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PREAKNESS 147

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PREAKNESS 147

POST POSITIONS

1	SIMPLIFICATION (6/1) Owner: Bobo, Tami and De Meric, Tristan Trainer: Antonio Sano Jockey: John Velazquez		6	HAPPY JACK (30/1) Owner: Calumet Farm Trainer: Doug O'Neill Jockey: Tyler Gaffalione	
2	CREATIVE MINISTER (10/1) Owner: Fern Circle Stables and Back Racing, LLC, et al Trainer: Kenny McPeck Jockey: Brian Hernandez Jr.		7	ARMAGNAC (12/1) Owner: SF Racing, Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables, Stonestreet Stables LLC, et al Trainer: Tim Yakteen Jockey: Irad Ortiz Jr.	
3	FENWICK (50/1) Owner: Villa Rosa Farm and Harlo Stable Trainer: Kevin McKathan Jockey: Florent Geroux		8	EPICENTER (6/5) Owner: Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC Trainer: Steve Asmussen Jockey: Joel Rosario	
4	SECRET OATH (9/2) Owner: Briland Farm Trainer: D. Wayne Lukas Jockey: Luis Saez		9	SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING (20/1) Owner: Daniel Alonso Trainer: Saffie Joseph Jr. Jockey: Junior Alvarado	
5	EARLY VOTING (7/2) Owner: Klaravich Stables, Inc. Trainer: Chad Brown Jockey: Jose Ortiz				

Odds listed are Pimlico morning line odds.

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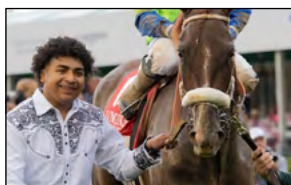
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MEET THE PREAKNESS CONTENDERS



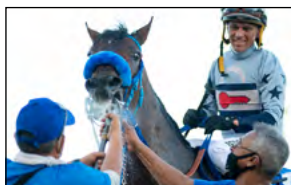
EPICENTER: Kentucky Derby runners-up have a poor Preakness history, just 1 winner since 1993 (Exaggerator '16), and the Derby favorites like Epicenter are only 3-for-9 here since 2011. The last Louisville losing favorite to rebound at Pimlico was Lookin At Lucky ('10). That said, his Derby effort was outstanding and he's had the deepest 2022 resume of any sophomore in his class. The likely favorite.



SECRET OATH: She'll try the Rachel Alexandra redux from 2009, catapulting from the Kentucky Oaks winner's circle to the Preakness. Rachel held off Mine That Bird to cement her place as one of just 5 fillies to secure the Preakness trophy. Secret Oath was a game third in the Arkansas Derby in a prior attempt vs. the colts for 86-year-old trainer D. Wayne Lukas, whose 6 Preakness wins are third-most all-time.



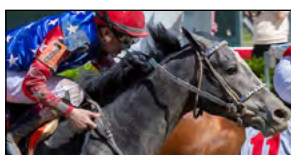
EARLY VOTING: The Wood Memorial runner-up hails from the same owner-trainer and Preakness path that brought you Cloud Computing's 13-1 upset five years ago. Trainer Chad Brown finished third in the Kentucky Derby with Zandon and deputizes this stablemate for the middle jewel of the Triple Crown, awaiting the Belmont Stakes with the other. Expect Early Voting to be heard from in the early pace.



SIMPLIFICATION: Rallying fourth-place finisher in the run for the roses, his 3-1/2 length loss came after making up more than 8 lengths. Simplification won the Fountain of Youth Stakes at Gulfstream Park in March, a race whose winner last added the Preakness in 1995 with Thunder Gulch. Derby rider Jose Ortiz jumps to ride Early Voting, so Hall of Famer John Velazquez is welcomed aboard.



SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING: This son of 2016 Preakness winner Exaggerator will be seeking his first career stakes win. He finished third in the Wood Memorial most recently, and will need to make up 3-1/2 lengths on Preakness re-matcher Early Voting. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. puts this one in the middle jewel after his Florida Derby winner White Abarrio disappointed in 16th in Louisville.



