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Lookin At Lucky wins 2010 Preakness. ©Horsephotos.com/NTRA

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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 PAYOFFS

(Last 12 years, Odds to \$1)

### Win Odds

**Average:** 3.85

**High:** 12.90 (Bernardini, 2006)

**Low:** .20 (Big Brown, 2008)

**Notable:** 9 of last 10 Preakness winners were 3-to-1 or less.

### Place Odds

**Average:** 14.87

**High:** 45.70 (Magic Weisner, 2002)

**Low:** .30 (Fusaichi Pegasus, 2000)

**Notable:** 23-1 and 29-1 runner-ups have juiced the exotics in the past 3 years.

### Show Odds

**Average:** 15.82

**High:** 58.00 (Badge, 1999)

**Low:** 2.10 (Captain Bodgit, 2001)

**Notable:** 4 of last 5 show horses have been double-digit odds.

## EXACTA PAYOFFS

(Last 12 years, \$2 Payoffs)

**Average:** \$103.08

**High:** \$327.00 (War Emblem-Magic Weisner, 2002)

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

**Notable:** 2010 payoff (\$188) was first Preakness exacta since 2006 to pay more than \$40.

## TRIFECTA PAYOFFS

(Last 12 years, \$2 Payoffs)

**Average:** \$753.14

**High:** \$3,912.80

(Bernardini-Sweetnorthernsaint-Hemingways Key, 2006)

**Low:** \$100.00

(Curlin-Street Sense-Hard Spun, 2007)

**Notable:** 2002 and 2010 Preakness trifectas paid more than \$1,100 each despite winners at less than 3-1 odds.

## SUPERFECTA PAYOFFS

(Last 12 years, \$1 Payoffs)

**Average:** \$5,886.73

**High:** \$18,887.60

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

**Low:** \$230.70

(Smarty Jones-Rock Hard Ten-Eddington-Lion Heart, 2004)

**Average Odds of Fourth-Place Finishers:** 13.30-to-1

**Notable:** Last year's \$17,126 Superfecta was the second-largest in Preakness history.

## 2010 PREAKNESS HANDLE TOTALS

<u>Pool</u>	<u>Handle</u>
Win/Place/Show:	\$20.1
Exacta:	\$11.7
Trifecta:	\$13.9
Superfecta:	\$5.7
Pick Four:	\$1.7
Susan/Preak Double:	\$837,210

*(Handle in Millions Except Double)*

## HIGHEST-PRICED RUNNERS IN SUPERFECTA

(Last 12 Years, Odds to \$1)

<u>Odds</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Fin.</u>
58.00	Badge	1999	3 <sup>rd</sup>
45.70	Magic Weisner	2002	2 <sup>nd</sup>
39.90	Macho Again	2008	2 <sup>nd</sup>
29.40	Hemingway's Key	2006	3 <sup>rd</sup>
25.10	Racecar Rhapsody	2008	4 <sup>th</sup>

## LOWEST-PRICED FAVORITES

(Last 12 Years, Odds to \$1)

<u>Odds</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Fin.</u>
<b>.20</b>	<b>Big Brown</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
.30	Fusaichi Pegasus	2000	2 <sup>nd</sup>
.50	Barbaro	2006	dnf
<b>.70</b>	<b>Smarty Jones</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
1.30	Street Sense	2007	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>1.80</b>	<b>Rachel Alexandra</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>1.90</b>	<b>Funny Cide</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>
1.90	Super Saver	2010	8 <sup>th</sup>

## 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 (SiriusXM Radio)
First	Animal Kingdom	Animal Kingdom	Astrology	Animal Kingdom	Animal Kingdom	Animal Kingdom
Second	Sway Away	Mucho Macho Man	Animal Kingdom	Mucho Macho Man	Sway Away	Mr. Commons
Third	Dialed In	Shackleford	Dance City	Shackleford	Mucho Macho Man	Shackleford
Fourth	Flashpoint	Dialed In	Dialed In	Dialed In	Dialed In	Mucho Macho Man



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# MEET THE PREAKNESS CONTENDERS

by Johnny D  
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## ANIMAL KINGDOM

