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Pimlico 1³/₁₆ MILES (1:52²)

Preaknes–G1 THE PREAKNESS. Grade I. Purse \$1,500,000

For Three-year-olds. \$15,000 to pass the entry box, starters to pay \$15,000 additional. Supplemental nominations may be made in accordance with the rules, upon payment of \$150,000, 60% of the purse to the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth and 3% to fifth. Weight: 126 pounds for Colts and Geldings, 121 pounds for Fillies. A replica of the Woodlawn Vase will be presented to the winning owner to remain his or her personal property.



Post time: 7:01 ET

Wagers: Exacta, 50 Cent Trifecta & Daily Double , 10 Cent Superfecta, \$1.00 Super High 5

Beyer par: 103

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Simplification

Own: Tami Bobo & Tristan De Meric

6-1 White, Red Key On Gray & Blue Padlock

VELAZQUEZ J R (—) 2022: (220 35 .16)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 88 Late 102

7May22-12CD fst 1¹/₈ C :45.36 1:10.34 1:36.96 2:02.61 KyDerby-G1 96 13/20 15¹¹15¹¹113¹/₂ 45 43¹/₂ Ortiz J L 126 35.30 86-08 Rich Strike126³/₄ Epicenter126³/₄ Zandon126²/₄ 3-5w,7w1/4, stayed well

2Apr22-14GP fst 1¹/₈ C :47.24 1:10.68 1:36.55 1:50.64 FlaDerby-G1 92 3/11 2¹/₂ 2¹/₂ 2¹/₂ 32¹/₂ Ortiz J L 122 *2.30 83-13 WhiteAbarrio122¹/₂ ChargeIt122¹/₂ Simplification122³/₄ Press,led,duel,willing

5Mar22-12GP fst 1¹/₈ C :23.77 :48.27 1:12.19 1:44.04 FtnnDYth-G2 96 2/11 6³/₄ 7¹/₂ 6¹/₂ 1¹/₂ 13¹/₂ Ortiz J L 120 *2.50 85-06 Simplification120³/₄ In Due Time120¹/₂ Captain118³/₄ Circled 6wd, drove clr

5Feb22-11GP fst 1¹/₈ C :23.93 :47.31 1:12.01 1:42.80 HolyBull-G3 91 4/9 7¹/₂ 6¹/₂ 5¹/₂ 33¹/₂ 24¹/₂ Castellano J J 122 3.70 86-09 WhiteAbarrio120³/₄ Simplification120²/₄ MoDoneg124¹/₂ Toss head brk,saved2nd

1Jan22-10GP fst 1 :23.70 :45.81 1:09.96 1:35.04 MuchoMManL150k 90 3/6 1¹/₂ 1¹/₂ 1¹/₂ 12¹/₂ 14 Castellano J J 118 4.20 96-10 Simplification118⁴/₅ StrikeHrd120¹/₂ MrRumRunner118³/₄ Pace 2p, mild urging

13Nov21-3GP fst 6f :22.31 :45.95 :58.25 1:11.69 OC 75k/N1x-N 59 1/6 4 1¹/₂ 3¹/₂ 3¹/₂ 35¹/₂ Vasquez M A 120 *3.30 79-16 OfRevolution120³/₄ Summery118³/₄ Simplification120³/₄ Pressured pc,held shw

23Oct21-7GP fst 6f :22.59 :45.72 :57.55 1:09.81 SMid Sp Wt 45k 92 1/9 9 2¹/₂ 11¹/₂ 16 116³/₄ Vasquez M A 118 *1.80 93-14 Simplification118¹/₂ StormyPtt118³/₄ HyHombr118³/₄ Inside,much the best

10Oct21-5GP fst 5¹/₂f C :23.20 :47.18 1:00.22 1:07.23 Mid Sp Wt 62k 68 5/8 4 43¹/₂ 43 44 53¹/₂ Gonzalez E 118 7.70 - - Gone Nuts118¹/₂ Uptown Lights118¹/₂ El Bailador118³/₄ Rail,4wd 3/16, evenly

WORKS: ●29Apr22GP 5f my 1:00²/₄ B 1/10 22Apr22GP 5f fst :59²/₄ B 4/17 15Apr22GP 5f fst 1:01⁴/₄ B 4/6 26Mar22GP 5f fst :59⁴/₄ B 2/31 19Mar22GP 5f fst 1:01⁴/₄ B 15/28 26Feb22GP 5f fst 1:02³/₄ B 38/41

