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We've recruited top handicappers, writers and broadcasters to examine the Preakness—**Analysis, Main Contenders, Value Plays** and **Wagering Strategies**. You'll also find lots of useful **Stats & Trends**, a handy **Exotic Wagering Chart**, and a host of other information inside the **FREE Guide**.

XpressBet hopes your **2010 Preakness** wagering experience is fruitful and we look forward to serving as your advance deposit account wagering provider for the big day and into the future

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Ron Luniewski
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Preakness Wagering Facts

by Jeremy Plonk, *Horseplayernow.com* and *ESPN.com* analyst

Below are some interesting and informative wagering tidbits from past Preakness Stakes events.

WIN-PLACE-SHOW

(Last 12 Years, Odds to \$1)

Average Win Odds: 3.87

High Win Odds: 12.90 (Bernardini, 2006)

Low Win Odds: .20 (Big Brown, 2008)

Notable: 9 of last 12 Preakness winners were 3-to-1 or less.

Average Place Odds: 13.05

High Place Odds: 45.70 (Magic Weisner, 2002)

Low Place Odds: .30 (Fusaichi Pegasus, 2000)

Notable: 3 of last 4 runner-ups have been single-digit odds.

Average Show Odds: 15.86

High Show Odds: 58.00 (Badge, 1999)

Low Show Odds: 2.10 (Captain Bodgit, 2001)

Notable: 3 of last 4 show horses have been double-digit odds.

EXACTA

(Last 12 Years, \$2 Payoffs)

Average Exacta Payoff: \$88.60

High Exacta Payoff: \$327.00

(War Emblem-Magic Weisner, 2002)

Low Exacta Payoff: \$14.80 (Real Quiet-Victory Gallop, 1998)

Notable: 3 straight Preakness exactas have paid less than \$40.

TRIFECTA

(Last 12 Years, \$2 Payoffs)

Average Trifecta Payoff: \$641.74

High Trifecta Payoff: \$3,912.80

(Bernardini-Sweetnorthernsaint-Hemingway's Key, 2006)

Low Trifecta Payoff: \$38.20

(Silver Charm-Free House-Captain Bodgit 1997)

Notable: 6 of the last 12 Preakness trifectas returned less than \$300.

SUPERFACTA

(Last 12 Years, \$1 Payoffs)

Average Superfacta Payoff: \$4,482.05

High Superfacta Payoff: \$18,887.60

(Charismatic-Menifee-Badge-Stephen Got Even, 1999)

Low Superfacta Payoff: \$230.70

(Smarty Jones-Rock Hard Ten-Eddington-Lion Heart, 1997)

Average Odds of Fourth-place finishers: 14.01-to-1

Notable: 3 times the Preakness superfacta has paid more than \$10,000.

2009 HANDLE TOTALS

Win, Place, Show: \$ 23.0 million

Exacta: \$ 13.3 million

Trifecta: \$ 16.4 million

Superfacta: \$ 5.7 million

Pick Four: \$ 2.0 million

Susan/Preakness Double: \$ 747,204

HIGHEST-PRICED RUNNERS IN SUPERFACTA

(Last 12 Years, Odds to \$1)

Odds	Horse	Year	Finish
58.00	Badge	1999	3rd
45.70	Magic Weisner	2002	2nd
39.90	Macho Again	2008	2nd
29.40	Hemingway's Key	2006	3rd
25.20	Hot Wells	1998	4th
25.10	Racecar Rhapsody	2008	4th

SHORTEST-PRICED FAVORITES

(Last 12 Years, Odds to \$1)

Odds	Horse	Year	Finish
.20	Big Brown	2008	1st
.30	Fusaichi Pegasus	2000	2nd
.50	Barbaro	2006	dnf
.70	Smarty Jones	2004	1st
1.30	Street Sense	2007	2nd
1.80	Rachel Alexandra	2009	1st
1.90	Funny Cide	2003	1st

