

PREAKNESSFIELD

Pimlico Race Course Sat., May 16 • \$1,100,000 • 1 3/16 miles • Television: NBC 4:30 p.m. Eastern • Post time 6:15 p.m.

BETTING NUMBER	HORSE SIRE	TRACK ODDS	WATCHMAKER ODDS	BEST BEYER	OWNER TRAINER AND JOCKEY	DERBY FIN. BEYER	JAY PRIVMAN AND MIKE WATCHMAKER'S COMMENTS
1	BIG DRAMA <i>by Montbrook</i>	10-1	10-1	108s	Harold Queen D. Fawkes/J. Velazquez	– –	JP: Excellent speed, does not need lead, unbeaten around two turns. Major, major player. MW: Also like how he really raised his best Beyer from 2 to 3. I agree. He's a win candidate.
2	MINE THAT BIRD <i>by Birdstone</i>	6-1	9-2	105	Double Eagle R. & Buena Suerte Eq. B. Woolley Jr./M. Smith	1st 105	JP: Still can't grasp that he won the Derby. Seemed a big cut below the best before May 2. MW: Won't get identical set-up as last time, won't be anywhere near 50-1 this time. I'll pass.
3	MUSKET MAN <i>by Yonaguska</i>	8-1	10-1	98	E. Fein & V. Carlson D. Ryan/E. Coa	3rd 95	JP: Hadn't trained sharply Derby week, but fires every time he races. Very gutsy colt. MW: Decent effort in the Derby, like all of his races. Just need more than 'decent' now.
4	LUV GOV <i>by Ten Most Wanted</i>	50-1	50-1	87	Marylou Whitney Stables D. W. Lukas/J. Theriot	– –	JP: The only amusing part of this would be if Spitzer presented the Preakness trophy. MW: Took him 10 tries to get maiden win, but don't worry, this is his prep for the Belmont.
5	FRIESAN FIRE <i>by A.P. Indy</i>	6-1	10-1	104	Vinery St. & Fox Hill Farm J. L. Jones/G. Saez	18th 43	JP: Had awful trip in the Derby – broke poorly, lost position while in traffic, and taken wide. MW: He did have real trouble early, but I don't like how he dropped anchor on the far turn.
6	TERRAIN <i>by Sky Mesa</i>	30-1	30-1	91	Adele Dilschneider A. Stall Jr./J. Rose	– –	JP: Making third start off layoff, is working well, and comes into race fresh. Do not overlook. MW: Not yet fast enough to win a race like this; then again, that meant little in the Derby.
7	PAPA CLEM <i>by Smart Strike</i>	12-1	8-1	101	Bo Hirsch G. Stute/R. Bejarano	4th 95	JP: Like father, like son? Gary Stute hoping to emulate Mel and nab a Preakness victory. MW: Creditable effort at CD, and on a wet track he might not have really liked; intriguing.
8	GENERAL QUARTERS <i>by Sky Mesa</i>	20-1	20-1	102	Thomas McCarthy T. McCarthy/J. Leparoux	10th 79	JP: Never really got untracked in the Derby. Inconsistent; due for a better effort this time. MW: Maybe he didn't like the slop, but I have serious doubts he's good enough, anyway.
9	PIONEEROF THE NILE <i>by Empire Maker</i>	5-1	5-1	96	Zayat Stables B. Baffert/G. Gomez	2nd 95	JP: Looked like winner at quarter pole, then struggled to hold 2nd in bumpy stretch drive. MW: How was this horse not disqualified in the Derby? He fouled the 3rd and 4th finishers.
10	FLYING PRIVATE <i>by Fusaichi Pegasus</i>	50-1	50-1	94	R. Baker & W. Mack D. W. Lukas/A. Garcia	19th 41	JP: Even allowing for his wide trip in the Derby, hard to imagine him rebounding in this spot. MW: Guess running against the rail bias Derby Day explains him losing by 43 3/4 lengths.
11	TAKE THE POINTS <i>by Even the Score</i>	30-1	30-1	99	Starlight Partners T. Pletcher/E. Prado	– –	JP: Connections made right call skipping the Derby, pointing for this; he's adding blinkers. MW: Distance is a question, but pace player might like getting back on conventional dirt.
12	TONE IT DOWN <i>by Medaglia d'Oro</i>	50-1	50-1	87	M and D Stable W. Komlo/K. Desormeaux	– –	JP: Weak third in his only stakes try. Local hope has run better at Laurel than at Pimlico. MW: Mine That Bird's ripple effect: Who's going to tell them now that they have no chance?
13	RACHEL ALEXANDRA (F) <i>by Medaglia d'Oro</i>	8-5	9-5	108	Stonestreet St. & McCormick S. Asmussen/C. Borel	– –	JP: Has turned in several freakish efforts, but facing a quicker pace scenario this time. MW: I think she'll win if she handles the 15-day turnaround. But to me, that is a question.

Odds by Frank Carulli, Pimlico linemaker, and Mike Watchmaker, Daily Racing Form National Handicapper

(F) Filly; (s) Top Beyer Figure in a sprint