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On Saturday, May 15, 2021, the 146th running of the Preakness Stakes (G1) will be held at Pimlico Race Course. Known as the middle jewel of the Triple Crown, this year's running will feature Kentucky Derby upset winner Medina Spirit for Bob Baffert. Can he do it again and continue his run for the Triple Crown?

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- ◆ Race-by-race analysis, betting suggestions, and multi-race plays for the entire Preakness Stakes card
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- ◆ Top 4 choices for all stakes races from the expert handicappers at [racingdudes.com](https://racingdudes.com), including Racing Dudes' Aaron Halterman and Jared Welch, Mike "Saratoga Slim" Spector, Mike "Somobomb" Somich, Ricky "Rocket Man" Pasternak, Papa Dude, and Vinny Blond from Real Dynasty Picks!

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**Good luck!**



# PREAKNESS STAKES

## LIVE BANKROLL

WITH THE RACING DUDES OWN Aaron Halterman & Jared Welch

It's time for the 2021 Preakness Stakes, which is super crazy this year, but the Dudes are ready! Once again, we're giving you our EXACT race-by-race wagering plans for each of the 10 stakes races on the Saturday card at Pimlico. You can play these tickets exactly, or you can sprinkle in your own thoughts. We did this for the Breeders' Cup last year, Pegasus Day this year, and two weeks ago at the Kentucky Derby showing an overall 60% ROI! The Dudes have invested \$300 for the weekend, but be sure that you don't bet more than you can afford to lose. Here we go!

### Race #1: SIR BARTON STAKES

We both believe **#4 Hozier** should win this race. However, the odds are going to be terrible, and he's not that good. Not to mention the fact that Baffert's horses are a mystery this weekend. So for us, this is a total skip race. If for some reason his odds float up to even money, then he's play, but we don't expect it.

### Race #3: CHICK LANG STAKES

This race looks like it's going to run through Steve Asmussen. We actually like the higher priced Asmussen, which is **#2 Mighty Mischief**. We'll look to bet this horse to win, with the field being a little too small to make much money with the exotic wagers.

| \$50 | Race #3 Chick Lang: WIN |
|------|-------------------------|
| 1st  | #2 Mighty Mischief      |
| \$50 | Ticket #1 Total         |

### Race #6: GALLORETTE STAKES

On past guides, we've made good money playing large exactas in turf races where we've had strong opinions. That is the case here, where we believe we can count on **#5 Mean Mary** finishing first or second, while **#3 Flighty Lady** has a great shot to pull the upset. We'll go big on these two.

| \$20       | Race #6 Gallorette: EXACTA BOX |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| 1st<br>2nd | #3 Flighty Lady, #5 Mean Mary  |
| \$40       | Ticket #2 Total                |

### Race #8: JAMES W. MURPHY STAKES

We have the same top four horses, but in different order, so we got a little creative with the trifecta. We'll play **#3 Kasim**, **#7 Charles Chrome**, and **#8 T D Dance** on top, with those same three horses and **#5 Extrasexybigdaddee** added in the second and third spot.

| \$1  | Race #8 James W. Murphy: TRIFECTA WHEEL                          |
|------|--|
| 1st  | #3 Kasim, #7 Charles Chrome, #8 T D Dance                        |
| 2nd  | #3 Kasim, #5 Extrasexybigdaddee, #7 Charles Chrome, #8 T D Dance |
| 3rd  | #3 Kasim, #5 Extrasexybigdaddee, #7 Charles Chrome, #8 T D Dance |
| \$18 | Ticket #3 Total  |



### Race #9: SKIPAT STAKES

Aaron is going to trust Jared here, and let him go with a win wager on **#5 Chub Wagon**. This was not Aaron's top pick, but he does still like him, while Jared loves him. We had trouble coming up with a logical exotic play that made sense, so Chub Wagon to win seemed like the best play.

| \$50 | Race #9 Runhappy Skipat: WIN |
|------|------------------------------|
| 1st  | #5 Chub Wagon                |
| \$50 | Ticket #4 Total              |

### Race #10: JIM McKAY TURF SPRINT

This is one of the best betting races on the card. We don't feel confident in a win wager, so we decided on a trifecta wheel.

In the top spot we'll use **#4 The Critical Way**, and **#5 Hollis**. Those horses are our top picks, and seem to be the most logical winners of the race.

In the second and third spots, we'll play those two, while also adding in **#1 Bolder**, **#7 Dubini**, **#8 Love You Much**, and **#13 Completed Pass**. We spent a little more here because the potential payout is big.

| \$1  | Race #10 Jim McKay Turf Sprint: TRIFECTA WHEEL   |
|------|--|
| 1st  | #4 The Critical Way, #5 Hollis   |
| 2nd  | #1 Bolder, #4 The Critical Way, #5 Hollis, #7 Dubini, #8 Love You Much, #13 Completed Pass |
| 3rd  | #1 Bolder, #4 The Critical Way, #5 Hollis, #7 Dubini, #8 Love You Much, #13 Completed Pass |
| \$40 | Ticket #5 Total  |