PREAKNESS SELECTION GRID

Host	Bob Neumeier (NBC Sports)	Mike Battaglia (NBC Sports)	Jeff Siegel (HRTV)	Jon White (HRTV)	Dick Jerardi (Phila. Daily News)	Steve Byk (Sirius Radio)
First	Hurricane Ike	Super Saver	Super Saver	Lookin At Lucky	Lookin At Lucky	Super Saver
Second	Schoolyard Dreams	Noble's Promise	Lookin At Lucky	Super Saver	Hurricane Ike	Paddy O'Prado
Third	Super Saver	Lookin At Lucky	Caracortado	Paddy O'Prado	Super Saver	Hurricane Ike
Fourth	Caracortado	Paddy O'Prado	Hurricane Ike	Hurricane Ike	Paddy O'Prado	First Dude

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MEET THE PREAKNESS CONTENDERS

by Johnny D
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SUPER SAVER

You probably already know something about Super Saver. In fact, you may have watched him win the 136th Kentucky Derby in only the seventh start of his career. You also may know that Super Saver provided cinch Hall-of-Fame trainer Todd Pletcher with his first Kentucky Derby victory after 24 tries. You ought to know that Calvin Borel rode Super Saver to his third Kentucky Derby win in four years—an absolutely amazing accomplishment. So, what else would you like to know about Super Saver? Try this one on for size: He's going to be very tough to beat in the Preakness Stakes. Why? Well, for starters, when Super Saver crossed the finish of the Kentucky Derby his ears were straight up and twitching back and forth. Why is this piece of body language so important? It suggests that he wasn't completely spent after going a mile and one-quarter at Churchill Downs. 'Ears pricked' means he was listening for a new threat—someone more formidable to outrun. That's always a good sign. He's fit, tight and has enough tactical speed to be in the race from the beginning. Not a bad list of qualities.

LOOKIN AT LUCKY

You've read all the jokes about how unlucky this horse has been in his recent races. Even Bob Baffert, his Hall-of-Fame trainer, kidded about it being too bad it was too late to change the colt's name. Still, Lookin At Lucky is a tremendous talent and if his connections decide to try him in the Preakness he will be the major threat to Super Saver. Wiped out twice in the early going of the Kentucky Derby, Lookin At Lucky showed his mettle by rallying to finish sixth, seven lengths behind the perfect-trip winner. If that performance didn't knock the stuffing out of him, 'Lucky may be ready to make his point with a roll of the dice in the

Preakness. Which begs the question: Is there a statute of limitations on bad luck?

PADDY O'PRADO

Following the Kentucky Derby, jockey Kent Desormeaux, who rode Paddy O'Prado, said that they would have won the race without experiencing significant trouble. A study of the Derby replay shows that Desormeaux's woes were significant, but not likely to have changed the original order of finish. In other words, Paddy O'Prado ran a very good race in the Kentucky Derby, but the performances of winner Super Saver and runner-up Ice Box seemed better. Ice Box figures to skip the Preakness in favor of an all-out assault on the Belmont Stakes, according to trainer Nick Zito. So that leaves Super Saver as the one Paddy O'Prado needs to turn the tables on. Can he do it? Sure, but he's going to need to improve a bit.

HURRICANE IKE

Based on his runner-up effort in the Bay Shore at Aqueduct and his win in the Derby Trial at Churchill, Hurricane Ike appears to be the most dangerous of the new faces in the Preakness. He has a handy stalking style that should have

him in a great position to attack whatever speed is signed on for the race. Plus, he's really come into his own lately. 'Ike chased Lookin At Lucky home in a pair of races at Del Mar last year, but 'Ike's better now than he was then. Noble's Promise, another probable Preakness starter, defeated 'Ike in the Breeders' Futurity at Keeneland in October, but 'Ike was 5-6 wide that day. Toss that race out. 'Ike comes into the Preakness off a natural distance progression of races at six, seven and eight furlongs this season and the mile and three-sixteenths of the Preakness should be within his scope.