CREATIVE MINISTER: The mostly lightly raced horse in the Preakness cast has but 3 starts to his ledger, winning a Kentucky Derby Day undercard allowance among the hullabaloo. Sire Creative Cause was third in the 2012 Preakness, and trainer Kenny McPeck saddled 2020 autumn Preakness-winning filly Swiss Skydiver.



HANDICAP PREAKNESS LIKE EDDIE OLCZYK



Just as we did 2 weeks ago for the Kentucky Derby, we asked renowned 1/ST and NBC handicapper Eddie Olczyk which handicapping angles he applies when analyzing the Preakness Stakes. Now, for the first time, you can reconstruct Edzo's Preakness approach and put it to work for yourself by combining forces with the 1/ST BET app.

"Not a lot changes from the Derby to the Preakness," Olczyk said. "I'm not looking to invent a new dance or anything. These horses are fresh on the minds of horseplayers and they've got your attention. Most of the same handicapping fundamentals apply."

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IN THE MIX

"Just like the Derby, you want a Preakness horse in contention when they hit the top of the stretch, like Rombauer was a year ago," Olczyk reasoned. "Other than Exaggerator in the slop (2016), you won't find deep closers having a lot of win-end Preakness success in the past decade. Because of the immediate relevance of the Derby, consider adding in speed and pace factors for the most recent race as well as those further-reaching."

1/ST BET FACTORS TO APPLY

↗	BEST LIFETIME SPEED
↗	SPEED LAST RACE
↗	AVERAGE SPEED LAST 3
↗	AVG. LAST 3 E1 PACE
↗	LAST E1 PACE
↗	AVG. LAST 3 E2 PACE
↗	LAST E2 PACE
↗	AVG. LAST 3 TURN TIMES

IN THE GENES

"While the Preakness distance is a bit shorter than the Derby," Olczyk explained, "it is still farther than most 3-year-olds want to run, and farther than the newcomers to the Triple Crown series likely have run in their careers. The Derby horses are proven at the trip, but pedigree can still be the measuring stick for the fresh faces."

1/ST BET FACTORS TO APPLY

🐎	DISTANCE PEDIGREE RATING
🐎	DIRT PEDIGREE RATING

EYE ON THE SKY

"It's springtime, and you never know when a wet track will become a storyline," Olczyk said. "Be prepared for which horses might benefit if conditions warrant."

1/ST BET FACTORS TO APPLY

↗	BEST SPEED OFF TRACK
🐎	MUD PEDIGREE RATING

Final point: The 1/ST BET app's factors allow you to adjust your considerations in mere seconds as the day unfolds. "Flexibility is key to being a good horseplayer," Olczyk said. "Keep track of how the track is playing and any factors that can tilt the scales late."

FACTORS THROUGH HISTORY

PREAKNESS STAKES 2018-2021

Eight consecutive Preakness winners ranked top-3 of their respective fields for most 1/ST BET handicapping factor categories led, including 6-1, 11-1 and 11-1 winners the past 3 years. See where the last 4 Preakness winners ranked best in terms of handicapping factors, and look for those commonalities with this year's runners when using the 1/ST BET app to handicap the middle jewel in the Triple Crown. [Learn more.](#)

2021

WINNER: ROMBAUER
RANKED FIRST IN 6 FACTORS

↗	BEST SPEED ALL WEATHER
🏆	AVERAGE TURF EARNINGS
🏆	AVG. ALL WEATHER EARNINGS
↗	DISTANCE WORKED
👤	JOCKEY 1 YEAR WIN %
👤	JOCKEY CURRENT YEAR

HORSES WHO LEG MOST FACTORS:
MEDINA SPIRIT (16), RAM (11),
ROMBAUER (6), KEEPMEINMIND (6)



ROMBAUER (2021)