He's the Kentucky Derby winner and that traditionally makes him the one to beat in Maryland. Not! The Derby winner may ship into Pimlico with all of the headlines, but the race is settled on the track and the Derby winner usually finds Preakness foes unimpressed by his newspaper clippings. Basically, it's rebounding from the strenuous mile and one-quarter slugfest known as the Kentucky Derby that spells doom for Derby/Preakness parlay hopefuls. After all, there are just two weeks between races and top horses these days rarely run more than once a month. Plus, the series of serious prep-races before the Derby are geared toward having a Derby winner at peak condition on the first Saturday in May, not the third. However, this season we have a much different scenario. Animal Kingdom is a relatively fresh horse who has made just five lifetime starts and only three this year. His only pre-Derby graded-stakes race was the Spiral (Gr. 3) at Turfway Park. Since he has raced relatively infrequently, he still may have more room for improvement. And that's a scary thought for Preakness foes.

## DIALED IN

The Kentucky Derby starting favorite's eighth-place finish in that race may not encourage previous backers to invest again on him in the Preakness. However, all things considered, he actually didn't run that badly. As a confirmed closer, Dialed In predictably spent the first part of the Derby in last place, after encountering some early bumping. He continued to gain ground throughout the mile and one-quarter journey, despite moving against relatively moderate early fractions of :23 1/5, :48 3/5, 1:13 2/5 and 1:37 2/5. Chances are good that he will see a more rapid early pace in the Preakness and that should aid his chance of passing tired foes. Of course, the Preakness is a sixteenth of a mile shorter than the Derby. Dialed In's connections

have some pretty strong motivation to have their charge bounce back in the Preakness. A win in this race would be worth \$6.1 million—a new North American single-purse record! With victory, Dialed

In would earn \$600,000 (from the \$1 million Preakness purse) and \$5.5 million (\$5 million to the owner and \$500,000 to the trainer from a Preakness \$5.5 million bonus). That winning total would eclipse the previous \$5,884,000 payday collected by Smarty Jones in 2004 when he won the Kentucky Derby and a \$5 million Oaklawn Centennial Bonus. Dialed In still must be respected as a talented horse and fans in his corner must believe that his Derby run advanced his conditioning sufficiently to set him up for his best in the Preakness.

## SHACKLEFORD

He set an uncontested, moderate pace in the Kentucky Derby, but may have found the mile and one-quarter a bit too far. In that case, a repeat of his fourth-place Louisville lope just might put him in great shape to fire a big shot in the Preakness Stakes. There's a widely-held belief that early speed and Pimlico's tight turns combine to make speed horses dangerous in the second leg of the Triple Crown. Unfortunately, that's a fallacy. Uncontested early

speed is formidable in any race, but no more or less deadly in the Preakness. In fact, Pimlico's turns are no 'tighter' than many other tracks that are one-mile in circumference. So, if he has no built-in track bias in the Preakness, why would Shackleford be one of the top Preakness contenders? Again, much like Animal Kingdom, Shackleford is relatively lightly raced. The Derby was just the sixth start of his career, so more improvement is possible. However, unlike Animal Kingdom, Shackleford had a strenuous race in the Florida Derby when Derby favorite Dialed In beat him by a head.

## 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

# CAN I HAVE ANOTHER CIGAR?

by Bob Neumeier  
NBC Sports Reporter



**ANALYSIS:** Despite a lightning-fast track, the :47-1/5 final half-mile and :23-4/5 final quarter (second-fastest since Secretariat) is proof positive of the magnificent Derby effort put on by **ANIMAL KINGDOM**. With no dirt form, you might parallel this effort with that of the champion of the 1990s, Cigar, who suddenly blossomed on dirt after an earlier campaign on the grass. It's a premature comparison but one worth following. While **AK** had success on turf and synthetics, his speed figure in the Kentucky Derby dwarfed his numbers on grass/synthetic. The only danger in the Preakness will be the dreaded "bounce." Certainly, the inclusion of quality speedballs like **FLASHPOINT** and **DANCE CITY** should make **ANIMAL KINGDOM'S** task even easier. Wow!