PREAKNESS WINNERS AS HORSE OF THE YEAR

Year	Horse
2009 ...	RACHEL ALEXANDRA
2007 ...	CURLIN
2001 ...	POINT GIVEN
1999 ...	CHARISMATIC
1989 ...	SUNDAY SILENCE
1978 ...	AFFIRMED
1977 ...	SEATTLE SLEW
1973 ...	SECRETARIAT
1967 ...	DAMASCUS
1957 ...	BOLD RULER
1955 ...	NASHUA
1950 ...	HILL PRINCE
1949 ...	CAPOT
1948 ...	CITATION
1946 ...	ASSAULT
1943 ...	COUNT FLEET
1941 ...	WHIRLAWAY
1939 ...	CHALLEDON
1937 ...	WAR ADMIRAL

DON'T DISCOUNT SUPER SAVER



by Mike Battaglia
NBC Sports Racing Analyst

ANALYSIS: While it is still too early to get a good gauge on who is going in the Preakness, I think it's safe to say **SUPER SAVER** will be the favorite with **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** a close second choice. **SUPER SAVER** got the "Calvin dream trip" in the Derby, but it was still an impressive win. He showed that he could rate behind the early runners and that he wasn't just a horse that needed the lead to win. While it is true that a number of his rivals had bad trips in Louisville, **SUPER SAVER** took a big step forward and will be tough to beat in the Preakness.

MAIN CONTENDERS: **SUPER SAVER** ran a career-best race for Todd Pletcher and Calvin Borel in the Derby, and his tactical speed should serve him well in Baltimore. He is the one to beat. What is **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** capable of if he gets a clean trip? His last two races have been nightmares and we definitely haven't seen his best yet this year. **PADDY O'PRADO** came out of nowhere this year. He lost a maiden race in February, then broke his maiden in a stakes race on the grass before a runner-up finish in the Blue Grass and a solid third in the Derby. He is just coming into his own and will be a force.

VALUE PLAYS: **NOBLE'S PROMISE** ran by **SUPER SAVER** momentarily and had a slight lead turning for home. He may have been a bit short after his bout with the lung infection, and he also should like the shorter distance of the Preakness.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

• \$50 Exacta Part-Wheel: **SUPER SAVER** over **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** and **NOBLE'S PROMISE** (\$100)

STATS & TRENDS:

Derby Winners in Preakness

(Last 12 Years)

Year	Horse	Finish	Odds
2009	Mine That Bird	2nd	6-1
2008	Big Brown	1st	1-5*
2007	Street Sense	2nd	6-5*
2006	Barbaro	dnf	1-2*
2005	Giacomo	3rd	6-1
2004	Smarty Jones	1st	3-5*
2003	Funny Cide	1st	9-5*
2002	War Emblem	1st	5-2*
2001	Monarchos	6th	2-1
2000	Fusaichi Pegasus	2nd	1-5*
1999	Charismatic	1st	8-1
1998	Real Quiet	1st	5-2

*Denotes Favorite

KNOW THIS:

Preakness "Last Times"

The last ...

Kentucky Derby Winner to Win Preakness:

Big Brown (2008)

Kentucky Derby Runner-Up to Win:

Prairie Bayou (1993)

Kentucky Derby Show Horse to Win:

Curlin (2007)

Kentucky Derby Off-the-Board Finisher to Win:

Point Given (2001)

Kentucky Derby Exacta to Repeat 1-2 in Preakness:

Charismatic-Menifee (1999)

Kentucky Derby Trifecta to Repeat 1-2-3 in Preakness:

Affirmed-Alydar-Believe It (1978)

Non-Kentucky Derby Alum to Win:

Rachel Alexandra (2009)

SELECTIONS:

1. SUPER SAVER
2. NOBLE'S PROMISE
3. LOOKIN AT LUCKY
4. PADDY O'PRADO

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Exotic Wagering Chart

Preakness Day can produce some juicy exotic payoffs. Use this Exotic Wagering Chart to plan your attack.