TRAINER: Dirt(455 .13 \$1.25) Routes(417 .13 \$2.02) GrdStk(14 .07 \$0.50)

CLOSER LOOK: Earned a 92 Beyer blowing away maidens last October to become one of the faster 2-year-olds of 2021, then confirmed that figure when taking the Mucho Macho Man in his stakes and route debut two starts later. He showed that he can run through some adversity when rallying for second in the Holy Bull after breaking poorly, after which he took the Fountain of Youth from off the pace with a 96 Beyer. Being involved on the pace worked against him in the Florida Derby, and he reverted to closing tactics when finishing a good 4th in Kentucky and confirming that he ranks among the top colts of this crop. Starts from a good past and projects to have some pace in front of him here.

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Creative Minister

Own: Fern Circle Stables Back Racing LLC & Royal Blue, White Stars, White Stars On

HERNANDEZ B J JR (—) 2022: (321 58 .18)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 99 Late 80

7May22-4CD fst 1¹/₈ C :23.15 :47.23 1:11.67 1:42.37 OC 80k/N1x-N 92 4/11 7¹/₂ 43¹/₂ 42¹/₂ 21¹/₂ 12¹/₂ Hernandez B J Jr L122 3.60 94-08 CretivMinistr122³/₄ CovrMUp118¹/₂ Monysupply118⁷/₈ Hopped st,drv pst,clrd

9Apr22-1Kee slyS 1¹/₈ C :23.19 :46.82 1:12.17 1:46.49 Mid Sp Wt 98k 83 5/12 4⁴/₄ 4⁴/₄ 32¹/₂ 1¹/₂ 11¹/₂ Hernandez B J Jr L120 *1.60 71-27 CrtivMinistr120¹/₂ PonrngSprt120³/₄ EnoughAlrdy120³/₄ 3p1st,ins 2nd,3p upper

5Mar22-4GP fst 7f C :22.14 :44.84 1:09.90 1:23.63 Mid Sp Wt 53k 76 6/11 6 10⁷/₈ 7¹/₂ 45¹/₂ 2¹/₂ Hernandez B J Jr 120 *2.50 87-12 Felix120³/₄ Creative Minister120¹/₂ Master of Arms120³/₄ Rail,4wd 5/16, surged

WORKS: 30Apr22CD 5f fst 1:00²/₄ B 6/55 23Apr22CD 5f fst 1:01³/₄ B 35/70 2Apr22GP 4f fst :50¹/₄ B 53/84 ●26Mar22GP 4f fst :47 B 1/113 19Mar22GP 4f fst :49¹/₄ B 40/115 26Feb22GP 5f fst :58³/₄ B 2/41

TRAINER: WonLastStart(73 .15 \$1.53) Dirt(377 .16 \$1.91) Routes(414 .16 \$1.99) GrdStk(67 .15 \$1.61)

J/T 2021-22(239 .21 \$1.89)

One of the most lightly-raced colts in this race - both he and Early Voting will be making just the fourth starts of their respective careers on Saturday - he is also the lone runner in this Preakness without any prior stakes experience. He has won both starts since stretching out in distance following a green debut sprinting, and he has also proven to be quite handy in the running while improving with each start so far. He has much to prove while stepping up for the first time, and he raced on the Derby undercard, so doesn't have the benefit of coming into this race fresh, but catches a break with many of the Derby also-rans electing to pass this race and he would appear to have as much upside as anyone in this field. Don't overlook.

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Fenwick

Own: Villa Rosa Farm & Harlo Stable

50-1 White, Blue Roses, Pink Roses On Blue

GEROUX F (—) 2022: (243 37 .15)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 97 Late 70

9Apr22-9Kee gd 1¹/₈ C :48.39 1:12.72 1:37.86 1:50.35 BlueGras-G1 44 2/11 73¹/₄ 42 53 1118 1136 Lopez P 123b 21.20 52-18 Zandon123³/₄ Smile Happy123³/₄ Emmanuel123³/₄ Saved ground, tired

Previously trained by Fisher David 2021: (21 33 3 0.14)

12Mar22-5Tam gd 1⁴/₀ C :23.32 :48.06 1:13.28 1:40.55 Mid Sp Wt 32k 88 1/8 11 11 13 15¹/₄ Lopez P L120b 21.70 91-11 Fenwick120⁵/₈ Commndperformnc120¹/₂ AlwaysAbov120⁶/₈ Pace inside, handily