### Race #11: MARYLAND SPRINT STAKES

We'll use our top three horses on top and in the second spot in a trifecta here, while spreading 5-deep in the third spot. This is yet another race where we don't have a real strong opinion for who is going to win, so a trifecta makes sense, and the potential payout is solid.

| \$1  | Race #11 Maryland Sprint: TRIFECTA WHEEL                                |
|------|---|
| 1st  | #1 Laki, #5 Strike Power, #8 Special Reserve                            |
| 2nd  | #1 Laki, #5 Strike Power, #8 Special Reserve                            |
| 3rd  | #1 Laki, #5 Strike Power, #7 Breezy Gust, #8 Special Reserve, #10 Lebda |
| \$18 | Ticket #6 Total   |

### Race #12: DINNER PARTY STAKES

We're going to try to beat **#5 Sacred Life** here on the win end of things, but play him in the second spot of a big exacta. We'll use **#1 Somelikeithotbrown** and **#3 Kuramata** on top, and also in the second spot, with the before mentioned Sacred Life.

| \$10 | Race #12 Dinner Party: EXACTA WHEEL                |
|------|--|
| 1st  | #1 Somelikeithotbrown, #3 Kuramata                 |
| 2nd  | #1 Somelikeithotbrown, #3 Kuramata, #5 Sacred Life |
| \$40 | Ticket #7 Total                                    |





## Race #13: PREAKNESS STAKES

There is no way around it, we hate this race. You really want the Baffert horses to lose, but they do look like the best on paper, which causes a problem. After a ton of debate, we decided to play a trifecta box with **#3 Medina Spirit, #4 Crowded Trade, #5 Midnight Bourbon, and #10 Concert Tour**. We both had those horses as our top 4.

| \$1               | Race #13 Preakness: TRIFECTA BOX   |
|-------------------|--|
| 1st<br>2nd<br>3rd | #3 Medina Spirit, #4 Crowded Trade,<br>#5 Midnight Bourbon, #10 Concert Tour |
| \$24              | Ticket #8 Total  |

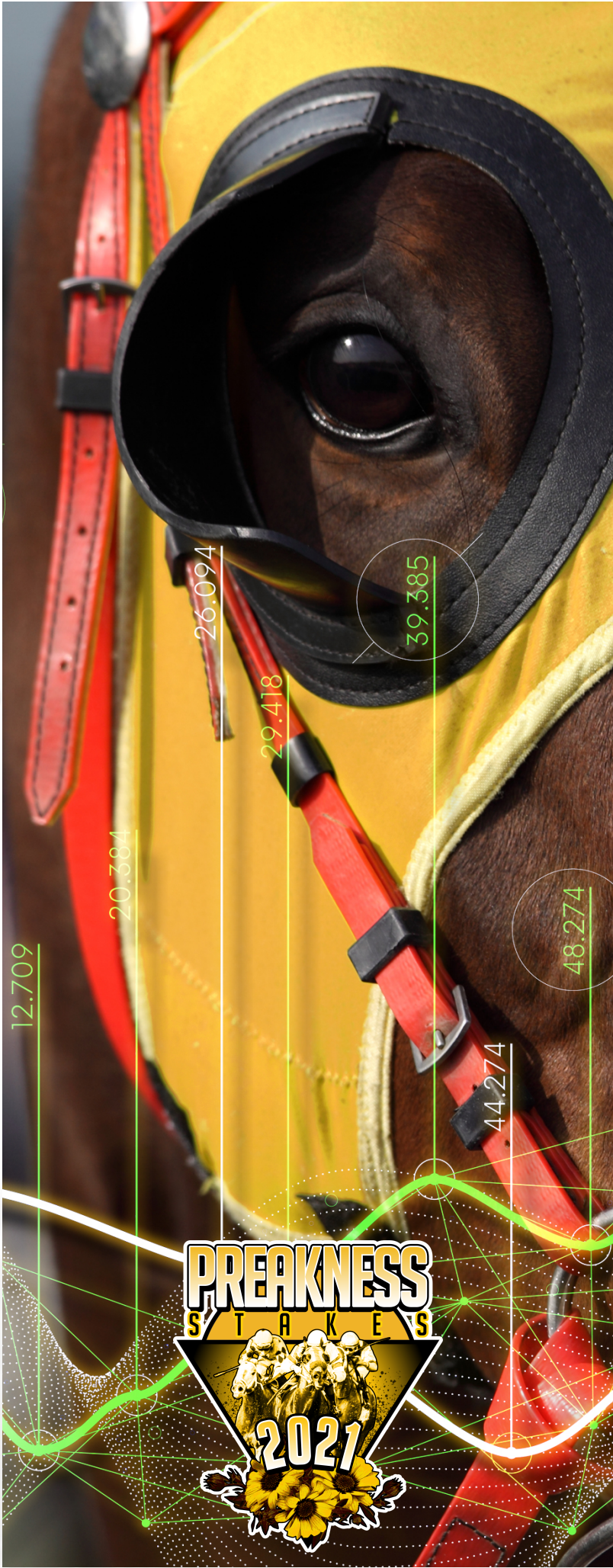
## Race #14: UAE PRESIDENT CUP STAKES

We'll round out the day with a simple \$20 win wager on our top pick **#10 Paddys Day**. He won this race last year, and is coming into this year's event looking better than ever.

| \$20 | Race #14 UAE President Cup: WIN |
|------|---------------------------------|
| 1st  | #10 Paddys Day                  |
| \$20 | Ticket #9 Total                 |

That brings us to \$300 in total bets. If you followed our Breeders' Cup, Pegasus day, and Kentucky Derby bets, we ended with a bankroll of \$1,200 total for the three days, so let's reinvest some of those winnings today and hope to get a few of these home!