EXACTA BOX: (\$2 Wager)

2 horse box	\$4
3 horse box	\$12
4 horse box	\$24
5 horse box	\$40
6 horse box	\$60
7 horse box	\$84
8 horse box	\$112

EXACTA WHEEL: (\$2 Wager)

One Horse with All

6 horse field	\$10
7 horse field	\$12
8 horse field	\$14
9 horse field	\$16
10 horse field	\$18

TRIFECTA BOX: (\$1 Wager)

3 Horse Box	\$6
4 Horse Box	\$24
5 Horse Box	\$60
6 Horse Box	\$120
7 Horse Box	\$210
8 Horse Box	\$336

TRIFECTA WHEELS: (\$1 Wager)

One Horse with All with All

(Example: 1/All/All or All/1/All or All/All/1)

7 Horse Field	\$30
8 Horse Field	\$42
9 Horse Field	\$56
10 Horse Field	\$72

One Horse with Two Horses with All

(Example: 1/2/All or 2/1/All or 1/All/2 or 2/a All ll/1 or All/1/2 or All/2/1)

7 Horse Field	\$10
8 Horse Field	\$12
9 Horse Field	\$14
10 Horse Field	\$16

TRIFECTA KEYS: (\$1 Wager)

1 Horse with 3 others	\$6
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4/2, 3, 4)</i>	
1 Horse with 4 others	\$12
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5/2, 3, 4, 5)</i>	
1 Horse with 5 others	\$20
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6/2, 3, 4, 5, 6)</i>	
1 Horse with 6 others	\$30
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)</i>	
1 Horse with 7 others	\$42
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)</i>	

SUPERFACTA BOX: (\$1 Wager)

4 Horse Box	\$24
5 Horse Box	\$120
6 Horse Box	\$360

SUPERFACTA WHEELS: (\$1 Wager)

One Horse with All with All with All

7 Horse Field	\$120
8 Horse Field	\$210
9 Horse Field	\$336
10 Horse Field	\$504

(Example: 1/All/All/All or All/1/All/All or All/All/1/All or All/ All/ All/1)

One Horse with Two Horses with All with All

7 Horse Field	\$40
8 Horse Field	\$60
9 Horse Field	\$84
10 Horse Field	\$112

(Example: 1/2/ All/ All or 2/ 1/ All/ All or 1/ All/ All/ 2 or 2/ All/ All/ 1 or All/ All/ 1/2 or All/ All/ 2/ 1)

SUPERFACTA KEYS: (\$1 Wager)

1 Horse with 3 others	\$6
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4/2, 3, 4/2, 3, 4)</i>	
1 Horse with 4 others	\$24
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5/2, 3, 4, 5/2, 3, 4, 5)</i>	
1 Horse with 5 others	\$60
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6/2, 3, 4, 5, 6/2, 3, 4, 5, 6)</i>	
1 Horse with 6 others	\$120
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)</i>	
1 Horse with 7 others	\$210
<i>(Example: 1/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8/2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)</i>	

SUPER SAVER CAN SCORE AGAIN



by Jeff Siegel
HRTV Analyst

ANALYSIS: SUPER SAVER capitalized on a perfect, ground-saving trip over a wet track he obviously loved to register a convincing victory in the Kentucky Derby and likely will be faced with an even easier task when he seeks the second jewel of racing's Triple Crown. To be brutally honest, the projected field for the 2010 Preakness appears to be thoroughly uninspiring; those exiting the Derby already have been exposed and the new shooters weren't good enough to draw into the Derby in the first place. Unless SUPER SAVER is either a mud freak or a Churchill Downs specialist, there's no reason to believe he can't come right back and score again now that he's proven he's not a "need-the-lead" type.

MAIN CONTENDERS: Whatever chance LOOKIN AT LUCKY might have had in Louisville was erased in the opening furlong when last year's juvenile champion was knocked sideways and shuffled back to near last, eventually falling 22 lengths off the pace. That he managed to wind up sixth, beaten only seven lengths, is a credit to his ability, but there comes a time when he must be categorized as "trouble prone." If Bob Baffert decides to wheel him back, the Smart Strike colt most certainly will be a Preakness contender. CARACORTADO enters the Preakness following a tough trip when fourth in the Santa Anita Derby.