Previously trained by Asmussen Steven M 2021: (2427 454 362 362 0.19)

13Feb22-6FG fst 1¹/₈ S :24.54 :48.67 1:13.34 1:45.01 3+ Mid Sp Wt 52k 47 1/6 54 54¹/₂ 55 61¹/₂ 62³/₄ Murrill M L117 3.90 63-08 Rising Empire125¹/₂ Ardanwood125³/₄ Tiwanaku125¹/₂ Keen 7/8,no impact

22Jan22-5FG fst 1¹/₈ S :23.96 :48.05 1:13.32 1:45.57 Mid Sp Wt 58k 62 9/9 42 45 45 59¹/₂ 59³/₄ Rosario J L120 6.50 76-09 PeculWtrsr120¹/₂ PionringSpir120³/₄ Almznz120³/₄ 4w,3w btw2nd,flattened

4Dec21-1Aqui fst 7f :24.06 :48.11 1:13.23 1:26.82 Mid Sp Wt 80k 25 2/6 6 52¹/₄ 41³/₄ 61¹/₂ 619¹/₄ Lezcano J 119 *1.10 51-30 Scrip119²/₄ Long Term119¹/₂ Rhumjar119¹/₂ Bmpd brk,bit slw,ins

17Oct21-3Bel fst 7f :23.96 :47.66 1:12.43 1:24.89 Mid Sp Wt 90k 68 2/6 3 31¹/₂ 31 2¹/₂ 21³/₄ Lezcano J 119 6.00 76-17 Forced Ranking119¹/₂ Fenwick119¹/₂ Drakon119¹/₂ Ins turn,rail bid3/16

WORKS: 13May22CD 5f fst 1:00⁴/₄ B 16/28 5May22CD 4f fst :49²/₄ B 60/81 4Apr22Kee 4f fst :49³/₄ B 5/11 6Feb22FG 5f fst 1:01¹/₄ B 13/95 31Jan22FG 5f fst 1:01 B 7/15 18Jan22FG 4f fst :50²/₄ B 20/26

TRAINER: Dirt(1.00 \$0.00) Routes(1.00 \$0.00) GrdStk(1.00 \$0.00)

Improved suddenly when adding blinkers and finding improved early speed en route to a dominant maiden win in March at Tampa, where he easily defeated heavy favorite Commandperformance, who was Grade 1-placed as a 2-year-old and finished fourth at the Breeders' Cup. He stepped into the Blue Grass right off that maiden score and lost whatever chance he had early on when breaking poorly and then getting into traffic on the first turn. He clearly has much to prove, and being a speed-type isn't necessarily going to help him with other quality pace signed on to this race, but he did look good in the lone victory to date and is going to be a huge price if you like him.

4 Secret Oath

Own: Briland Farm
9-2 Royal Blue, Lime Sash, Lime Bars On

SAEZ L (—) 2022: (580 119 .21)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 88 Late 107