2020

WINNER: SWISS SKYDIVER
RANKED FIRST IN 7 FACTORS

↗	BEST SPEED DISTANCE
↗	BEST SPEED FAST TRACK
↗	BEST LIFETIME SPEED
↗	SPEED LAST RACE
↗	AVG. BEST 2 OF LAST 3 SPEED
↗	BEST SPEED LAST 3
↗	LAST LATE PACE

HORSES WHO LED MOST FACTORS:
EXCESSION (11), AUTHNETIC (8),
SWISS SKYDIVER (7)

2019

WINNER: WAR OF WILL
RANKED FIRST IN 13 FACTORS:

🏆	LAST PURSE
🏆	LAST RACE CLASS
↗	BEST SPEED TURF
🏆	AVG. TURF EARNINGS
↗	DAYS SINCE LAST RACE
👤	JOCKEY TRAINER ROI MEET
🏆	AVG. EARNINGS TODAY'S TRACK
↗	BEST SPEED TODAY'S TRACK
👤	T/J COMBO WIN % MEET
👤	TRAINER CURRENT MEET
🐎	DISTANCE PEDIGREE RATING
🐎	DIRT PEDIGREE RATING
🐎	TURF PEDIGREE RATING

HORSES WHO LED MOST FACTORS:
WAR OF WILL AND IMPROBABLE (13),
WARRIOR'S CHARGE (7)

2018

WINNER: JUSTIFY
RANKED FIRST IN 22 FACTORS

↗	AVG. SPEED LAST 3
🏆	AVG. EARNINGS TODAY'S DISTANCE
↗	LAST E2 PACE
↗	BEST SPEED THIS DISTANCE
↗	BEST SPEED OFF TRACK
↗	BEST SPEED FAST TRACK
🏆	AVG. LIFETIME EARNINGS
↗	BEST SPEED LAST RACE
👤	TRAINER WIN % 1 YEAR
↗	AVG. OF LAST 3 E2 PACE
👤	TRAINER CURRENT YEAR
🏆	AVG. OFF-TRACK EARNINGS
↗	BEST LIFETIME SPEED
↗	HORSES DEFEATED %
↗	AVG. SPEED BEST 2 OF LAST 3
↗	LAST E1 PACE
👤	TRAINER-JOCKEY WIN % 2 YEARS
↗	AVG. OF LAST 3 E1 PACE
↗	BEST SPEED LAST 3
🏆	WIN %
👤	JOCKEY WIN % 6 MONTHS
👤	JOCKEY WIN % 1 YEAR

HORSES WHO LED MOST FACTORS:
JUSTIFY (22), QUIP (13), GOOD MAGIC
AND LONE SAILOR (5)

FACTOR CATEGORIES:

- ↗ = PERFORMANCE
- 🏆 = RESULTS
- 👤 = JOCKEY+ TRAINER
- 🐎 = PEDIGREE

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	HORSE	WIN%	PLACE%	SHOW%	FAIR ODDS
1	SIMPLIFICATION	8%	16%	35%	12/1
2	CREATIVE MINISTER	8%	25%	40%	12/1
3	FENWICK	5%	8%	15%	22/1
4	SECRET OATH	11%	25%	32%	8/1
5	EARLY VOTING	33%	45%	54%	2/1
6	HAPPY JACK	5%	8%	15%	22/1
7	ARMAGNAC	5%	8%	15%	22/1
8	EPICENTER	22%	46%	60%	7/2
9	SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING	4%	17%	31%	24/1

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PICKS

Race # - Post Time	Win%	Fair Odds
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RACE 1 (10:30 AM ET) // ALLOWANCE (\$58K)

8	SHACKS WAY	26%	3/1
7	WHERE PARADISE LAY	18%	9/2
1	SPITBALL	15%	6/1
6	ABUELO PAPS	11%	9/1

RACE 2 (11:05 AM ET) // ALLOWANCE (\$62K)