VALUE PLAYS: The Preakness is rarely won by a deep closer and there are no real late punchers likely to be entered, anyway, so HURRICANE IKE, a sharp winner of the one-turn Derby Trial, looks dangerous stretching out even though he is unproven around two turns. The John Sadler-trained colt – depending upon whether Derby pacesetter CONVEYANCE is entered – has enough early speed to make the running and could get very brave if not respected.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$15 Exacta Box: SUPER SAVER, LOOKIN AT LUCKY and CARACORTADO (\$90)
- \$5 Exacta Box: SUPER SAVER and HURRICANE IKE (\$10)

STATS & TRENDS:

Preakness Winners Who Skipped Derby

(Since 1970)

Year	Horse
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2009	Rachel Alexandra
2006	Bernardini
2000	Red Bullet
1983	Deputed Testamony
1982	Aloma's Ruler
1980	Codex
1972	Bee Bee Bee

Wire To Wire Preakness Winners

(Last 50 Years)

Year	Horse
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2009	Rachel Alexandra *
1996	Louis Quatorze *
1982	Aloma's Ruler
1972	Bee Bee Bee
1960	Bally Ache

*Did not lead at start call

KNOW THIS:

Preakness "Last Times"
The last ...

Prepped Last at Pimlico to Win:

Bee Bee Bee (1972)

Jockey to Win Back-to-Back:

Pat Day 1995-'96 on Timber Country and Louis Quatorze (note Day won 3 straight because of his win in '94 aboard Tabasco Cat).

Jockey to Win His Debut:

Javier Castellano (2006) aboard Bernardini

Trainer to Win Back-to-Back:

Bob Baffert (2001-'02) with Point Given & War Emblem

SELECTIONS:

1. SUPER SAVER
2. LOOKIN AT LUCKY
3. CARACORTADO
4. HURRICANE IKE

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GOOD LUCK FOR 'LUCKY?



by Jon White

HRTV Analyst and Santa Anita Odds-Maker

ANALYSIS: Generally, the best place to start looking for a Preakness winner is by focusing on who ran in the Kentucky Derby. Deputed Testamony won the Preakness in 1983 without having competed in the Derby. Since then, the only other Preakness winners who didn't start in the Derby were Red Bullet in 2000, Bernardini in 2006 and Rachel Alexandra in 2009. Will Derby winner **SUPER SAVER** also take the Preakness? Perhaps. But I think he's far from a slam-dunk and he probably will be overbet off his Derby triumph. **SUPER SAVER** benefited from a perfect Derby trip thanks to Calvin Borel, plus he obviously liked the sloppy track. I'm not totally sold that **SUPER SAVER** will win again on a fast track in Baltimore (if it's fast). Meanwhile, Derby favorite **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** had an absolutely horrible trip. Yes, he has had a troubled trip in each of his three starts this year. So maybe he's trouble prone. But if **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** finally gets some good luck this time, I can see him capturing the Preakness. **PADDY O'PRADO**, who ran third despite not having the best of trips in Louisville, also is a threat to turn the tables on **SUPER SAVER**.

MAIN CONTENDERS: Derby participants **SUPER SAVER**, **PADDY O'PRADO**, **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** and **DUBLIN**, plus "new shooters" **CARACORTADO**, **HURRICANE IKE** and **SCHOOLYARD DREAMS** all sport the look of legitimate contenders.

VALUE PLAYS: **SUPER SAVER** might be so overbet this time that there could be decent to terrific value for everyone else in the race. Of the "new shooters," an improving **HURRICANE IKE** intrigues the most.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$60 Win: **LOOKIN AT LUCKY**
- \$10 Exacta Box: **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** and **SUPER SAVER** (\$20)
- \$10 Exacta Box: **SUPER SAVER** and **PADDY O'PRADO** (\$20)

SELECTIONS:

1. **LOOKIN AT LUCKY**
2. **SUPER SAVER**
3. **PADDY O'PRADO**
4. **HURRICANE IKE**

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STATS & TRENDS:

Successful Locals

(Last 20 Years)

Year	Horse	Finish
2006	Sweetnorthernsaint	2nd
2005	Scrappy T	2nd
2002	Magic Weisner	2nd
1997	Captain Bodgit	3rd
1995	Oliver's Twist	2nd