6May22-11CD	wf	1 ¹ / ₈	:46.51	1:11.44	1:36.48	1:49.44	ⓈKyOaks-G1	94	1/4	87 ¹ / ₂	84 ³ / ₄	31	11	12	Saez L	121	4.40	89-08	Secret Oath121 ²	Nest121 ²	Desert Dawn121 ²	5w3/8,took over,widened
2Apr22-12OP	fst	1 ¹ / ₈	:46.54	1:11.22	1:37.24	1:50.42	ArkDerby-G1	87	6/9	76	93 ³ / ₄	42 ¹ / ₂	22 ¹ / ₂	33 ¹ / ₂	Contreras L	117	*1.40	83-07	Cyberknife119 ²	Barber Road119 ²	Secret Oath117 ⁴	B thr brk,6w3/8,flatnd
26Feb22-50P	fst	1 ¹ / ₈	:23.15	:47.07	1:12.86	1:44.74	ⓈHoneybee-G3	92	3/6	53 ¹ / ₂	42	31 ¹ / ₂	15 ¹ / ₂	17 ¹ / ₂	Contreras L	122	*.30	86-18	Secret Oath122 ²	Ice Orchid117 ¹	Yuugiri117 ¹	Std'd2nd,got thru rail
29Jan22-40P	fst	1 ¹ / ₈	:24.09	:48.58	1:14.50	1:46.21	ⓈMWashingtnL200k	88	6/6	44	43	41 ¹ / ₂	15 ¹ / ₂	17 ¹ / ₂	Contreras L	122	*.50	78-22	Secret Oath122 ²	Optionality122 ⁴	Como Square122 ²	3w,moved at will,drift
31Dec21-80P	fst	1	:22.89	:46.45	1:11.69	1:37.38	ⓈAlw 120000nc	93	6/9	67	66	41 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	18 ¹ / ₂	Contreras L	L120	7.80	93-08	Secret Oath120 ²	Matarey115 ²	Miss Chamita118 ²	Waited 5/16,well clr
27Nov21-10CD	fst	1 ¹ / ₈	:24.04	:47.95	1:12.85	1:44.72	ⓈGoldnRod-G2	64	3/8	52 ¹ / ₂	32	31	54 ¹ / ₂	51 ¹ / ₂	Cohen D	122	16.80	71-21	Dream Lith122 ¹	Yuugiri122 ²	Sandstone122 ²	3p1st,bid 3w 2nd,empty
31Oct21-8CD	fst	1 ¹ / ₈	S :24.31	:49.86	1:14.95	1:46.86	ⓈMd Sp Wt 119k	62	7/8	42 ¹ / ₂	31 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂	13	15 ¹ / ₂	Cohen D	119	2.80	71-19	Scr10th119 ²	Bimthchmpgn119 ¹	LtNghtLdy119 ¹	Perched 3wd,wrapped up
30ct21-8CD	slly	1	C :22.84	:46.43	1:12.34	1:37.43	ⓈMd Sp Wt 119k	58	2/8	41 ¹ / ₂	41	5 ¹ / ₂	47	310 ¹ / ₂	Gutierrez R	119	31.40	72-19	Sandstone119 ²	Eivissa119 ¹	Secret Oath119 ²	Ins,shuffld1/4,staydon

WORKS: 25Apr22CD 6f fst 1:13 B 1/1 15Apr22CD 5f fst :59¹ B 3/60 25Mar22OP 5f fst 1:01 B 8/17 ●17Mar22OP 5f fst :59² B 1/34 8Mar22OP 4f fst :48² B 2/22 18Feb22OP 4f fst :48 B 2/14

TRAINER: WonLastStart(22 .18 \$1.39) Dirt(245 .10 \$1.11) Routes(142 .11 \$1.18) GrdStk(14 .14 \$0.96)

Confirmed her position as the leading 3yo filly in the country in her convincing Kentucky Oaks win fifteen days ago with a new Beyer top. In the midst of winning four in a row vs. her own sex, she passed on Oaklawn's Fantasy Stakes to take on colts in the Arkansas Derby. She could only manage third as the favorite in that race, though she didn't have the best of trips after getting bumped at the start and ultimately acquitted herself well. The complexion of this field works to her advantage, as does her push-button acceleration in a race that projects to set up well for her running style. She might wind up being an uninteresting price due to things outside of her ample ability, but she is a contender in this Preakness.

5 Early Voting

Own: Klaravich Stables Inc
7-2 White, Red Braces & Ks, White & Red

ORTIZ J L (—) 2022: (456 96 .21)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 126 Late 72

9Apr22-8Aqu	fst	1 ¹ / ₈	C :47.75	1:11.59	1:35.63	1:47.96	WoodMem-G2	96	3/8	11	1 ¹ / ₂	1 ¹ / ₂	12	2nk	Ortiz J L	123	2.40	108 -	MoDong123nk	ErlyVoting123 ²	Skippylongstockng123 ¹	Ins-2p,led past 1/16
5Feb22-8Aqu	my	1 ¹ / ₈	C :48.04	1:14.29	1:41.75	1:55.90	Withers-G3	87	9/11	11	12	13 ¹ / ₂	16 ¹ / ₂	14 ¹ / ₂	Ortiz J L	118	*1.30	68-28	Early Voting118 ⁴	Un Ojot118nd	Gilded Age118 ¹	In hand 3-4w, held clr
18Dec21-1Aqu	fst	1	:23.23	:47.19	1:12.65	1:38.41	Md Sp Wt 80k	76	7/7	2nd	2nd	12 ¹ / ₂	12 ¹ / ₂	11 ¹ / ₂	Ortiz J L	119	*.95	81-18	EarlyVoting119 ¹	MtDoyle119 ²	IconicAdventure119 ²	3p turn,steady urging