Good luck, everyone! 🐾



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# RACE 1: SIR-BARTON-STAKES

1 1/16 FURLONGS (DIRT)  
3-YEAR-OLDS  
\$100,000

## OVERVIEW:

Saturday's stakes action kicks off with the Sir Barton, and while the field size may be short, there are a few playable options that could still produce a price or two. Let's see if we can kick off the card with a winner!

## RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

**Pure Speed:** *The King Cheek*

**Pressing Speed:** *Hozier*

**Stalkers:** *Market Cap*

**Closers:** *Golden Gulley, Romp, Dream Big Dreams*

The pace shouldn't be overly fast, with The King Cheek being the likely lonely leader. Hozier has a decent early turn of foot; however, he doesn't have the natural speed to press The King Cheek.

## TOP CHOICE: #4 HOZIER

There is no doubt Hozier is the class of this field, while he also has the best finish of any horse in the race, which came with his runner-up effort in the Rebel Stakes (G2). He did little running last time out, though, so we'll need to see a much improved effort from him here. Getting Joel Rosario aboard is a good sign.

## MAJOR THREATS: #1 The King Cheek, #5 Romp

The King Cheek has a big pace advantage in this spot; however, he must move up in class while also stretching out in distance. Romp comes into the race hot, winning 2 straight, and looks to be ready to try stakes company for the first time.

## LONGSHOTS TO USE: #3 Market Cap

He starts off of a lengthy layoff, which is the big concern. The horse has never finished worse than fourth in 5 lifetime races, though, and he should get a nice stalking trip behind the front-runner.

## OTHERS: #2 Golden Gulley, #6 Dream Big Dreams

These two horses just seem a bit overmatched, but this is not a field full of world beaters. With any improvement, they'll have a shot.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #4 Hozier - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

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

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #1 The King Cheek - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 4/1,5

**TRIFECTA:** 4,5/1,4,5/1,3,4,5

**SUPERFECTA:** 4,5/1,4,5/1,4,5/1,3,4,5

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 1,4,5

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** NO BET (No Value)

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$5 Exacta 4/1,5



# RACE 3: CHICK LANG STAKES (G3)

6 FURLONGS (TURF)  
3-YEAR-OLDS  
\$200,000

## OVERVIEW:

The Chick Lang drew a short field and trainer Steve Asmussen leads the way with two solid runners. Favorite Mighty Mischief could be tough here, as he has won two straight races with ease. However, his stablemate Jaxon Traveler also looks tough as well.

## RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Mighty Mischief, Jaxon Traveler*

**Pressing Speed:** *Willy Boi*

**Stalkers:** *Hemp, Shackled Love*

**Closers:** *Palatial Times*

The pace could be rapid in this race; however, both of the main speed horses are trained by Steve Asmussen. It's not likely they will duel, which means Willy Boi will need to go with them early to speed things up.

## TOP CHOICE: #2 MIGHTY MISCHIEF

This Steve Asmussen trainee has won his last 2 starts impressively, including a tough allowance event on Arkansas Derby Day at Oaklawn Park last time out. After that race, you knew he would be heading to stakes competition next, with this race making a lot of sense for him. With another strong effort, he'll be tough to catch in this spot.

## MAJOR THREATS: #4 Jaxon Traveler, #6 Willy Boi

Jaxon Traveler looked tremendous in his last start, winning the Bachelor Stakes at Oaklawn Park. He is also a perfect 3-for-3 in the state of Maryland. Willy Boi won a stakes at Gulfstream Park two starts back before finishing second in the Ocala Breeders Sophomore Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs last time out.

## LONGSHOTS TO USE: #3 Hemp, #5 Shackled Love

Hemp comes into this one off of a nice allowance win at Laurel Park, where he won by over 5 lengths. He is ready for stakes company after that effort. Shackled Love cuts back in distance after a poor effort last time out. He won a stakes at Laurel Park two starts back.

## OTHERS: #1 Palatial Times

From a speed figure standpoint, this horse just has too much improving to do. He'll be hard-pressed to make an impact here.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

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

**BET TO PLACE:** #4 Jaxon Traveler - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #6 Willy Boi - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 2,4/2,4,6

**TRIFECTA:** 2,4/2,3,4,6/2,3,4,6

**SUPERFECTA:** 2,3,4,6 BOX

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 2,4

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$20 Win on #2 Mighty Mischief

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 cent Trifecta 2,4/2,3,4,6/2,3,4,6





# RACE 6: GALLORETTE STAKES (G3)

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

## OVERVIEW:

Turf races for the fillies and mares usually start with Chad Brown, who has 2 horses entered here, but Graham Motion also enters 2 strong horses including Mean Mary, who's fared well against tougher competition in the past. She'll be tough today.

## RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

**Pure Speed:** Mean Mary

**Pressing Speed:** Vigilantes Way

**Stalkers:** Great Island, Fighting Lady

**Closers:** Tuned, Feel Glorious

Mean Mary and Vigilantes Way should be able to control things up front, which could make it hard for all the closers in this spot. The pace should be relatively slow here.

## TOP CHOICE: #5 MEAN MARY

There is no doubt she is the class of this field, while easily looking to be the most talented horse in the race. With her tactical advantage, she should be hard to catch in this spot, as long as she is ready to fire off the layoff. The distance is probably her only main question mark, as she prefers longer, but she does have a win at this distance on her past performances.

## MAJOR THREATS: #3 Flighty Lady, #6 Feel Glorious

Flighty Lady won her United States debut last time out at Aqueduct. She also has the training of Chad Brown on her side, which is always a big help. Feel Glorious is a classy horse who fits in well with the group. If the pace quickens, she'll have a chance.

## LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Vigilantes Way

Vigilantes Way should improve with this being her second start off of the layoff. She's also the only horse who can press Mean Mary early, which gives her a chance to pull the upset. Jose Ortiz hops aboard and is McGaughey's top rider, which is another positive.

## OTHERS: #2 Great Island, #4 Tuned

Great Island runs off the layoff, which is a big question mark. Tuned looks to be a little outclassed in this spot.

## PICKS and PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #5 Mean Mary - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #3 Flighty Lady - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #6 Feel Glorious - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 3,5 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 3,5/3,5,6/1,3,5,6

**SUPERFECTA:** 1,3,5,6 BOX

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 3,5

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$20 Win on #5 Mean Mary

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



# RACE 8:

## JAMES W. MURPHY STAKES

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

### OVERVIEW:

The 3-year-old turf horses take center stage in this event that drew a solid field of 8 runners. All the usual turf players have entries here, making it a pretty wide-open affair on paper.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Indian Lake, Arzak*

**Pressing Speed:** *Kasim, Extrasexybigdaddee, Charles Chrome*

**Stalkers:** *T D Dance*

**Closers:** *Reassured*

The pace should be pretty fast in this one, especially for a turf event. There are several horses that want to be on or near the lead that have entered here.

### TOP CHOICE: #8 T D DANCE

She comes into this event off of a nice allowance win at Fair Grounds last time out, which looked to be the best race of her career. She also has a win at this distance, which many of her main challengers lack. Being a closer should help her in this spot as well, as the pace should be pretty quick up front.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #5 Extrasexybigdaddee, #7 Charles Chrome

Extrasexybigdaddee ran decent in his turf debut, and could show some improvement off of that effort. Charles Chrome runs today off of a long layoff; however, did look impressive in his last start.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Indian Lake, #3 Kasim

Indian Lake has plenty of early speed, which could make him dangerous in his turf debut. His breeding suggests he'll like the surface. Kasim is one of the better closers in the race, which gives him a chance, as we have a ton of speed horses signed on to run in this spot.

### OTHERS: #4 Reassured, #6 Arzak

Reassured should have plenty of pace to run into today; however, he will be making his turf debut in this spot. Arzak might be a bit overmatched here.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #8 T D Dance - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #7 Charles Chrome - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

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

**EXACTA:** 5,7,8 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 3,5,7,8 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 3,5,7,8 BOX

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 3,5,7,8

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$10 Win on #8 T D Dance

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$2 Exacta BOX 5,7,8





# Race 9: Runhappy Skipat Stakes

6 FURLONGS (DIRT)  
FILLIES & MARES  
3-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD  
\$100,000

## OVERVIEW:

This year's Skipat attracted a field of 8 runners, all of whom can win a race of this caliber on their best days. Without a real standout, this could be one of the best betting races on the card. We could get a solid price home.

## RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Never Enough Time, Chub Wagon, Dontletsweetfoolya*

**Pressing Speed:** *Paisley Singing*

**Stalkers:** *Call on Mischief, French Empire*

**Closers:** *Club Car, Casual*

Once again, we should be looking at a fast pace here, with several speed balls signed on to run. This is not a surprise for a 6-furlong sprint race.

## TOP CHOICE: #2 CASUAL

This filly looks like she could get the perfect set up while also facing softer competition than what she was up against in her last 2 starts. She only lost by 2 lengths to Edgeway and Frank's Rockette last time out and to the talented Kimari before that. If the pace comes back to her a bit, then she'll have a great chance to mow them all down late.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #5 Chub Wagon, #6 Dontletsweetfoolya, #7 Call On Mischief

Chub Wagon has not lost in 5 career starts, plus she gets Irad Ortiz Jr. to ride for this one. Dontletsweetfoolya had a 5-race win streak snapped last time out, but that was at 7 furlongs, so cutting back should be a big help. Call On Mischief always seems to be around at the end with a chance to win these types of races.

## LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Club Car

Club Car comes into this race off of a victory last time out at Keeneland against allowance company. She has a spotty resume, but on her best day, there is no doubt she can compete with this group of horses. It's also to her advantage that Jose Ortiz has the mount here.

**OTHERS:** #3 Paisley Singing, #4 Never Enough Time, #8 French Empire

This group has a shot to make an impact in this wide-open race, we just prefer others a bit more. Pretty much this entire field can win on their best day.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #2 Casual - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

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

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #6 Dontletsweetfoolya - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 2,5,6 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 2,5,6,7 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 2,5,6,7 BOX

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 2,5,6,7

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$10 Win on #2 Casual

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 cent Trifecta BOX 2,5,6,7



# RACE 10:

## JIM MCKAY TURF SPRINT STAKES

5 FURLONGS (TURF)  
3-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD  
\$100,000

### OVERVIEW:

The action really starts to pick up in this race, which drew a packed field of 13 runners. Turf sprints like this always provide great betting opportunities. This will be one of the most exciting races on the card.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *The Critical Way, Hollis, Push to Start, Firecrow*

**Pressing Speed:** *The Connector, Grab the Gold, So Street*

**Stalkers:** *Boldor, Love You Much, Completed Pass*

**Closers:** *Jammer, Dubini, Robey's Boy*

As you would expect in a turf sprint, they will be absolutely flying in the early stages of the race.

### TOP CHOICE: #5 HOLLIS

This horse has proven he can win on both surfaces; however, turf seems to be where he's at his best. He was the winner of this race last year, where he beat many of the same main challengers he'll be facing here. He also gets the services of Irad Ortiz Jr., which boosts his chances quite a bit. He should be the one they all have to catch when turning for home.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #4 The Critical Way, #8 Love You Much, #13 Completed Pass

The Critical Way is the most likely horse to set the early pace. He ran third behind two good horses last time out in the Shakertown Stakes (G2) at Keeneland. Love You Much should run an improved start with this being his second race off of the layoff. Completed Pass comes into this race off of a win last time out over this surface.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Boldor, #2 The Connector

Boldor usually runs on the dirt; however, his turf races are always pretty solid. He makes sense in this spot, rather than the dirt sprint in the next race. The Connector won a turf allowance event at Keeneland last time out. He runs consistently well at this distance.

**OTHERS:** #3 Grab the Gold, #6 Jammer, #7 Dubini, #9 Robey's Boy, #10 Push to Start, #11 Firecrow, #12 So Street

Turf sprint races usually have a little bit of filler, and this one is no different. It would be a surprise to see anyone from this group pull out a victory.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

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

**BET TO PLACE:** #4 The Critical Way - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #13 Completed Pass - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 4,5,13 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 4,5,8,13 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 4,5,8,13 BOX

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 4,5,8,13

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$10 Win on #5 Hollis

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 cent Trifecta BOX 4,5,8,13





# RACE 11:

## MARYLAND SPRING STAKES (G3)

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

### OVERVIEW:

The Maryland Sprint is always one of the highlights of the Preakness Day card. This year, the race lacks a standout, but it should make for a really good betting affair. There is no doubt this year's running is completely wide open on paper.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Strike Power, Breezy Gust, Special Reserve*

**Pressing Speed:** *Laki, Yodel E. A. Who, Frosted Grace, Lebda, Seven Nation Army*

**Stalkers:** *Mucho*

**Closers:** *Threes Over Deuces, War Tocsin*

This is yet another race on the card that should have a fast early pace. Several horses in here do their best running when on or near the lead.

### TOP CHOICE: #5 STRIKE POWER

At his best, this horse is pretty tough to beat. Trainer Steve Asmussen has him running well as of late, winning an allowance 2 starts back before a decent fourth-place effort in the Count Fleet Stakes (G3) last time out. This race isn't nearly as tough as that one was, so he should bounce back with a nice effort here. If he gets clear of this field, then he'll be tough to catch.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #1 Laki, #7 Breezy Gust, #8 Special Reserve

Laki picked up a big win last time out in the local prep race for this event. He always shows up with a consistent effort. Breezy Gust has won three of his last four starts. He's looked like a different horse since being claimed by Velazquez. Special Reserve nearly won the Commonwealth Stakes (G3) last time out, losing to the talented Flagstaff.

**LONGSHOTS TO USE:** #2 Yodel E. A. Who, #4 Frosted Grace, #10 Lebda

Yodel E. A. Who runs consistently well at this level. You can say the same for Frosted Grace, who nearly won a stakes race at Gulfstream Park last time out. Lebda has trouble winning, but always seems around at the end with a chance.

**OTHERS:** #3 Mucho, #6 Three Over Deuces, #9 War Tocsin, #11 Seven Nation Army

This is a wide-open race, so if you like someone in this group, don't be afraid to use them. This was the toughest race of them all to handicap.