Preakness Record Fractions

Dist.	Time	Horse
¼ mile	:22 2/5	(tied 3 times)
½ mile	:45	(Bold Forbes, 1976)
¾ mile	1:09	(Bold Forbes, 1976)
1 mile	1:34 1/5	(Chief's Crown, 1985; Sunday Silence, 1989)
Final	1:53 2/5	(Curlin, 2007; Louis Quatorze, 1996; Tank's Prospect, 1985)

KNOW THIS:

Biggest Derby Upsets / Preakness Performance

Only 9 horses have won the Derby at 20-to-1 odds or greater and raced in the Preakness. They own a remarkable 9: 3-1-4 mark. Only 2 of the 9 were favored in Baltimore.

Year	Horse	Derby Odds to \$1	Preakness Odds to \$1	Preakness Finish
1913	Donerail	91.45	-	Didn't Run
2009	Mine That Bird	50.60	6.60	2nd
2005	Giacomo	50.30	6.00	3rd
1940	Gallahadion	35.20	6.70	3rd
1999	Charismatic	31.30	8.40	1st
1967	Proud Clarion	30.10	4.30	3rd
1918	Exterminator	29.60	-	Didn't Run
1953	Dark Star	24.90	11.3	5th
1995	Thunder Gulch	24.50	3.8	3rd
1908	Stone Street	23.72	-	Didn't Run
1982	Gato Del Sol	21.20	-	Didn't Run
2002	War Emblem	20.50	2.8 *	1st
1936	Bold Venture	20.50	1.85 *	1st

* Favorite

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WORTH ANOTHER 'LOOK'



by Dick Jerardi

Philadelphia Daily News Columnist

ANALYSIS: We won't have 20 horses. Hopefully, we won't have slop. The inside post won't be a detriment. And we are not likely to have nearly as many quality speed horses as in the Kentucky Derby. If the pace is more moderate and less contested, the deep closers likely won't be rolling in the stretch like they all were in the Derby. Therefore, this should be a truly run race where there will be fewer excuses and more answers than questions when the horses hit the wire.

MAIN CONTENDERS: The more I watched the Derby tape, the more impressed I was by the winner, **SUPER SAVER**. It is easy to downgrade the colt because he got a perfect trip. But the reason **SUPER SAVER** got a perfect trip is that he has the speed and maneuverability to get the position that kind of trip requires. And there is the matter of Calvin Borel, King of the Derby. **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** had the trip from racing hell in the Derby. The colt essentially was eliminated in the first 100 yards; being cut off, then body-slammed into the rail and dropping back so far only two horses were in front of him when the field passed the wire the first time. That **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** actually made a run into the top four in the stretch was impressive. If this colt ever gets a clean trip, watch out. **HURRICANE IKE** got a very competitive speed figure when he won the Derby Trial.

VALUE PLAYS: Trainer John Sadler had a very live Derby contender in Sidney's Candy. That colt was compromised by the pace, conditions and the 20 post. **HURRICANE IKE** is not going to be taken as seriously and should be a square price. The colt's biggest issue is that Borel is not jumping off this Derby winner to stay with the Derby Trial winner.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$1 Superfecta Key: **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** over **HURRICANE IKE**, **SUPER SAVER**, **PADDY O'PRADO**, **AIKENITE** and **DUBLIN** (\$60).
- \$20 Exacta Part-Wheel: **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** over **HURRICANE IKE** and **SUPER SAVER** (\$40).

STATS & TRENDS:

Derby Winners Who Flopped

(Worst Finishes by Derby Winners in Preakness History)

Year	Horse	Finish
2006	Barbaro	DNF / injured
1923	Zev	12th
1970	Dust Commander	9th
1962	Decidedly	8th
1965	Lucky Debonair	7th
1984	Swale	7th
2001	Monarchos	6th
1991	Strike The Gold	6th
1983	Sunny's Halo	6th

KNOW THIS:

Chalk It Up

Favorites have won more than 50-percent of the Preakness editions all-time, 70-for-134. Odds-on choices are a strong 18-for-28.

Can't We All Just Get a Price?