9	D'RAPPER	27%	3/1
2	HONOR THE FLEET	14%	6/1
1	EXCELLORATOR	12%	8/1
1A	BENANDJOE	8%	12/1

RACE 3 (11:41 AM ET) // MAIDEN (\$51K)

4	EVAN HARLAN	25%	3/1
3	GENERAL'S DUTY	12%	8/1
8	AIRSPPEED VELOCITY	11%	9/1
2	HACHURE	10%	10/1

RACE 4 (12:16 PM ET) // G3 MARYLAND SPRINT (\$150K)

4	DISCO PHAROAH	27%	3/1
6	MR. PHIL	19%	9/2
7	JAXON TRAVELER	17%	5/1
5	FULL AUTHORITY	14%	7/1

RACE 5 (12:51 PM ET) // G3 GALLORETTE (\$150K)

4	TECHNICAL ANALYSIS	29%	5/2
5	IN A HURRY	20%	4/1
3	SCARABEA	20%	4/1
2	CRYSTAL CLIFFS	9%	11/1

RACE 6 (1:29 PM ET) // ALLOWANCE (\$58K)

11	GOLDEN VOICE	20%	4/1
7	FIRE IN THE HOLE	16%	6/1
8	MURPH	13%	7/1
10	CANOODLE	12%	8/1

RACE 7 (2:08 PM ET) // SKIPAT (\$100K)

2	OXANA	31%	5/2
10	FILLE D'ESPIRIT	16%	6/1
5	KAYLASAURUS	11%	9/1
4	JOY'S ROCKET	7%	13/1

Race # - Post Time	Win%	Fair Odds
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RACE 8 (2:49 PM ET) // G2 DINNER PARTY (\$250K)

3	SET PIECE	30%	5/2
6	ATONE	23%	7/2
1	TANGO TANGO TANGO	18%	9/2
5	ENGLISH BEE	11%	9/1

RACE 9 (3:31 PM ET) // G3 CHICK LANG (\$200K)

5	OLD HOMESTEAD	26%	3/1
2	LIGHTENING LARRY	17%	5/1
1	COGBURN	16%	6/1
8	ALOTTAHOPE	12%	8/1

RACE 10 (4:12 PM ET) // JAMES W. MURPHY (\$100K)

7	RIOT HOUSE	28%	5/2
9	CRABS N BEER	15%	6/1
8	SHAKE EM LOOSE	13%	7/1
5	READY TO PURRFORM	11%	8/1

RACE 11 (4:53 PM ET) // SIR BARTON (\$100K)

8	UNIKEE	28%	5/2
6	MR JEFFERSON	17%	5/1
1	ETHEREAL ROAD	15%	6/1
4	THE ADDISON POUR	11%	8/1

RACE 12 (5:51 PM ET) // JIM MCKAY TURF SPRINT (\$100K)

9	HOLLIS	28%	5/2
2	CAROTARI	15%	6/1
7	GRATEFUL BRED	15%	6/1
4	ARTHUR'S HOPE	9%	11/1

RACE 13 (7:01 PM ET) // G1 PREAKNESS (\$1.65M)

5	EARLY VOTING	33%	2/1
8	EPICENTER	22%	4/1
4	SECRET OATH	11%	8/1
1	SIMPLIFICATION	8%	12/1

RACE 14 (7:43 PM ET) // UAE PRESIDENT CUP (\$100K)

6	HIAB AL ZAMAN	32%	2/1
3	QUICK SAND AA	16%	6/1
5	SNIPER DE MONLAU	13%	7/1
1	LIKE MOULIN ROUGE	10%	9/1



PREAKNESS WAGERING FACTS

Below are some informative wagering tidbits from past Preakness events.

WIN-PLACE-SHOW ODDS

(Last 20 Years, Odds to \$1)

Win Odds: Average: 5.40

High: 15.40 (Oxbow, 2013)

Low: .20 (Big Brown, 2008)

Notable: Back-to-back 11-1 shots have won the Preakness, Swiss Skydiver and Rombauer.

