FULL RACE PREVIEWS & WAGERING STRATEGIES FOR ALL STAKES RACES ON THE CARD



The Preakness Stakes, the second jewel of the Triple Crown, is run between the Kentucky Derby and the Belmont Stakes. Called "The Run for the Black-Eyed Susans," the Preakness is held at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore on the third Saturday of each May. First run in 1873, the race is competed at a distance of 1 3/16 miles, 1/16 of a mile shorter than the Kentucky Derby, for 3-year-olds on the main dirt track.

After the controversial Kentucky Derby DQ, we won't see either Maximum Security or eventual Derby winner Country House at Pimlico. However, the race is full of contenders, making it an excellent betting race.

This **Inside Track to the Preakness Stakes** is a combination of 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 7 years. This year, all hands are on deck. Racing Dudes Aaron and Jared have studied these Preakness Stakes contenders for months, while Mike Somich has also been busy at work. Somich is known for his massive multi-race scores. He is fairly new to the team, but is already making many fans, with his Pick 4 and Pick 5 analysis and picks.

And a special bonus this year, Jonathon Kinchen will be contributing to this **Inside Track to the Preakness Stakes!** Jonathon was the 2015 NHC Tour champion and remains the only player in NHC history to have both of his entries qualify for The Final Table. Jonathon's work has been seen with DRF, as well as more recently on Fox Sports. You can also check out the In The Money Players' Podcast, which he does with tournament expert Peter T. Fornatale.

IN THIS ALL-INCLUSIVE INSIDE TRACK TO THE PREAKNESS STAKES YOU CAN FIND:

- ▶ Multi-Race Wager plays and strategies from handicapping expert Mike Somich
- Exclusive analysis and picks from Jonathon Kinchen
- ▶ Race by Race analysis of all 9 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, long shot across the board play, exacta, trifecta, Superfecta, horses to use in multi-race wagers, what to play on a small budget, and what to play on a large budget. Each win, place, show, or across the board selection comes with a confidence rating, so you can see how strongly we feel about each pick.
- Exclusive bonus analysis of the Black-Eyed Susan on Friday
- ▶ Top 4 choices for all stakes race from the handicappers at racingdudes.com

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

Good luck today!



1 1/8 MILES ON THE DIRT 3-YEAR-OLD FILLIES

OVERVIEW:

The Kentucky Oaks (G1) saw a strong winner in Serengeti Empress, and she has taken control of the top spot in this division. However, the Black-Eyed Susan always plays a major factor among the 3-year-old fillies. A solid field of nine will line up to do battle in a wide-open event that could lead to a nice payout.

RACE SHAPE: FAST PACE EXPECTED

Pure Speed: Ulele, Cookie Dough, Brill, Las Setas

Pressing Speed: Our Super Freak

Stalkers: Always Shopping, Point of Honor

Closers: Sweet Diane, Off Topic

Several horses have speed in this race, which should lead to a swift battle on the front end. However, the same setup looked likely in the Kentucky Oaks, yet the pace duel never materialized. That race was won wire-to-wire, but on paper, it certainly doesn't look like that will be the case again here.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #2 OFF TOPIC, #3 ULELE

Off Topic makes sense in the underneath positions after hitting the board five straight times, and her connections are also hard to ignore. Ulele will play a big part in the pace after winning wire to wire last time out at Keeneland, showing speed that could make her dangerous.

OTHERS: #9 LAS SETAS, #5 OUR SUPER FREAK, #1 SWEET DIANE

The two local hopefuls are Las Setas and Our Super Freak, who finished 1-2 in the local prep race for this one. Both could be outclassed a bit, along with Sweet Diane, who has come up short when facing similar competition in the past.

TOP CHOICE: #8 POINT OF HONOR

After two impressive races, including a win in the \$150,000 Suncoast Stakes, this horse had some major buzz heading into the Gulfstream Park Oaks (G2) last time out. She didn't run all that well in that spot, but she still has a lot of room to develop. The pace sets up well for her here, and the extra distance should be right up her alley.

MAJOR THREATS: #7 BRILL, #4 COOKIE DOUGH, #6 ALWAYS SHOPPING

At one time, Brill was high on everyone's radar after she broke her maiden on debut at Del Mar; however, she has not won since. She has at least run well lately, though. Cookie Dough has been very surprising this year in two solid efforts against tough company at Gulfstream Park. Always Shopping has won two straight, including the Gazelle Stakes (G2) at Aqueduct last time out at this distance.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #8 Point of Honor – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

<u>Bet to Place or Show:</u> #4 Cookie Dough – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

Across the Board Longshot Play: #7 Brill – Confidence Level: 1.5 out of 5

Exacta: 4,7,8 BOX

Trifecta: 4,6,7,8 BOX

Superfecta: 4,6,7,8 BOX

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 4,6,7,8

Small Budget Wager: \$0.50 cent trifecta BOX 4,6,7,8

Large Budget Wager: \$1 trifecta BOX 4,6,7,8