WORKS: ●13May22 Bel 5f fst 1:00³ B 1/11 6May22 Bel 5f fst 1:02 B 3/7 30Apr22 Bel 5f fst 1:00³ B 2/14 23Apr22 Bel tr.t 4f fst :49⁴ B 44/119 2Apr22 Bel tr.t 4f fst :48³ B 18/196 26Mar22 Bel tr.t 5f fst 1:00² B 7/54

TRAINER: 2Off45-180(143 .28 \$1.88) 31-60Days(381 .28 \$1.85) Dirt(414 .28 \$1.61) Routes(855 .27 \$1.87) GrdStk(244 .20 \$1.51)

Well-bred Gun Runner colt made an impression right away when winning convincingly at first-asking going a mile. He stepped right into a Grade 3 to make his second start while stretching out to nine furlongs, where he took no prisoners on a quick pace and never let that field into the race. That Withers didn't pull the strongest field but that was still a solid effort, and Early Voting confirmed that he has a chance to play near the top of this division when just missing in a strong Wood Memorial last ti me. He has the points to run in the Derby but his connections elected to await this, and it's hard to argue with that plan considering the makeup of this field. Dangerous speed coming in fresh.

6 Happy Jack

Own: Calumet Farm
30-1 Black, Gold Chevrons, Gold Chevrons On

GAFFALIONE T (—) 2022: (606 115 .19)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 88 Late 102

7May22-12CD	fst	1 ¹ / ₄	Ⓢ :45.36	1:10.34	1:36.96	2:02.61	KyDerby-G1	75	2/20	181 ⁷ / ₂₀	181 ⁷ / ₂₀	197 ³ / ₄	171 ⁶ / ₄	141 ⁹ / ₄	Bejarano R	126	23.20	71-08	Rich Strike126 ²	Epicerant126 ²	Zandon126 ²	Slow into stride,empty
9Apr22-6SA	fst	1 ¹ / ₈	C :46.70	1:10.97	1:35.86	1:48.46	SA Derby-G1	83	1/6	55	59 ¹ / ₂	67	59 ¹ / ₂	312 ¹ / ₂	Cedillo A	124b	26.80	80-08	Taiba124 ²	Messier124 ¹⁰	Happy Jack124nk	Off bit slow,best rest
5Mar22-6SA	fst	1 ¹ / ₈	C :22.66	:45.90	1:10.46	1:43.98	SnFelipe-G2	82	1/7	34	310	59 ³ / ₄	313	310 ³ / ₂	Cedillo A	120	26.30	79-11	ForbiddenKingdom120 ²	Doppelgngr120 ⁴	HppyJck120 ⁵	Drftd into str,clr 3rd
6Feb22-8SA	fst	1 ¹ / ₈	S :23.24	:46.94	1:11.32	1:42.89	RLewis-G3	61	5/5	53	55	58 ¹ / ₂	517	527 ¹ / ₄	Cedillo A	120b	7.70	68-08	Messier120 ¹⁵	Cabo Spirit124 ⁷	Wharton120 ⁴	Ins,tip 3wd,no menace
22Jan22-8SA	fst	6f	:21.78	:44.88	:57.90	1:11.07	Md Sp Wt 68k	75	6/8	1	43	55 ¹ / ₂	32 ¹ / ₂	11 ¹ / ₂	Cedillo A	L122b	24.40	82-18	Happy Jack122 ¹	BletchleyPark122 ²	MidnightFury117 ²	Rallied,drove clear

WORKS: 30Apr22 Kee 1 fst 1:39³ B 1/1 2Apr22SA 6f fst 1:14¹ H 5/12 26Mar22SA 5f fst 1:00⁴ H 10/54 20Mar22SA 5f fst 1:00² H 9/59 26Feb22SA 7f fst 1:26¹ H 1/1 20Feb22SA 4f fst :51 H 44/49

TRAINER: BlinkOn(70 .16 \$1.99) Dirt(415 .16 \$1.54) Routes(357 .14 \$1.08) GrdStk(71 .06 \$0.48)

Calumet homebred by 2013 Preakness winner Oxbow is eligible for an entry-level allowance and is the slowest horse in this field with an 83 Beyer top showing. The lone win to date came in his career debut sprinting. He looked good that day winning at a big price from off the pace, but he was not competitive in any of his next three starts vs, graded stakes rivals - though he did finish a distant third in both the San Felipe and the Santa Anita Derby to get enough points to run in Kentucky two weeks ago, where he was nowhere after acting up at the gate. Connections will press on and will put blinkers back on for the Preakness hoping for a turnaround.

