

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH, BLACK-EYED SUSAN**RACE 1**

4	MY MAGICIAN	Reunited, "Magician" & "Zip", back to dirt after mediocre turf starts.
3	EVERLASTING SECRET	
5	ZIPPITY ZOOM	

RACE 2

3	DELPHINIA	Johnny V back on Belmont shipper revisiting winning condition.
8	DO WHAT I SAY	
2	STORM TEMPLE PILOT	

RACE 3

4	MAXIMUS BEAUTY	Favorite impressed in win but talented foes worthy here to spoil.
5	BORINO	
1	THIRST FOR TRUTH	

RACE 4

4	LOTTIE	Journeymen Lottie wants to go farther vs. "Client", 2nd here last Preakness.
2	PRIVATE CLIENT	
9	NOTAPRADAPRICE	

RACE 5 - \$150,000 ALLAIRE DUPONT DISTAFF (G3)

4	TERRA PROMESSA	Can Curlin filly win outside the Ozarks? Stellar battle in last.
6	CARRUMBA	
1	POWER OF SNUNNER	

RACE 6

12	ARMOIRE	Balanced field, many with Hilltop wins, face rising Hilltop runner up.
7	FAMILY MEETING	
8	CONSCRIPTION	

RACE 7 - \$300,000 PIMLICO SPECIAL HANDICAP (G3)

6	SHAMAN GHOST	No doubt that "Ghost" has seem the best talent recently and held his own.
3	WATERSHED	
5	NOBLE BIRD	

RACE 8 - \$100,000 HILLTOP

1	DANCE QUEEN	Another step up for perfect turf miler that looks better with more sun, less rain.
3	VICTORY TO VICTORY	
13	MERCY ANN	

RACE 9 - \$150,000 MISS PREAKNESS (G3)

8	NONNA BELLA	Pace handicappers should love longshots here in speedy sprint.
12	PRETTY CITY DANCER	
7	BODE'S DREAM	

RACE 10 - \$100,000 JIM MCKAY TURF SPRINT

7	GRAND CANDY	Ben's Cat could get one more chance to say, "Get off my yard!".
14	PLATINUM PRINCE	
11	MADE BAIL	

RACE 11 - \$250,000 BLACK-EYED SUSAN (G2)

9	SUMMER LUCK	"Lucky's" son makes best use of added distance in balanced Susan.
3	DANCING RAGS	
4	FULL HOUSE	

RACE 12

13	HARLANDS THUNDER	Open turf sprint has many in 17 debut, even the favorite. Look long here.
8	ARBOL	
1	ADVERT	

RACE 13 - \$100,000 SKIPAT STAKES

2	SUMMER READING	After fighting, Jerkens is back to winning condition. So is Pletcher.
9	CLIPTHECOUPONANNIE	
8	PLEASANT TALES	

RACE 14

11	FUERZA	On paper, Fuerza has separation on this group, but chance to seek value.
5	DAZZLE	
10	CHARGED	

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH, PREAKNESS**RACE 1**

2	GHOST BAY	Dowell/Bailes returns to Toledo, seeking winning ways after tuft sprint.
6	KAITAIN	
5	SPRING QUALITY	

RACE 2

10	BEST YES	"Lime", 2-year old Male VA-bred champ makes '17 debut vs. Pimlico acers.
7	SHAN DIAN KIA	
9	LIME HOUSE LOUIE	

RACE 3

8	FLIGHT PATTERN	Two popular claimers may now stay turf despite who wins this duel.
6	SEEING'N" BELIEVING	
5	MORAL HIGH GROUND	

RACE 4

5	DHARMASTER	Does the roll continue for 3-year old Bodebabies? Trombetta has fresh.
2	SUPER DUDE	
4	MR. DOUGIE FRESH	

RACE 5 - \$100,000 VERY ONE

5	PRETTY PERFECTION	"Pretty" won't be a 10, 10-wide rather, today. Ross, a chance with LeParoux.
9	SUNNYSAMMI	
4	EUROBOSS	

RACE 6

10	NORTH OCEAN	The 8-yr old "North", in his 46th start, sees the turf for the 1st time.
5	COTURNIX	
11	I'M DA BIG MAN	

RACE 7 - \$200,000 CHICK LANG

5	PROFORMA	Sagamore proven, but Ross horse having great April mornings at Fair Hill.
7	RECRUITING READY	
1	THREE RULES	

RACE 8 - \$100,000 JAMES MURPHY

4	DOVER CLIFFS	Maiden winners seek to stretch out vs. stakes winner that already has.
6	YOSHIDA	
3	CARIBOU CLUB	

RACE 9 - \$150,000 MARYLAND SPRINT (G3)