### PICKS and PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #5 Strike Power - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #1 Laki - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #8 Special Reserve - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 1,5,8 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 1,5,7,8 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 1,5,7,8 BOX

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 1,5,7,8

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$10 Win on #5 Strike Power

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 cent Trifecta BOX 1,5,7,8



# RACE 12:

## DINNER PARTY STAKES (G2)

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

### OVERVIEW:

The Dinner Party is always a fun race, and this year a field of 8 will go to the post, including two each from Chad Brown and Graham Motion. It's easy to see that the big turf trainers are out in full force.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Somelikeithotbrown, Flying Scotsman*

**Pressing Speed:** *Bye Bye Melvin*

**Stalkers:** *Midnight Tea Time*

**Closers:** *English Bee, Kuramata, Sacred Life, Talk Or Listen*

It won't be overly fast early in this spot; however, there is enough early speed to keep it honest. Expect a fair shot for all of them in this one.

### TOP CHOICE: #5 SACRED LIFE

This horse ran very well off the layoff last time out, finishing third in the Maker's Mark Mile (G1) at Keeneland, which was a very tough race. He gets a little added ground here which should help him, as both of his wins in this country came at this distance. It's hard to go wrong with picking a Brown on turf, but with two from the barn entered, hopefully we picked the right one on top.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #1 Somelikeithotbrown, #3 Kuramata, #8 Bye Bye Melvin

Somelikeithotbrown has the ability to take this field gate to wire. The potential pace setup could allow him to do so. Kuramata has won both United States starts and gets Irad Ortiz Jr. back aboard. Bye Bye Melvin ran well off the layoff last time out. We should see improvement from him off of that effort.

**LONGSHOTS TO USE:** #2 English Bee, #4 Midnight Tea Time

English Bee runs off a long layoff, which is a question mark, but has shown plenty of talent in the past. Midnight Tea Time was a winner last time out in an allowance race at Keeneland. That was his first win in quite some time, though.

**OTHERS:** #6 Talk or Listen, #7 Flying Scotsman

Talk or Listen seems to be just a cut below the rest of these horses. Flying Scotsman will play a factor in the early pace but probably won't be around when the real running begins.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #5 Sacred Life - Confidence Level: 3.5 out of 5

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

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #1 Somelikeithotbrown - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

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

**TRIFECTA:** 1,3,5,8 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 1,3,5,8 BOX

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 1,3,5,8

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$10 Win on #5 Sacred Life

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 cent Trifecta BOX 1,3,5,8



# RACE 13: PREAKNESS STAKES (G1)

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

## OVERVIEW:

The main event is here, and boy, it's going to be interesting. Amongst all the chaos, Bob Baffert shows up with two horses who look tough to beat. Hopefully we can find a way to beat them, but the options aren't as deep as you'd like to see.

## RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

**Pure Speed:** Medina Spirit, Concert Tour

**Pressing Speed:** Midnight Bourbon

**Stalkers:** Crowded Trade

**Closers:** Ram, Keepmeinmind, Rombauer, France Go de Ina, Unbridled Honor, Risk Taking

Both speed horses are trained by the same person, so don't look for the pace to be hot here. Medina Spirit should get a perfect trip, just like in the Kentucky Derby.

## TOP CHOICE: #5 MIDNIGHT BOURBON

He should get a better trip here than he did in the Derby, stalking the Baffert duo and getting first run on them at the top of the stretch. With no serious closers in the race, he should be the only one within range of the leaders who can run them down late. Undoubtedly, he will need Medina Spirit to come back to him a bit, but maybe he will given the circumstances.

## MAJOR THREATS: #3 Medina Spirit, #10 Concert Tour

Amongst all the controversy, it's hard to know how either one of Baffert's runners will do in this spot, but you have to take them for face value until we know otherwise. Both look to be up to the task from a talent standpoint, and both also should be able to control the early pace in the race, making them tough to beat.

## LONGSHOTS TO USE: #4 Crowded Trade, #6 Rombauer, #9 Risk Taking

Crowded Trade has been consistent all year long but hasn't finished the job in his last 2 starts. Rombauer and Risk Taking will come with runs down the lane, but both are pace-dependent and will need the speed horses to falter late to have a chance.

## OTHERS: #1 Ram, #2 Keepmeinmind, #7 France Go de Ina, #8 Unbridled Honor

This group just seems to be a bit overmatched here. The only unknown is France Go de Ina, who makes his United States debut in this spot. In the past, international shippers have not fared well in our Triple Crown series.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

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

**BET TO PLACE:** #3 Medina Spirit - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #10 Concert Tour - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 3,5,10 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 3,4,5,10 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 3,4,5,10 BOX

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 3,4,5,10

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$10 Win on #5 Midnight Bourbon

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 cent Trifecta BOX 3,4,5,10





Arabian

# Race 14:

## UAE-PRESIDENT CUP (G1)

1 1/16 FURLONGS (DIRT)  
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD  
\$100,000

### OVERVIEW:

We'll end the card with an Arabian race, which is always fun. A full field of 12 will try to take down this \$100,000 purse, with several of these runners winning races leading up to this event. If you still need one more race to bet after the Preakness, make sure not to miss this one.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Uptown Sandy Girl, Rb Rick Lyke Me*

**Pressing Speed:** *Paddys Day, On the Verge, Quick Sand Aa*

**Stalkers:** *Uptown Lady Arabella, Hiab Al Zanman,*

**Closers:** *Iridesse, Bellfastt, Uptown Cruisedirector, Colors In Motion, Madjikman*

The pace should be pretty fast here, with a large field and several of these vying for the early advantage.