7 Armagnac

Own: SF Racing LLC Starlight Racing Madake
12-1 Light Blue, Pink Belt, Pink Band On

ORTIZ I JR (—) 2022: (461 124 .27)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 113 Late 78

8May22-3SA	fst	1 ¹ / ₈	S :23.37	:47.78	1:12.26	1:44.45	OC 100k/n1x -N	93	3/6	11	11	11	13	14 ¹ / ₂	Van Dyke D	L122	2.50	87-12	Armgnac122 ⁴	HghCnccn122 ²	FstDrMnnngs122 ²	Turned awy foe,widened
9Apr22-6SA	fst	1 ¹ / ₈	C :46.70	1:10.97	1:35.86	1:48.46	SA Derby-G1	83	2/6	43	45	43	47 ¹ / ₂	412 ¹ / ₂	Van Dyke D	124b	72.00	79-08	Taiba124 ²	Messier124 ¹⁰	Happy Jack124nk	Pulled early, no rally
5Mar22-6SA	fst	1 ¹ / ₈	C :22.66	:45.90	1:10.46	1:43.98	SnFelipe-G2	55	3/7	22	23	39 ¹ / ₂	62 ¹ / ₂	627 ¹ / ₄	Velazquez J R	120b	4.60	63-11	ForbiddenKingdom120 ⁵	Doppelgngr120 ⁴	HppyJck120 ⁵	Closest early, tired
21Jan22-7SA	fst	1 ¹ / ₈	Ⓢ :23.62	:47.77	1:13.10	1:46.17	Md Sp Wt 67k	82	3/5	11	12 ¹ / ₂	11	12	12 ¹ / ₂	Velazquez J R	L122b	*.90	79-24	Armagnac122 ²	Pirol122 ¹⁰	South Street122 ²	Speed,drifted out str
31Dec21-6SA	gd	6 ¹ / ₂ f	:22.11	:45.18	1:10.86	1:17.52	Md Sp Wt 67k	55	5/6	6	41 ¹ / ₂	41 ¹ / ₂	33 ¹ / ₂	37	Smith M E	122b	4.70	76-15	Wharton122 ²	Got Thunder122 ¹	Armagnac122 ²	Bp bth sides st,4dp,3w

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TRAINER: WonLastStart(27 .19 \$1.07) Dirt(94 .19 \$1.75) Routes(89 .12 \$0.83) GrdStk(14 .14 \$0.96)

Quality Road colt is from the female family of Strodes Creek, who was second in the Derby and third in the Belmont several years ago. Began his career for Baffert and used his speed to break his maiden immediately upon stretching out in distance in January. He was no factor in either the San Felipe or Santa Anita Derby in races that were not run to suit him with other quality speed signed on. Took some class relief last month for Yakteen and wired allowance rivals with a career-best 93 Beyer. He has been at his best when able to make the running and he might not be the fastest horse early in this Preakness, but he is also likely to be a fair price with one of the top riders in the country taking over. Some things to like.

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Epicenter

6-5

Own: Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC

Maroon, White Circled W, White Bars

ROSARIO J (—) 2022: (307 66 .21)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 115 Late 87

7May22-12CD	fst	1¼	45.36	1:10.34	1:36.96	2:02.61
26Mar22-12FG	fst	1¾	47.35	1:11.69	1:36.16	1:54.38
19Feb22-13FG	fst	1½	47.97	1:12.25	1:36.58	1:49.03
22Jan22-14FG	fst	1½	43.40	1:12.16	1:44.36	
26Dec21-11FG	fst	1½	24.41	1:12.57	1:44.19	
13Nov21-8CD	gd	1	22.87	1:10.43	1:36.36	
18Sep21-5CD	fst	7f	22.37	1:10.14	1:22.75	

WORKS: 16May22 CD 4f fst :50² B 31/38 1May22 CD 5f my 1:01 B 3/6 24Apr22 CD 6f fst 1:12¹ B 3/4 17Apr22 CD 5f fst 1:00⁴ B 7/26 10Apr22 CD 5f fst 1:01 B 7/22 21Mar22 FG 4f fst :51 B 17/22

TRAINER: Dirt(2676 .20 \$1.43) Routes(1375 .17 \$1.30) GrdStk(164 .18 \$1.39)

He has been a leading 3yo from early on and went favored in the Derby two weeks ago following dominant wins in his final two preps at Fair Grounds. He was run down by an impossible horse in the Derby, but it is easy enough to go through that race from st art to finish and make the case that Epicenter was the best horse on the day and a very unlucky loser. Suppose wheeling back two weeks after a hard effort going 1 1/4 miles could be reason enough to take a shot against him at a short price, but any of his last three efforts makes him faster than anything his eight rivals have ever run, and he is not going to be compromised by dynamics. The clear horse to beat.