Place Odds: Average: 14.30

High: 45.70 (Magic Weisner, 2002)

Low: 1.30 (Street Sense, 2007)

Notable: 4 of the last 7 runners-up were 15-1 or more prices.

Show Odds: Average: 13.51

High: 31.70 (Senior Investment, 2017)

Low: .70 (Nyquist, 2016)

Notable: Nyquist (2016) and Medina Spirit (2021) have finished third as favorites in the past 6 years.

EXACTA PAYOFFS

(Last 20 years, \$2 Payoffs)

Average: \$149.84

High: \$947.00 (War of Will-Everfast, 2019)

Low: \$18.20 (California Chrome-Ride On Curlin, 2014)

Notable: 22 of the last 25 exactas have had at least 1 horse 3-1 or less on the ticket.

TRIFECTA PAYOFFS

(Last 20 years, \$1 Payoffs)

Average: \$875.00

High: \$4,699.80 (War of Will-Everfast-Owendale, 2019)

Low: \$35.40 (I'll Have Another-Bodemeister-Creative Cause, 2012)

Notable: The \$1 Preakness trifecta has returned more than \$1,000 in 3 of the last 5 years.

SUPERFECTA PAYOFFS

(Last 20 years, \$1 Payoffs)

Average: \$6,254.21 (Average Odds of Fourth-place finishers is 11.5-1)

High: \$51,924 (War of Will-Everfast-Owendale-Warrior's Charge, 2019)

Low: \$173.80 (California Chrome-Ride On Curlin-Social Inclusion-General A Rod, 2014)

Notable: When the Preakness winner is 5-1 or more, the average \$1 superfecta has been \$11,262.63.

LOWEST-PRICED FAVORITES

(Last 20 Years, Odds to \$1)

<u>Odds</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Fin.</u>
.20	Big Brown	2008	1st
.40	Justify	2018	1st
.50	California Chrome	2014	1st
.50	Barbaro	2006	dnf
.70	Nyquist	2016	3rd
.70	Orb	2013	4th
.90	American Pharoah	2015	1st

LONGSHOT WINNERS

(15-1 OR MORE, ALL-TIME)

<u>\$2 Payoff</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Year</u>
\$48.80	Master Derby	1975
\$45.60	Coventry	1925
\$40.70	Display	1926
\$39.40	Bee Bee Bee	1972
\$32.80	Oxbow	2013
\$32.00	Hindus	1900
\$32.00	Don Enrique	1907

HIGHEST-PRICED SUPERFECTA FINISHERS

(Last 15 Years, Odds to \$1)

<u>Odds</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Fin.</u>
40.90	Jesus' Team	2020	3rd
39.90	Macho Again	2008	2nd
31.70	Senior Investment	2017	3rd
29.40	Hemingway's Key	2006	3rd
29.30	Everfast	2019	3rd
28.50	Tale of Verve	2015	2nd
26.10	Tenfold	2018	3rd
25.40	Flying Private	2009	4th
25.10	Racecar Rhapsody	2008	4th

2021 PREAKNESS HANDLE TOTALS

(Handle in Millions Except BES/PRK DD)

<u>Wager</u>	<u>2021</u>
Win/Place/Show	\$25.1
Exacta	\$11.6
Trifecta	\$13.6
Superfecta	\$7.2
Black-Eyed Susan/Preakness DD	\$909K




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PREAKNESS STAKES

GRADE 1 - \$1,650,000

3YO - 1 3/16 MILES (DIRT)



FAST EARLY, FILLY LATE

By Eddie Olczyk

ANALYSIS: Pace played an important role in the Kentucky Derby outcome, no doubt the leading role in the epic upset. While I don't expect the Derby pace to repeat in the Preakness, I'm heavily counting on good-to-fast fractions at Pimlico. With ARMAGNAC and EARLY VOTING expected up front, you've got the tactical EPICENTER close by. But also consider SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING to be closer to the pace than usual, the longshot FENWICK has one chance going early and there's even blinkers on another longshot HAPPY JACK that could play a role in the pace.