**MAIN CONTENDERS:** **ANIMAL KINGDOM** must be, and should be, a solid favorite. **DIALED IN** ran a sneaky-good eighth despite a poor start. He also closed lengths into a turtle-like pace and, with new speed signed on, he should be well set-up for a late move. His question is overall condition. **SWAY AWAY** is a fascinating newcomer. Clockers were raving about his CD morning workouts on Derby week. That **NEHRO** ran well out of the common Arkansas Derby race is also a plus.

**VALUE PLAYS:** My sense is that there is no clear-cut second choice in the wagering. **MUCHO MACHO MAN? DIALED IN? SWAY AWAY? FLASHPOINT** is interesting with a ton of early speed, but can he get the distance? His Florida Derby run was compromised by his poor start from the outside box. **SANTIVA** could improve off his Derby effort. All in all, **SWAY AWAY** may be okay value ... watch the tote.

## **WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):**

- \$40 Exacta: **ANIMAL KINGDOM** over **SWAY AWAY** (\$40)
- \$20 Exacta: **SWAY AWAY** over **ANIMAL KINGDOM** (\$20)
- \$10 Exacta: **ANIMAL KINGDOM** over **DIALED IN** and **FLASHPOINT** (\$20)
- \$20 Win: **SWAY AWAY** (\$20)

## **SELECTIONS:**

1. **ANIMAL KINGDOM**
2. **SWAY AWAY**
3. **DIALED IN**
4. **FLASHPOINT**

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## **STATS & TRENDS:**

### **DERBY WINNERS IN PREAKNESS**

(Last 10 Years)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Fin.</u>	<u>Odds</u>
2010	Super Saver	8 <sup>th</sup>	9-5*
2009	Mine That Bird	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6-1
<b>2008</b>	<b>Big Brown</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1-5*</b>
2007	Street Sense	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6-5*
2006	Barbaro	dnf	1-2*
2005	Giacomo	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6-1
<b>2004</b>	<b>Smarty Jones</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>3-5*</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>Funny Cide</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9-5*</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>War Emblem</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>5-2*</b>
2001	Monarchos	6 <sup>th</sup>	2-1

\*Favorite

### **DERBY WINNERS WHO FLOPPED**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Fin.</u>
2006	Barbaro	dnf.
1923	Zev	12th
1970	Dust Commander	9th
2010	Super Saver	8th
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:**

### **Don't Lose Faith**

Since 2000, 9 Kentucky Derby favorites have gone on to race in the Preakness with 7 of those finishing in the exacta at Pimlico (4 wins, 3 places). Lookin At Lucky was victorious in 2010 in this situation.

### **Newbie Success**

4 of the last 8 Preakness-winning trainers were making their Preakness debuts (Rick Dutrow 2008, Tom Albertrani 2006, John Servis 2004, Barclay Tagg 2003).

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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>	

# ANIMAL KINGDOM REIGNS AGAIN

by Mike Battaglia  
NBC Sports Racing Analyst



**ANALYSIS:** ANIMAL KINGDOM may have been a longshot in the Derby, but his win was definitely not a fluke. He ran the best race of his career in just his fifth start and this is a horse who figures to get even better with more racing. He will be a deserving favorite in the Preakness and should be very tough to beat if he handles the track. DIALED IN, the Derby favorite, was far back in the early stages and was never really in contention. He is also lightly raced and it would be easy to forgive one dull effort. Watching the way he trains will be key to determining whether or not he can bounce back in the Preakness. The addition of FLASHPOINT will assure a fast pace and his presence will definitely help the late runners.

**MAIN CONTENDERS:** ANIMAL KINGDOM was quite simply the best horse in the Derby. Contrary to other years where horses encountered trouble and cases could have been made that the best horse didn't win, this year's derby was fairly clean and it would be hard to come up with a runner who had a legitimate excuse. MUCHO MACHO MAN ran another solid race. He was making up ground at the end and proved that he fit with this group. He might be the main threat to the Derby winner. DIALED IN was much too far back to make up ground off of the moderate fractions. He is a horse who needs help on the front end to be effective.