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Skippylongstocking

20-1

Own: Daniel Alonso

White, White Infinity Symbol On Orange

ALVARADO J (—) 2022: (454 62 .14)

TimeformUS Pace: Early 99 Late 89

9Apr22-8Aqu	fst	1½	47.75	1:11.59	1:35.63	1:47.96
2Mar22-4GP	fst	1½	45.00	1:09.93	1:36.82	1:49.80
4Feb22-9GP	fst	1	23.27	1:10.60	1:35.97	
1Jan22-10GP	fst	1	23.70	1:09.96	1:35.04	
5Dec21-10GP	fst	1	22.93	1:10.03	1:35.60	
31Oct21-10CD	fst	1½	24.65	1:14.32	1:44.68	
26Sep21-3GP	fst	1	24.75	1:12.78	1:37.94	
7Aug21-8GP	fst	7f	22.72	1:10.65	1:23.78	
10Jly21-7GP	fst	5½f	22.88	1:05.37		

WORKS: 13May22 PmM 5f fst :59³ B 1/5 7May22 PmM 5f fst 1:01¹ B 3/8 30Apr22 PmM 4f fst :48² B 5/40 2Apr22 PmM 5f fst 1:00² B 2/13 26Mar22 PmM 3f fst :35 B 1/55 19Mar22 PmM 5f fst :59² B 2/17

TRAINER: 31-60Days(471 .25 \$1.94) Dirt(573 .26 \$1.92) Routes(566 .19 \$1.66) GrdStk(87 .14 \$1.91)

Improving colt has handled added distance well in his two most recent starts and a change in tactics is likely at least partially responsible for the improved form. Alvarado wound up taking him back as a fast pace developed in that entry-level allowance going nine furlongs in March, and this colt rallied strongly into that setup to win going away with a new top Beyer. He rated once again in his stakes debut last month and wound up finishing well for third despite staying wide as the 1-2 finishers rode the inside, improving his Beyer to a 91. He still has much to prove but might have some pace in front of him here and can make a late run at a price once again. -Mike Beer

B. c. 3 (Jan) KEESEP20 \$260,000
Sire: Not This Time (Giant's Causeway) \$75,000
Dam: Silent Candy (Candy Ride*Arg)
Br: Westwind Farms (Ky)
Tr: Asmussen Steven M(—) 2022:(939 171 .18)

KyDerby-G1	100	3/20	86	85¼	1hd	11	2¾	Rosario J
LaDerby-G2	102	6/9	32	31½	31½	11½	12¾	Rosario J
RisenStr-G2	98	5/10	11	11	11½	14½	12¾	Rosario J
Lecomte-G3	88	5/9	1½	11½	11	1½	2hd	Rosario J
GunRunnerB98k	87	1/7	2½	2hd	2hd	13	16½	Hernandez B J Jr
Mid Sp Wt 120k	80	10/10	1½	2hd	1½	13	13½	Rosario J
Mid Sp Wt 120k	64	2/10	4	1½	1½	32½	67½	Santana R Jr

B. c. 3 (Apr) OBSAPR21 \$37,000
Sire: Exaggerator (Curlin) \$5,000
Dam: Twinkling (War Chant)
Br: Brushy Hill LLC (Ky)
Tr: Joseph S A Jr(—) 2022:(292 61 .21)

WoodMem-G2	91	6/8	53	53½	43½	54	33¾	Alvarado J
OC 75k/N1x-N	88	1/6	48½	49½	47½	12½	13¾	Alvarado J
OC 75k/N1x-N	79	6/8	2hd	2½	2hd	32½	47½	Alvarado J
MuchoMMManL150k	60	5/6	41½	21	21	55	617¾	Gaffalione T
OC 75k/N1x-N	70	7/8	43	2hd	2½	21	34	Gaffalione T
StretSnsL200k	63	3/7	32½	32	42	45½	412¾	Gaffalione T
Mid Sp Wt 45k	75	6/6	31½	1hd	13	18	110½	Diaz J Jr
Mid Sp Wt 45k	65	5/11	5	53½	41¾	22½	29½	Diaz J Jr
Mid Sp Wt 45k	49	9/9	7	64¾	52½	43½	45¾	Diaz J Jr