### TOP CHOICE: #10 PADDYS DAY

The defending champion of this race is back to defend his title. After his win last year, he went on to take home one more stakes race at Lone Star Park, before making his seasonal debut a winning one last time out at Sam Houston Park. That race should serve as a good prep for this event, which he should be able to win with his normal effort.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #3 Uptown Sandy Girl, #8 Rb Rich Lyke Me, #12 Quick Sand AA

Uptown Sandy Girl has won two straight, both of which were stakes races in the state of Texas. Rb Rick Lyke Me won by 22-lengths in his seasonal debut, before losing to our top pick last time out. Quick Sand AA has won 14 of 33 races in his career, finishing off the board in just three of those starts.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Iridesse, #2 Bellfastt

Iridesse makes her debut in this spot after running 10th in this race last year. She is out to prove she is a better mare than what she showed last year. The same could be said for Bellfastt, who was 6th in this race last season. He went off at odds of 9/5 in that race, so he's better than what he showed.

**OTHERS:** #4 Uptown Lady Arabella, #5 Hiab Al Zaman, #6 Uptown Cruisedirector, #7 Colors In Motion, #9 Madjikman, #11 On the Verge

There seems to be a lot of filler in this race, with many horses you can toss out. Any of these making an impact here would be a surprise.

## PICKS and PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #10 Paddys Day - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #8 Rb Rich Lyke Me - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #3 Uptown Sandy Girl - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

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

**TRIFECTA:** 3,8,10,12 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 3,8,10,12 BOX

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 3,8,10,12

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$10 Win on #10 Paddys Day

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 cent Trifecta BOX 3,8,10,12

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## NON-STAKES ANALYSIS & PLAYS

**Race 2:** 10-7-3-12

**#10 Oceans Map** ships into this race from Gulfstream Park, where he has been close to winning at this level on two straight occasions. **#7 Operative** starts off of a long layoff in this spot, but has shown talent in the past. **#3 Speed Game** gets back to the turf, which is his best distance. **#12 Daddy's Cozy** is spotted well for his return to the races today.

**Exacta:** 3,7,10 BOX

**Trifecta:** 3,7,10,12 BOX

**Multi-Race:** 3,7,10,12

**Suggested Bet:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 3,7,10,12

**Race 4:** 6-5-8-13

**#6 Judi Blue Eyes** has a recent win over this track, which came just 8 days ago, against similar company. She always runs well on the turf. **#5 Good Life Cider** gets class relief today, after facing tough horses at Gulfstream Park this winter. **#8 Glamorous Thunder** gets back to the turf, which is her best surface. **#13 Deciding Vote** can win if she's ready to run off the layoff.

**Exacta:** 5,6,8 BOX

**Trifecta:** 5,6,8,13 BOX

**Multi-Race:** 5,6,8,13

**Suggested Bet:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 5,6,8,13

**Race 5:** 10-4-6-2

**#10 Abuelo Paps** actually crossed the wire first last time out; however, he got disqualified. He wheels right back today with a big shot at a nice price. **#4 Fire Sword** is the fastest horse in the race early on, while getting a jockey upgrade to John Velazquez. **#6 Baptize the Boy** was a winner at this level two starts back. **#2 Breaking News** should have plenty of pace to run into today, while picking up the services of Joel Rosario once again.

**Exacta:** 4,6,10 BOX

**Trifecta:** 2,4,6,10 BOX

**Multi-Race:** 2,4,6,10

**Suggested Bet:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 2,4,6,10

**Race 7:** 9-10-1-5

**#9 Hanalei's Houdini** seems to be the most consistent horse in the race. She nearly won at this level last time out. **#10 Mischief Afoot** crossed the wire first in a similar race last time; however, she was disqualified. **#1 Silent Malice** stretches back out in distance for this one, which is what she likes to do best. **#5 McElmore Avenue** gets the services of Luis Saez for today's race.

**Exacta:** 1,9,10 BOX

**Trifecta:** 1,5,9,10 BOX

**Multi-Race:** 1,5,9,10

**Suggested Bet:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 1,5,9,10





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## MULTI-RACE ANALYSIS & PLAYS