**VALUE PLAYS:** SHACKLEFORD could be overlooked because he stopped in the stretch despite setting moderate fractions and there is more early speed in this one. He should like the shorter distance of the Preakness and if he can rate just off of the pace he could be dangerous. DANCE CITY is a new shooter who has never run a bad race and it's never a good idea to totally dismiss a Todd Pletcher runner.

## WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):

- \$10 Trifecta Key: ANIMAL KINGDOM over DIALED IN, MUCHO MACHO MAN and SHACKLEFORD (\$60)
- \$2 Superfecta Key: ANIMAL KINGDOM over DIALED IN, MUCHO MACHO MAN, SHACKLEFORD and DANCE CITY (\$48)

## SELECTIONS:

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM
2. MUCHO MACHO MAN
3. SHACKLEFORD
4. DIALED IN

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## STATS & TRENDS:

### DERBY RUNNER-UPS IN PREAKNESS

(Last 10 Years)

Year	Horse	Fin.	Odds
2010	did not compete	--	--
2009	Pioneerof The Nile	11 <sup>th</sup>	6-1
2008	did not compete	--	--
2007	Hard Spun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4-1
2006	did not compete	--	--
2005	Closing Argument	9 <sup>th</sup>	7-1
2004	Lion Heart	4 <sup>th</sup>	9-2
2003	did not compete	--	--
2002	Proud Citizen	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7-1
2001	did not compete	--	--

### WINNERS WHO SKIPPED DERBY

(Since 1970)

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

## KNOW THIS:

### New Shooters Fire

"New shooter" refers to any Preakness runner who did not race in the Kentucky Derby. First Dude's runner-up finish last year marked the 8<sup>th</sup> time in the last 9 years the Preakness had a "new shooter" in the exacta.

### 50-50 on Derby Runner-Up

Half of the Kentucky Derby runner-ups in the past decade have moved on to race in the Preakness. Ice Box bypassed the middle jewel in 2010. The last Derby runner-up to win the Preakness remains Summer Squall in 1990.

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# A MYSTIC CRYSTAL REVELATION

by Jeff Siegel  
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**ANALYSIS:** Let's hear it for those daily XpressBet Guide online updates! The scratching of our original selection, Toby's Corner, five days before the Kentucky Derby, allowed us to slide over to the "other" Graham Motion-trained colt, **ANIMAL KINGDOM**. The result was a lovely \$547.50 payoff for our recommended \$25 win wager. This victory was no fluke; **ANIMAL KINGDOM** rallied into the teeth of slow fractions and pulverized his competition. If he can handle the quick, two-week turnaround, he could easily do the same thing in Baltimore.

**MAIN CONTENDERS:** While **ANIMAL KINGDOM** deserves the favorite's role, there are a number of new shooters to consider in the exotics, among them **DANCE CITY**, who missed the Derby due to a lack of funds. He exits the strong Arkansas Derby and with another forward move he'll be in the battle throughout. **DIALED IN**, the beaten Derby choice, was given far too much to do when a walking pace stunted his closing kick; he's worth considering in a race that should produce faster early splits. And it will be difficult to play a vertical exotic without using the genuine and consistent **MUCHO MACHO MAN** somewhere in the mix.

**VALUE PLAYS:** **ASTROLOGY** is rounding into top form and his runner-up try in the Jerome – he was buried on the sloppy rail much of the way – was much better than it looked. A combination of a healthy work tab since that race, the stretch-out in trip, and speed figures that continue to rise with each outing makes the Steve Asmussen-trained colt enormously dangerous. Let's just hope his stars are properly aligned.

## **WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):**

- \$30 Win: **ASTROLOGY** (\$30)
- \$1 Trifecta box: **ASTROLOGY, ANIMAL KINGDOM, DANCE CITY, DIALED IN** (\$24)
- \$1 Trifecta box: **ASTROLOGY, ANIMAL KINGDOM, DANCE CITY, MUCHO MACHO MAN** (\$24)
- \$11 Exacta box: **ASTROLOGY** and **ANIMAL KINGDOM** (\$22)

## **STATS & TRENDS:**

### **RACE OF CHAMPIONS**

Preakness winner has been 3-Y-O Champ last 10 years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Horse</u>
2010	Lookin At Lucky
2009	Rachel Alexandra (filly)
2008	Big Brown
2007	Curlin
2006	Bernardini
2005	Afleet Alex
2004	Smarty Jones
2003	Funny Cide
2002	War Emblem
2001	Point Given