It's almost impossible to believe that the biggest upset in the 134-year history of Preakness came at 23-to-1 odds when Master Derby paid \$48.80 in 1975. In fact, 124 of 134 Preakness winners have been 11-to-1 odds or less.

Preakness Distances

The Preakness has been staged at seven different distances since its start in 1873.

1-1/2 miles	1873 to 1888 and 1890
1-1/4 miles	1889
1-1/16 miles	1894 to 1900 and 1908
1 mile, 70 yards	1901 to 1907
1 mile	1909 and 1910
1-1/8 miles	1911 to 1924
1-3/16 miles	1925 to present

Big Crowds

Since 2000, the average field size for the Preakness has been 11.2 starters with 9 or more runners each year.

SELECTIONS:

1. LOOKIN AT LUCKY

3. SUPER SAVER

2. HURRICANE IKE

4. PADDY O'PRADO

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STICK WITH DERBY HERO... OR DEFECT?



by Steve Byk

At the Races with Steve Byk (Sirius Radio) Host

ANALYSIS: Invariably, successful Derby runners that contest the Preakness should be the foundation of your wagers. Even last year, when most considered Mine That Bird's stunner at Churchill a fluke, the Derby winner performed admirably in defeat at the hands of Rachel Alexandra. And again this year, Calvin Borel is at the center of the focus at Pimlico.

MAIN CONTENDERS: Todd Pletcher hoisted his first Derby trophy two Saturdays ago thanks to **SUPER SAVER** harnessing his eagerness at the ideal moment under the ideal pilot. With slightly less early speed lining up at Old Hilltop, there is no reason to discount the Maria's Mon bay now. Any attempt to back the Preakness pace up will give Borel the chance to motor the WinStar homebred to a second jewel and his own personal Woodlawn Vase reprise. Derby show pony **PADDY O'PRADO**, one of the horses that could claim some trouble en route, may be overlaid in Baltimore by those dismissing his effort as mud-aided, or if **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** backers go hunting for redemption en masse.

VALUE PLAYS: After the Derby refugees, there are some fresh faces with appeal. The John Sadler-trained **HURRICANE IKE** was devastating in the Derby Trial earning a 101 Beyer, and may be dismissed as distance-challenged. Dale Romans has believed in the quality of **FIRST DUDE** since early on, arrives with 35 furlongs of '10 racing under his girth and was misplaced on synthetic at Keeneland. Mike Machowsky has been laying in wait with Cal-bred **CARACORTADO** since the Santa Anita Derby, and will be making the potentially potent synth-to-dirt move.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$2 Trifecta Part Wheel: **SUPER SAVER, PADDY O'PRADO** with **SUPER SAVER, PADDY O'PRADO** with ALL (\$48)
- \$1 Trifecta Part Wheel: **SUPER SAVER, PADDY O'PRADO** with ALL with **SUPER SAVER, PADDY O'PRADO** (\$24)
- \$2 Exacta Part Wheel: **FIRST DUDE, HURRICANE IKE, PLEASANT PRINCE, CARACORTADO, LOOKIN AT LUCKY, A LITTLE WARM. NOBLE'S PROMISE** with **SUPER SAVER, PADDY O'PRADO** (\$28)

STATS & TRENDS:

Derby Runner-Ups in Preakness

(Last 11 Years)

Year	Horse	Finish	Odds
2009	Pioneerof The Nile	11th	6-1
2008	did not compete		
2007	Hard Spun	3rd	4-1
2006	did not compete		
2005	Closing Argument	9th	7-1
2004	Lion Heart	4th	9-2
2003	did not compete		
2002	Proud Citizen	3rd	7-1
2001	did not compete		
2000	did not compete		
1999	Menifee	2nd	2-1*
1998	Victory Gallop	2nd	2-1*

*Denotes Favorite

KNOW THIS:

Rookies of the Year

4 of the last 7 Preakness-winning trainers were making their Preakness debuts (Rick Dutrow 2008, Tom Albertrani 2006, John Servis 2004, Barclay Tagg 2003).

June Classics

In 1945, the Derby was conducted on June 9, followed seven days later by the Preakness. It was the only Preakness run in June in Baltimore. The Preakness was held five times in June while run in New York.