### RACE 2: \$0.50 PICK 5

3,7,10,12 with 2 with 5,6,8,13 with 2,4,6,10 with 3,5 = \$64

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### RACE 3: \$0.50 PICK 4

2,4,6 with 5,6,8,13 with 2,4,6,10 with 3,5 = \$48

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### RACE 6: \$0.50 PICK 4

3,5 with 1,5,9,10 with 3,5,7,8 with 2,5,6,7 = \$64

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### RACE 9: \$0.50 PICK 5

2,5,6,7 with 4,5,13 with 1,5,7,8 with 3,5 with 3,5,10 = \$144

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### RACE 10: \$0.50 PICK 5

4,5,8,13 with 1,5,7,8 with 1,3,5 with 3,5,10 = \$72







# expert picks

## RACE

Aaron Halterman

Jared Welch

Mike  
"Somobomb"  
Somich

Ricky  
"Rocket Man"  
Pasternak

Vinny Blond

Mike  
"Papa Dude"  
Halterman

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### Sir Barton Stakes

Hozier  
Romp  
The King Cheek  
Market Cap

Hozier  
The King Cheek  
Romp  
Market Cap

Hozier  
The King Cheek  
Romp  
Market Cap

Hozier  
The King Cheek  
Market Cap  
Romp

The King Cheek  
Hozier  
Dream Big Dreams  
Romp

Hozier  
The King Cheek  
Market Cap  
Romp

### Chick Lang Stakes (G3)

Mighty Mischief  
Jaxon Traveler  
Willy Boi  
Hemp

Mighty Mischief  
Jaxon Traveler  
Hemp  
Willy Boi

Mighty Mischief  
Jaxon Traveler  
Hemp  
Willy Boi

Mighty Mischief  
Shackled Love  
Willy Boi  
Jaxon Traveler

Mighty Mischief  
Jaxon Traveler  
Shackled Love  
Palatial Times

Mighty Mischief  
Jaxon Traveler  
Willy Boi  
Shackled Love

### Gallorette Stakes (G3)

Mean Mary  
Flighty Lady  
Feel Glorious  
Vigilantes Way

Flighty Lady  
Mean Mary  
Feel Glorious  
Great Island

Mean Mary  
Flighty Lady  
Feel Glorious  
Vigilantes Way

Mean Mary  
Flighty Lady  
Great Island  
Vigilantes Way

Mean Mary  
Great Island  
Feel Glorious  
Flight Lady

Mean Mary  
Vigilantes Way  
Flighty Lady  
Feel Glorious

### James W. Murphy Stakes

T D Dance  
Charles Chrome  
Extrasexybigdaddee  
Kasim

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Charles Chrome  
Extrasexybigdaddee  
T D Dance

Arzak  
T D Dance  
Kasim  
Charles Chrome

Indiana Lake  
T D Dance  
Charles Chrome  
Extrasexybigdaddee

Indian Lake  
Reassured  
T D Dance  
Arzak

Indian Lake  
T D Dance  
Charles Chrome  
Arzak

### Skipat Stakes

Casual  
Chub Wagon  
Dontletsweetfoolya  
Call On Mischief

Chub Wagon  
Casual  
Club Car  
French Empire

Chub Wagon  
French Empire  
Dontletsweetfoolya  
Casual

Chub Wagon  
Club Car  
Dontletsweetfoolya  
Casual

French Empire  
Casual  
Club Car  
Chub Wagon

Casual  
French Empire  
Chub Wagon  
Dontletsweetfoolya

### Jim McKay Turf Sprint

Hollis  
The Critical Way  
Completed Pass  
Love You Much

The Critical Way  
Completed Pass  
Bolder  
Dubini

The Critical Way  
Hollis  
Completed Pass  
Bolder

Completed Pass  
The Critical Way  
Hollis  
Firecrow

The Critical Way  
Hollis  
Completed Pass  
Bolder

The Critical Way  
Completed Pass  
Bolder  
Hollis



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Aaron Halterman

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Halterman

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### Maryland Sprint Stakes (G3)

Strike Power  
Laki  
Special Reserve  
Breezy Gust

Special Reserve  
Laki  
Strike Power  
Lebda

Strike Power  
Laki  
Seven Nations Army  
Special Reserve

Lebda  
Special Reserve  
Laki  
Strike Power

Frosted Grace  
Special Reserve  
Strike Power  
Laki

Special Reserve  
Strike Power  
Laki  
Breezy Gust

### Dinner Party Stakes (G2)

Sacred Life  
Kuramata  
Somelikeithotbrown  
Bye Bye Melvin

Somelikeithotbrown  
Kuramata  
Sacred Life  
Flying Scotsman

English Bee  
Sacred Life  
Talk or Listen  
Somelikeithotbrown

Somelikeithotbrown  
Sacred Life  
Bye Bye Melvin  
English Bee

Sacred Life  
Kuramata  
Somelikeithotbrown  
Talk or Listen

Sacred Life  
Somelikeithotbrown  
English Bee  
Flying Scotsman

### Preakness Stakes (G1)

Midnight Bourbon  
Medina Spirit  
Concert Tour  
Crowded Trade

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Medina Spirit

Concert Tour  
Midnight Bourbon  
Medina Spirit  
Rombauer

Concert Tour  
Midnight Bourbon  
Crowded Trade  
Medina Spirit

Unbridled Honor  
Medina Spirit  
Concert Tour  
Keepmeinmind

Midnight Bourbon  
Medina Spirit  
Concert Tour  
Keepmeinmind

### UAE President Cup (Arabian) (G1)

Paddys Day  
RB Rich Lyke Me  
Uptown Sandy Girl  
Quick Sand AA

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