### **WHERE WINNERS WERE BRED**

<u>Wins</u>	<u>State</u>
92	Kentucky
8	Maryland
7	Florida
6	Pennsylvania
6	Virginia

## **KNOW THIS:**

### **Super Dud**

The eighth-place finish by Super Saver in the 2010 Preakness was the worst by a Kentucky Derby winner since Dust Commander was ninth in 1970. Next to Barbaro's ill-fated 2006 Preakness, it also marked the worst Preakness finish by the race's favorite since 1959 when First Landing ran ninth.

### **In Louisville They Trust**

The Kentucky Derby winner has been made the Preakness favorite in 7 of the last 10 years, including Super Saver in 2010. Only Mine That Bird, Charismatic and Monarchos did not go favored in Baltimore during that time.

## **SELECTIONS:**

1. **ASTROLOGY**
2. **ANIMAL KINGDOM**
3. **DANCE CITY**
4. **DIALED IN**

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# RESPECT FOR THE ROSES

by Jon White  
HRTV & Santa Anita Analyst



**ANALYSIS:** Deputed Testamony won the 1983 Preakness without having competed in the Kentucky Derby. Since then, Red Bullet in 2000 and Bernardini in 2006 have been the only other Preakness winners who did not run in the Kentucky Derby. So, as usual, I will be giving more respect to **ANIMAL KINGDOM** and the other horses exiting the Kentucky Derby than the so-called new shooters. The “stick with Kentucky Derby starters in the Preakness” angle was one of the reasons I loved Lookin At Lucky to win the 2010 Preakness.

**MAIN CONTENDERS:** Following **ANIMAL KINGDOM'S** convincing Kentucky Derby victory, I think he will be very difficult to beat in the Preakness. **MUCHO MACHO MAN** finished third in the “Run for the Roses,” an especially good effort considering he does not actually turn three until June 15. **SHACKLEFORD** set the slowest half-mile and six-furlong Kentucky Derby fractions since 1947 and finished fourth. I believe that performance did prove **SHACKLEFORD'S** narrow Florida Derby loss to **DIALED IN** was legit. **DIALED IN** had a tall order in the Kentucky Derby when having to rally after being last early with the pace far from sizzling. A faster Preakness pace (a distinct possibility) probably would help **DIALED IN**, but that probably also would be a plus for **ANIMAL KINGDOM**.

**VALUE PLAYS:** **FLASHPOINT** could prove a tough customer off his big Hutcheson triumph. **SWAY AWAY** moved too soon when fourth in the Arkansas Derby and drilled smartly at Churchill Downs on Derby Day. **MR. COMMONS** appears to have much upside for Zenyatta's trainer (John Shirreffs).

## **WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):**

- \$20 Exacta: **ANIMAL KINGDOM** over **DIALED IN**, **MUCHO MACHO MAN** and **SHACKLEFORD** (\$60)
- \$2 Exacta: **DIALED IN**, **FLASHPOINT**, **MUCHO MACHO MAN**, **SHACKLEFORD** and **SWAY AWAY** over **ANIMAL KINGDOM** (\$10)
- \$1 Exacta Box: **DIALED IN**, **FLASHPOINT**, **MR. COMMONS**, **MUCHO MACHO MAN**, **SHACKLEFORD** and **SWAY AWAY** (\$30)

## **SELECTIONS:**

1. **ANIMAL KINGDOM**
2. **MUCHO MACHO MAN**
3. **SHACKLEFORD**
4. **DIALED IN**

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## **STATS & TRENDS:**

### **HALF-MILE LEADERS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Half-Mile Leader</u>	<u>Fin.</u>
2010	First Dude	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2009	Rachel Alexandra	1 <sup>st</sup>
2008	Gayego	11 <sup>th</sup>
2007	Xchanger	8 <sup>th</sup>
2006	Like Now	7 <sup>th</sup>
2005	High Limit	5 <sup>th</sup>
2004	Lion Heart	4 <sup>th</sup>
2003	Peace Rules	4 <sup>th</sup>
2002	Menacing Dennis	10 <sup>th</sup>
2001	Richly Blended	10 <sup>th</sup>
2000	High Yield	7 <sup>th</sup>
1999	Cat Thief	7 <sup>th</sup>
1998	Baquero	7 <sup>th</sup>
1997	Crypt Too	9 <sup>th</sup>