MAIN CONTENDERS: Just like the Derby, EPICENTER is the horse to beat and was the horse to beat in Louisville until all hell broke loose in the final strides. The races he's run - improving, improving, improving, improving, improving, improving - that's 6 in a row making progress. I'm gambling he's finally going to regress; he almost has to at some point. Might as well gamble against him at the short price now and take your chances. The filly SECRET OATH has a big shot. The race should set up for her and D. Wayne Lukas wouldn't run her here if she wasn't on top of her game. They already took a seven-figure shot vs. the boys in the Arkansas Derby, so this isn't just temptation for a big purse.

VALUE PLAYS: \$150,000 supplement CREATIVE MINISTER was visually impressive in his Churchill allowance win and Kenny McPeck is aggressive, but calculated. He could run this horse anywhere else and probably be 3-5. This colt should trip out positively. SIMPLIFICATION had the worst trip of all in the Derby and still ran very well. I've been on him since early in the year and he always seems to try.

\$100 WAGERING STRATEGY:

- \$40 Win: SECRET OATH
- \$10 Trifecta Part-Wheel: SECRET OATH with CREATIVE MINISTER, SIMPLIFICATION with CREATIVE MINISTER, SIMPLIFICATION, EPICENTER (\$40)
- \$5 Trifecta Part-Wheel: CREATIVE MINISTER, SIMPLIFICATION with SECRET OATH with CREATIVE MINISTER, SIMPLIFICATION, EPICENTER (\$20)

1/ST BET AI PICKS

BLACK-EYED SUSAN STAKES PIMLICO // FRIDAY // RACE 13

Post Win % Place % Show %

10	ADARE MANOR	27%	44%	53%
7	DISTINCTLYPOSSIBLE	16%	29%	39%
9	INTERSTATEDAYDREAM	10%	17%	28%
4	MIDNIGHT STROLL	9%	19%	27%
6	LUNA BELLE	9%	27%	39%
13	MORNING MATCHA	6%	11%	25%
3	MISS YEARWOOD	5%	13%	21%
8	CANDY LIGHT	3%	10%	17%
11	RADIO DAYS	3%	8%	15%
12	FAVOR	3%	6%	9%
1	DIVINE HUNTRESS	3%	6%	9%
2	MISSY GREER	3%	6%	9%
5	BEGUINE	3%	6%	9%

TIP: Scratches can impact the 1/ST BET AI picks, so be sure to run the app's handicapping features on Black-Eyed Susan Day for the latest projections.

TOP 4 PICKS

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. SECRET OATH | 3. SIMPLIFICATION |
| 2. CREATIVE MINISTER | 4. EPICENTER |

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PREAKNESS STAKES

GRADE 1 - \$1,650,000

3YO - 1 3/16 MILES (DIRT)



EARLY VOTING CAN SWAY PREAKNESS RACE

By Jeremy Plonk, @HorsePlayerNow

ANALYSIS: So, you didn't have Rich Strike at 80-1 in the Kentucky Derby? All is forgiven, fellow handicappers, with an expectation such chaos won't follow at Pimlico. Why? There have been exactly 2 winners in 146 past editions of the Preakness to win at 20-1 or more. Not 80. But 20. The truest of all the Triple Crown races comes off back-to-back 11-1 winners, Rombauer and Swiss Skydiver. But expect that modest madness to end Saturday. While you don't have to settle for the shortest price, attention here should focus on just three major players.