4	A.P. INDIAN	Whitmore is 4 for 4 in sprints since last year's KY Derby. "Indian" spoils.
5	WHITMORE	
2	CLASS	

RACE 10 - \$150,000 GALLORETTE (G2)

7	ELYSEA'S WORLD	Two standout, one for this year's outings, the other for last year's wins.
6	ON LEAVE	
10	CAMBODIA	

RACE 11 - \$100,000 SIR BARTON

9	TIME TO TRAVEL	Two here lost to Preakness starters in last start, one prevails.
7	TRUE TIMBER	
2	HEDGE FUND	

RACE 12 - \$250,000 DIXIE (G2)

4	PROJECTED	It was just an allowance race but look who Projected bettered.
10	RING WEEKEND	
7	BLACKTYPE	

RACE 13 - \$1,500,000 PREAKNESS (G1)

9	LOOKIN AT LEE	Lee better, slightly better with each outing, Beyers' confirms.
5	CLASSIC EMPIRE	
4	ALWAYS DREAMING	

RACE 14

8	CLASSIC WILDCAT	King's 11-year-old has 2 good sloppy starts. Class confirms fast also works.
7	MINOR LEGEND	
3	DUKIN'WITH DALE	



"NICK'S PICKS"

EXPERT PICKS

"DERBY" BILL WATSON - "OFF TO THE RACES"

5	CLASSIC EMPIRE	CLASSIC EMPIRE -
4	ALWAYS DREAMING	Finished 4th in the
6	GUNNEVERA	Kentucky Derby

JUSTIN "THE COACH" METACARPA

5	CLASSIC EMPIRE	CLASSIC EMPIRE -
4	ALWAYS DREAMING	Arkansas Derby winner over
6	GUNNEVERA	two in this field.

KIM "BETTER TO BE LUCKY THAN" GOUDE

5	CLASSIC EMPIRE	CLASSIC EMPIRE - Sired
4	ALWAYS DREAMING	by Pioneerofthenile, same
10	CONQUEST MO MONEY	as American Pharoah.

FRANK "LET IT BE" VESPE

4	ALWAYS DREAMING	ALWAYS DREAMING - Is
5	CLASSIC EMPIRE	sired by 2012 Preakness
10	CONQUEST MO MONEY	runner up Bodemeister.

MIKE "VICAR" BARONE - PIC6 EXTRAORDINAIRE

5	CLASSIC EMPIRE	CLASSIC EMPIRE - Won
4	ALWAYS DREAMING	the 2016 Breeder's Cup
3	HENCE	Juvenile

MATT "VEGAS" JOSEPHS - ESPN AM 950 RICHMOND

4	ALWAYS DREAMING	ALWAYS DREAMING - The
5	CLASSIC EMPIRE	Preakness would be his 5th
2	CLOUD COMPUTING	straight win.

JERRY "TALKING" TOWNSEND - WXSM (BRISTOL)

5	CLASSIC EMPIRE	CLASSIC EMPIRE - One of
3	HENCE	6 Derby starters in this
4	ALWAYS DREAMING	year's Preakness.

"SULKY" DARRYL WOOD - VIRGINIA EQUINE ALLIANCE

5	CLASSIC EMPIRE	CLASSIC EMPIRE - The
2	CLOUD COMPUTING	unanimous handicappers'
6	GUNNEVERA	choice.

"HAVE NO NAME" NICK HAHN - "OFF TO THE RACES"

9	LOOKIN' AT LEE	LOOKIN' AT LEE - Finished
5	CLASSIC EMPIRE	2nd in the Kentucky Derby.
4	ALWAYS DREAMING	

PIVOTABLE PREAKNESS

In terms of horse racing immortality, perhaps the coolest thing about the Triple Crown and the moment the Derby winner is made clear is that the field of potential Triple Crown candidates goes from 20 to 1 in a matter of 2 minutes. It makes the "pivotable" Preakness held in one of racing's special historic venues an incredible moment on the annual sports calendar. Best of luck to this year's flag bearer, Always Dreaming.

Expert clearly like the roll of spoiler in the form of Classic Empire. Recent history suggests that Derby starters dominate in the Preakness. As for the rest of the stakes, I see plenty of opportunities to beat the favorites with value horses on both slates. Good luck to the five contest winners, Justin Metacarpa, Morris Murray, Danny Ourso, Suzanne Bystrak and Joseph Fields, all winners in theracingbiz.com contests over the last two weeks, earning \$100 Win wagers on the Preakness.



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