### **FASTEST FRACTIONS**

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Horse</u>
Quarter	:22-2/5	tied 3 times
Half	:45	Bold Forbes, 1976
Six Fur.	1:09	Bold Forbes, 1976
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:**

### **Speed Again King (or Queen) at Pimlico?**

From 1997-2008, no Preakness half-mile leader finished in the money in the middle jewel of the Triple Crown. In 2009 Rachel Alexandra wired the field en route to victory, and First Dude held gamely for second a year ago.

### **Dozen Plus**

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# BETTORS WILL LEGITIMIZE DERBY WINNER



by Dick Jerardi  
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**ANALYSIS:** Kentucky Derby winner **ANIMAL KINGDOM** may have been a longshot, but the colt definitely was not a fluke. Running far off a slow pace, the horse shaded 24 seconds for the final quarter, running like a fresh horse in the stretch. Even though he has raced at five different tracks with five different jockeys, on synthetic, grass and dirt, the Derby winner has never run a poor race. That said, it is also fair to say there was not much behind the Derby winner. And that may be the case again in Baltimore.

**MAIN CONTENDERS:** **ANIMAL KINGDOM** may go from 20-1 to 2-1. His win was legit and is likely to be treated that way by the bettors. His 103 is the only two-turn, triple-digit Beyer in the race. **SWAY AWAY** made a huge (and premature) middle move in the Arkansas Derby. With a better-timed run, he is dangerous. **MUCHO MACHO MAN** never stopped trying when third in the Derby. The colt has only been worse than third once and that was a close fourth after a troubled trip in the Holy Bull. **SHACKLEFORD** is dangerous with a clear lead. **DIALED IN** was good enough to win the Holy Bull and Florida Derby, so he is good enough to win this and the \$5.5 million bonus that would go with it.

**VALUE PLAYS:** **SHACKLEFORD** controlled the Derby pace from the start and set very reasonable fractions. With the speedy **FLASHPOINT** and **DANCE CITY** in this race, **SHACKLEFORD** may have to go quicker at the start if the strategy is to try to clear the field. If the pace is hot and contested, there is a chance none of the speed horses hits the board. So the way to play may be to key the logical horses on top and use closers underneath in tris and supers.

## **WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):**

- \$1 Superfecta Key: **ANIMAL KINGDOM** over **SWAY AWAY**, **MUCHO MACHO MAN**, **DIALED IN**, **ASTROLOGY** and **SANTIVA** (\$60)
- \$40 Exacta: **ANIMAL KINGDOM** over **SWAY AWAY** (\$40)

## **STATS & TRENDS:**

### **FASTEST**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Time</u>
1985	Tank's Prospect	1:53-2/5
1996	Louis Quatorze	1:53-2/5
2007	Curlin	1:53-2/5
1984	Gate Dancer	1:53-3/5
1990	Summer Squall	1:53-3/5
1989	Sunday Silence	1:53-4/5
1991	Hansel	1:54
1971	Cannonero II	1:54

### **WIRE-TO-WIRE WINNERS**

(Last 50 Years)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Horse</u>
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:**

### **Rail Bird Blues**

The horse drawn on the rail has not finished in the Preakness top 3 since Tabasco Cat won the race in 1994. The most notable rail losers during that time include Big Drama and Lion Heart.

### **Super-Zito**

Trainer Nick Zito has saddled Preakness superfecta exploders Jackson Bend (11-1), CP West (24-1), Hemmingway's Key (29-1) and Sun King (21-1) just since 2005.

### **Heavy Duty**

The two strongest favorites to lose the Preakness all-time were Fusaichi Pegasus in 2000 and Riva Ridge in 1971. Both were hammered to just 30 cents on the dollar.

