous Eastern Bay	Landeskog Nitrous Admiral Lynch Eastern Bay	Landeskog Admiral Lynch Stan the Man Midtowncharlybrown	Admiral Lynch Landeskog Nitrous Krsto Skye	Landeskog Laki Admiral Lynch Nitrous	Nitrous Landeskog Eastern Bay Admiral Lynch	Landeskog Krsto Skye Admiral Lynch Laki
Laurel Futurity	Hidden Enemy (IRE) Nautilus Wootton Asset (FR) Pivotal Mission	Hidden Enemy (IRE) Pivotal Mission Wootton Asset (FR) Catman	Wootton Asset (FR) Kidnapped Hidden Enemy (IRE) Nautilus	Pivotal Mission Wootton Asset (FR) Arrest Me Red Hidden Enemy (IRE)	Pivotal Mission Hidden Enemy (IRE) Kidnapped Wootton Asset (FR)	Hidden Enemy (IRE) Pivotal Mission Nautilus Catman	Hidden Enemy (IRE) Pivotal Mission Nautilus Wootton Asset (FR)	Hidden Enemy (IRE) Pivotal Mission Nautilus Catman
James W. Murphy Stakes	Don Juan Kitten Vanzzy Monday Morning Qb Andesite	Chocolate Bar Bye Bye Melvin Don Juan Kitten Andesite	Andesite Bye Bye Melvin Don Juan Kitten Jolting Joe	Reconvene Vanzzy Chocolate Bar Bye Bye Melvin	Reconvene Chocolate Bar Monday Morning Qb Vanzzy	Don Juan Kitten Vanzzy Bye Bye Melvin Chocolate Bar	Don Juan Kitten Bye Bye Melvin Chocolate Bar Andesite	Vanzzy Don Juan Kitten Sunsation Andesite
Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (G2)	Bonny South Mizzen Beau Miss Marissa Hopeful Growth	Bonny South So Darn Hot Perfect Alibi Mizzen Beau	Bonny South Perfect Alibi Mizzen Beau Miss Marissa	Bonny South Hopeful Growth Landing Zone Truth Hurts	Bonny South So Darn Hot Mizzen Beau Hopeful Growth	Bonny South Miss Marissa Hopeful Growth Sharp Starr	Bonny South So Darn Hot Hopeful Growth Perfect Alibi	Bonny South Miss Marissa Mizzen Beau Hopeful Growth
Preakness Stakes (G1)	Authentic Pneumatic Art Collector Thousand Words	Authentic Art Collector Thousand Words Max Player	Authentic Thousand Words Pneumatic Max Player	Authentic Art Collector Thousand Words Pneumatic	Art Collector Thousand Words Pneumatic Authentic	Art Collector Swiss Skydiver Authentic Mr. Big News	Mr. Big News Authentic Art Collector Max Player	Art Collector Swiss Skydiver Authentic Pneumatic
UAE President Cup (Arabian) (G1)	Iridesse Quick Sand AA Kissour Uptown Sandy Girl	Iridesse Quick Sand AA Lazur Hess Dance With Me BW	Quick Sand AA Uptown Cruisedirector Colors In Motion Dance With Me BW	Quick Sand AA Paddys Day Dance With Me BW RB Rich Lyke Me	Lazur Hess Uptown Sandy Girl Dance With Me BW Paddys Day	Dance With Me BW RB Rich Lyke Me Quick Sand AA Iridesse	Quick Sand AA Dance With Me BW Uptown Sandy Girl Uptown Cruisedirector	RB Rich Lyke Me Dance With Me BW Iridesse Uptown Sandy Girl