Life	7	4	2	0	\$1,610,639	102
2022	4	2	2	0	\$1,480,000	102
2021	3	2	0	0	\$130,639	87
Pim	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

126	*4.10	89-08	Rich Strike126½	Epicenter126½	Zandon126½	
122	*1.00	104-01	Epicenter122½	Zozos122½	Pioneer of Medina122¾	
122	3.50	101-02	Epicenter122½	Smile Happy122½	Zandon122hd	
122	1.60	92-09	Call MeMidnight122hd	Epicenter122½	Pappacap122¾	
122	2.90	91-09	Epicenter122½	Tejano Twist122½	Surfer Dude122hd	
119	3.10	88-17	Epicenter119¾	Seal Beach119¾	Surfer Dude119¾	
119	13.20	81-13	Great Escape119¾	Seal Beach119¾	Giant Game119no	

126 *4.10 89-08 Rich Strike126½ Epicenter126½ Zandon126½ Shook clear, caught

122 *1.00 104-01 Epicenter122½ Zozos122½ Pioneer of Medina122¾ Rate ins,authoritative

122 3.50 101-02 Epicenter122½ Smile Happy122½ Zandon122hd Glided away,geard down

122 1.60 92-09 Call MeMidnight122hd Epicenter122½ Pappacap122¾ 2p,dueld1/4,game,naild

122 2.90 91-09 Epicenter122½ Tejano Twist122½ Surfer Dude122hd Vied 2wd, ridden out

119 3.10 88-17 Epicenter119¾ Seal Beach119¾ Surfer Dude119¾ Controlled pace, clear

119 13.20 81-13 Great Escape119¾ Seal Beach119¾ Giant Game119no Ins trn,2p1/4,gave way

Life	9	2	1	2	\$165,100	91
2022	4	1	0	1	\$111,600	91
2021	5	1	1	1	\$53,500	75
Pim	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

123	17.40	104 -	MoDong1123nk	ErlyVotng123¾	Skippylongstockng123½	
L120	4.80	89-14	Skippylongstckng120¾	StISnshn118½	SwngShft1207½	
L120	8.10	85-11	InDueTim120¾	AmricnIcon120½	IronWorks120hd	
118b	5.30	78-10	Simplification118½	StrikHrd1207½	MrRumRunnr118nk	
120	2.90	90-07	StrikHrd120¾	APsScrt120no	Skippylongstockng120½	
122	4.40	69-19	Howling Time122¾	Red Danger122¾	Red Knobs122½	
118	2.40	83-16	Skippylongstockng118¼	RdTwRdt118½	KhlStr118½	
118	4.60	83-14	ChncllorBy118¾	Skippylongstockng118½	StrikHrd1187½	
118	5.70	80-17	DesertRuler118½	HyHighPockts118¾	CloudPly118¾	

123 17.40 104 - MoDong1123nk ErlyVotng123¾ Skippylongstockng123½ 2p1st,4p2nd,no kick

L120 4.80 89-14 Skippylongstckng120¾ StISnshn118½ SwngShft1207½ Bid late trn,pull away

L120 8.10 85-11 InDueTim120¾ AmricnIcon120½ IronWorks120hd Bump brk,2w,4w3/16,wkn

118b 5.30 78-10 Simplification118½ StrikHrd1207½ MrRumRunnr118nk Prompted winner 3path

120 2.90 90-07 StrikHrd120¾ APsScrt120no Skippylongstockng120½ Vied 2wd btw, lost 2nd

122 4.40 69-19 Howling Time122¾ Red Danger122¾ Red Knobs122½ Ins,outpacd 2w1/4,chsds

118 2.40 83-16 Skippylongstockng118¼ RdTwRdt118½ KhlStr118½ Cleared to turn, drvng

118 4.60 83-14 ChncllorBy118¾ Skippylongstockng118½ StrikHrd1187½ 2-3wd, bid, no match

118 5.70 80-17 DesertRuler118½ HyHighPockts118¾ CloudPly118¾ Slow start,4wd,no gain

J/T 2021-22(209 .24 \$1.29)

J/T 2021-22(59 .29 \$2.71)