Race Of Champions

Preakness Winners have been Champion 3-year-old nine straight years.

2009	Rachel Alexandra		
2008	Big Brown	2004	Smarty Jones
2007	Curlin	2003	Funny Cide
2006	Bernardini	2002	War Emblem
2005	Afleet Alex	2001	Point Given

SELECTIONS:

1. SUPER SAVER
2. PADDY O'PRADO
3. HURRICANE IKE
4. FIRST DUDE

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DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE



by Bob Neumeier
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ANALYSIS: Between jockey Calvin Borel and trainer Todd Pletcher, the 136th running of the Kentucky Derby had plenty of “feel-good” stories for racing fans to bask in the afterglow. But what the Derby did NOT have was horses of championship quality. The final half-mile time of nearly :54 was even slower than Giacomo’s Run for the Roses, arguably the worst Derby race in decades. So when Borel’s post-race suggestion that **SUPER SAVER** is “Triple Crown worthy,” it may go down as a quote uttered in emotional exuberance. Hyperbole? Absolutely.

MAIN CONTENDERS: This year’s Preakness Stakes is crying out for new shooters. Unfortunately, there are no such Bernardini-types as there were in 2006, when this star confronted the ill-fated Barbaro in Baltimore. Nevertheless, shrewd handicappers should take a long look at the new faces. **CARACORTADO** has been freshened since an “over-the-top” dismal run in the Santa Anita Derby, although jockey Paul Atkinson didn’t help with a poor ride. **HURRICANE IKE** (Borel up) ran an exceptional race to win the Derby Trial in the slop, but can he go the Preakness route on the front end? **SCHOOLYARD DREAMS** actually beat **SUPER SAVER** in the Tampa Bay Derby, but flopped in the Wood Memorial (connections offering excuses). His work at Philly Park on April 24 provides hope. By definition, the Derby winner needs to be included in this section.

VALUE PLAYS: New faces always offer betting value. Derby also-rans like **PADDY O’PRADO**, **NOBLE’S PROMISE** and **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** will likely be overbet in the expected 2nd, 3rd, and 4th choice category. Baffert’s “Lucky” could possibly slip to 6-1 or higher. If I were the silver-haired trainer, I might supplant Garrett Gomez for karma purposes.

WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$1 Trifecta Box: **CARACORTADO**, **HURRICANE IKE**, **SCHOOLYARD DREAMS**, **LOOKIN AT LUCKY** and **SUPER SAVER** (\$60)
- \$6 Exacta Box: **CARACORTADO**, **HURRICANE IKE** and **SCHOOLYARD DREAMS** (\$36)
- Buy a cold beer with the remaining four bucks.

SELECTIONS:

1. HURRICANE IKE
2. SCHOOLYARD DREAMS
3. SUPER SAVER
4. CARACORTADO

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STATS & TRENDS:

Turning It Around

A bad Kentucky Derby performance can be a mulligan for Preakness contenders. Note that five Preakness winners since 1991 alone have exited finishes of fifth or worse in the Kentucky Derby, topped by Hansel (10th in the 1991 Kentucky Derby) and Louis Quatorze (16th in 1996).

The “Odds” of Running Back

Since 1980, the record for most Derby alumni coming back in the Preakness is an astounding 10. That happened after 50-1 Derby winner Giacomo in 2005, and after 31-1 Derby winner Charismatic in 1999. When favorite Big Brown won the 2008 Derby, only Gayego returned for a Preakness rematch.

KNOW THIS:

Speed Kills

Year	Half-Mile Leader	Finish
2009	Rachel Alexandra	1st
2008	Gayego	11th
2007	Xchanger	8th
2006	Like Now	7th
2005	High Limit	5th
2004	Lion Heart	4th
2003	Peace Rules	4th
2002	Menacing Dennis	10th
2001	Richly Blended	10th
2000	High Yield	7th
1999	Cat Thief	7th
1998	Baquero	7th
1997	Crypt Too	9th

Favorite Sons

Since 2000, 8 Kentucky Derby favorites have returned in the Preakness with 3 wins and 3 places.

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