## **SELECTIONS:**

1. **ANIMAL KINGDOM**
2. **SWAY AWAY**
3. **MUCHO MACHO MAN**
4. **DIALED IN**

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# CAN DERBY REFUGEES CAGE'ANIMAL?

by Steve Byk

*At the Races with Steve Byk (SiriusXM) Host*



**ANALYSIS:** As mentioned annually, runners contesting the Preakness off favorable or forgivable Derby efforts should be the foundation of your wagers. In the last 10 editions of the Preakness, 8 winners of the Woodlawn Vase arrived from Louisville after overwhelmingly positive results, with Bernardini (2006) and Rachel Alexandra (2009) the lone and noteworthy exceptions.

**MAIN CONTENDERS:** Despite the 20-1 Derby tote, **ANIMAL KINGDOM** was lauded pre-race for offering the best workout oiled by the binocular boys, so don't think of him as a head-scratching winner. And while he may be worth trying to beat at Pimlico, he needs to figure prominently on your tickets given the tractability he flashed at the Downs. **MUCHO MACHO MAN** and **SHACKLEFORD** were less than length apart at the end of 10 furlongs, and both are eligible for roles throughout the mutuels again. Nick Zito comes back to Old Hilltop looking for his first Black-Eyed-Susan blanket since Louis Quatorze (1996), while eligible for a \$5.5 million bonus with failed Derby fave **DIALED IN**. Bob Baffert won his fifth Preakness a year ago shrugging off Lookin At Lucky's tough-trip Derby loss, and wheeling **MIDNIGHT INTERLUDE** back signals his confidence in a rebound try.

**VALUE PLAYS:** John Shirreffs has been lying in wait with **MR. COMMONS**, and was very eager for an opening at Churchill for the lightly-raced son of Artie Schiller. The middle jewel is now the one Triple Crown leg Todd Pletcher has yet to win, and **DANCE CITY** is an intriguing candidate off his gritty showing in the Arkansas Derby. Steve Asmussen has brought **ASTROLOGY** along a convoluted sophomore path, but his placements in the Jerome and Sunland Derby showed improvement from his 2yo form.

## **WAGERING STRATEGIES (\$100):**

- \$1 Trifecta: **ANIMAL KINGDOM** with **MR. COMMONS**, **SHACKLEFORD**, **MUCHO MACHO MAN**, **ASTROLOGY**, **DANCE CITY**, **DIALED IN**, **SWAY AWAY** with ALL (\$84)
- \$4 Exacta: **MR. COMMONS**, **SHACKLEFORD**, **MUCHO MACHO MAN**, **DIALED IN** over **ANIMAL KINGDOM** (\$16)

## **SELECTIONS:**

1. **ANIMAL KINGDOM**
2. **MR. COMMONS**
3. **SHACKLEFORD**
4. **MUCHO MACHO MAN**

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## **STATS & TRENDS:**

### **SUCCESSFUL LOCALS**

(Last 20 Years)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Fin.</u>
2006	Sweetnorthernst	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2005	Scrappy T	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2002	Magic Weisner	2 <sup>nd</sup>
1997	Captain Bodgit	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1995	Oliver's Twist	2 <sup>nd</sup>

### **RECENT PREAKNESS BLOWOUTS**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Lengths</u>	<u>Horse</u>
2004	11-1/2	Smarty Jones
2003	9-3/4	Funny Cide
2008	5-1/4	Big Brown
2006	5-1/4	Bernardini
2005	4-3/4	Afleet Alex

## **KNOW THIS:**

### **Baltimore Bob Does It Again**

Trainer Bob Baffert's five career Preakness wins (Silver Charm, Real Quiet, Point Given, War Emblem, Lookin At Lucky) now trail only R.W. Walden (7). Baffert tied Thomas Healey (5) and D. Wayne Lukas (5) with last year's victory.

### **Bounceback Bob**

The last two horses to finish off the board in the Kentucky Derby and rebound to win the Preakness were both Bob Baffert trainees, Lookin At Lucky in 2010 and Point Given in 2001.

### **Fabulous Favorites**

Favorites have won more 52 percent of the Preakness editions all-time, 70-for-135. Odds-on choices are an even stronger 18-for-28 (64 percent).

### **Padded Resumes Resonate at Preakness**

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