MAIN CONTENDERS: EPICENTER consistently has been America's best 3-year-old in 2022. The way he turned away the full, on-rushing momentum of Zandon in the Kentucky Derby may have been his best act to date, only to be shocked in the final yards by Rich Strike. The stout Preakness favorite will have another challenge to thwart, but likely in front of him, in EARLY VOTING. He's been in my Pimlico crosshairs since the moment he nearly wired the Wood Memorial. His Baltimore native owner Seth Klarman turned away Derby temptation with Cloud Computing in 2017 off similar form and the plan paid off. This one is capable of repeating the feat. The filly SECRET OATH has done zero wrong in '22, and if not for a poorly timed ride by since-replaced Luis Contreras in the Arkansas Derby, I'm convinced she'd have won that, too. Look for Luis Saez to have her making the best, last move in the field trying to catch EARLY VOTING and EPICENTER. Her best chance is if a third early speed horse enters the pace tussle, perhaps ARMAGNAC or SKIPPYLONGSTOCKING.

VALUE PLAYS: I'm only looking at prices on the bottom of the exotics, trusting the trio above to handle the exacta at minimum, if not the trifecta. CREATIVE MINISTER has the most upside in the field in terms of untapped potential, while honest-as-they-come SIMPLIFICATION outran his 35-1 odds at Churchill and should be moving late with the filly for a share.

\$100 WAGERING STRATEGY:

- \$80 Exacta: EARLY VOTING and EPICENTER
- \$20 Exacta: EARLY VOTING and SECRET OATH



STATS & TRENDS

DERBY RUNNERS-UP IN PREAKNESS (LAST 15 YEARS)

Year	Horse	Fin.	Odds
'21	did not compete	--	--
'20	did not compete	--	--
'19	did not compete	--	--
'18	Good Magic	4th	7-2
'17	Lookin At Lee	4th	9-1
'16	Exaggerator	1st	5-2
'15	Firing Line	7th	3-1
'14	did not compete	--	--
'13	did not compete	--	--
'12	Bodemeister	2nd	8-5*
'11	did not compete	--	--
'10	did not compete	--	--
'09	Pioneerof The Nile	11th	6-1
'08	did not compete	--	--
'07	Hard Spun	3rd	4-1

*14 Derby runners-up all-time have won Preakness; 1 since 1993.

HALF-MILE LEADERS

Year	Horse	Fin.
'21	Medina Sprit	3rd
'20	Authentic	2nd
'19	Warrior's Charge	4th
'18	Justify	1st
'17	Always Dreaming	8th
'16	Nyquist	3rd
'15	Amer. Pharoah	1st
'14	Pablo Del Monte	6th
'13	Oxbow	1st
'12	Bodemeister	2nd

PREAKNESS WINNERS WHO SKIPPED DERBY (SINCE 2000)

Year	Horse
'21	Rombauer
'20	Swiss Skydiver
'17	Cloud Computing
'09	Rachel Alexandra
'06	Bernardini
'00	Red Bullet

TOP 4 PICKS

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. EARLY VOTING | 3. SECRET OATH |
| 2. EPICENTER | 4. SIMPLIFICATION |

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PREAKNESS STAKES

GRADE 1 - \$1,650,000

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A WINNING GAME PLAN FOR EARLY VOTING

By Jeff Siegel @jsiegelracing

ANALYSIS: Disregarding injury, illness, or unique circumstances, no Kentucky Derby winner has bypassed the Preakness since 1985, when the connections of Spend A Buck, enticed by a \$2 million bonus, opted to run their colt in the Jersey Derby at the newly reopened Garden State Park. Spend a Buck won in New Jersey, but forfeited his chance for racing immortality, just as Rich Strike has done by being withheld from the Triple Crown's middle jewel. However, even without the 80-1 Derby-winning colt in the field, who might have been no better than fourth choice had he been entered, the Preakness remains an American Classic, a signature race for 3-year-olds, and a good gambling opportunity for players trying to cash a ticket at a square price.

MAIN CONTENDERS: Derby runner-up EPICENTER has been listed as the 6-5 morning line favorite after performing superbly in Louisville. The main concern is whether the Steve Asmussen-trained colt will regress after a hard, taxing race following just two weeks of rest, the same reason ostensibly given by the connections of Rich Strike for not entering the Preakness. There are no such worries with EARLY VOTING, who bypassed the Derby to specifically target the Preakness, a similar game plan employed by trainer Chad Brown and owner, Baltimore native Seth Klarman, with their 2017 Preakness winner Cloud Computing. Fresh as a daisy and the likely controlling speed in the nine-runner field, EARLY VOTING is the listed second choice at 7-2 and offers a reasonable wager at or near that price. Kentucky Oaks winner SECRET OATH will get plenty of play as well, but in her case she will need to step forward significantly, though she certainly could finish in the money.

VALUE PLAYS: If you are looking for a reasonable price to crack the trifecta, the lightly-raced, unproven, but highly-promising CREATIVE MINISTER fits the bill. Fast on numbers and with a style that suggests this race's 9.5-furlong trip will promote his late-running kick, the Ken McPeck-trained colt is listed at 10-1 on the morning line and should be every bit of that on the tote.

\$100 WAGERING STRATEGY:

- \$40 Win: EARLY VOTING (\$40)
- \$15 Exacta Box: EARLY VOTING, EPICENTER (\$30)
- \$5 Exacta Box: EARLY VOTING, EPICENTER, CREATIVE MINISTER (\$30)

PREAKNESS "LAST TIMES"

THE LAST...

KENTUCKY DERBY WINNER TO WIN:
Justify (2018)

KENTUCKY DERBY RUNNER-UP TO WIN:
Exagerrator (2016)

KENTUCKY DERBY SHOW HORSE TO WIN:
Curlin (2007)

DERBY OFF-THE-BOARD FINISHER TO WIN:
Oxbow (2013)

KENTUCKY DERBY EXACTA TO REPEAT 1-2 IN PREAKNESS:
I'll Have Another-Bodemeister (2012)

KENTUCKY DERBY TRIFECTA TO REPEAT 1-2-3 IN PREAKNESS:
Affirmed-Alydar-Believe It (1978)

NON-KENTUCKY DERBY ALUM TO WIN:
Rombauer (2021), prior Swiss Skydiver (2020)

PREPPED LAST AT PIMLICO TO WIN:
Bee Bee Bee (1972)

JOCKEY TO WIN BACK-TO-BACK:
Victor Espinoza 2014-'15 with California Chrome and American Pharoah

JOCKEY TO WIN HIS DEBUT:
Flavien Prat (2021) with Rombauer

TRAINER TO WIN BACK-TO-BACK:
Bob Baffert (2001-'02) with Point Given & War Emblem

TRAINER TO WIN HIS DEBUT:
Michael McCarthy (2021) with Rombauer

FILLY TO WIN:
Swiss Skydiver (2020), last of 5 fillies to have won this race

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EXPERT PICKS

We tasked our expert racing analysts across the 1/ST family to provide their selections for this year's second jewel in the Triple Crown.

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PREAKNESS STAKES POST TIME:	7:01 PM ET
WATCH FREE AND WAGER:	ALL RACES ON 1/ST BET APP & XPRESSBET.COM
TELEVISION:	NBC, 4-7:30 PM ET; CNBC, 2-4 PM ET
WAGERING NOTES:	BLACK-EYED SUSAN/PREAKNESS DAILY DOUBLE (FRI/SAT)

PREAKNESS DAY STAKES LINEUP

Grade 1 Preakness	\$1,650,000	3YO	1-3/16 miles
Grade 2 Dinner Party	\$250,000	3&UP	1-1/16 miles (turf)
Grade 3 Chick Lang	\$200,000	3YO	6 furlongs
Grade 3 Gallorette	\$150,000	3&UP/FM	1-1/16 miles (turf)
Grade 3 Maryland Sprint	\$150,000	3&UP	6 furlongs
Jim McKay Turf Sprint	\$100,000	3&UP	5 furlongs (turf)
Sir Barton	\$100,000	3YO	1-1/16 miles
Skipat	\$100,000	3&UP/FM	6 furlongs
James W. Murphy	\$100,000	3YO	1 mile (turf)



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