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Pimlico 1 1/16 Miles (1:52) Preaknes-G1 THE PREAKNESS. Grade I. Purse \$1,000,000 For Three-year-olds. \$10,000 to pass the entry box, starters to pay \$10,000 additional. Supplemental nominations may be made in accordance with the rules, upon payment of \$25,000, 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, 123 pounds for Fillies. The Preakness Stakes has been selected as one of the Breeders' Cup Win and You're In Challenge Races. A replica of the Woodlawn Vase will be presented to the winning owner to remain his or her personal property.



Post time: 5:36 ET

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

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1 Excession

Own: Calumet Farm
30-1 Black, Gold Chevrans, Gold Chevrans On
RUSSELLS (5 0 0 .00) 2020: (247 43 .17)



B. c. 3 (Feb) KEESEP18 \$150,000
Sire: Union Rags (Dixie Union) \$50,000
Dam: Draw It (Tapit)
Br: Randal Family Trust R David & Marilyn (Ky)
Tr: Asmussen Steven M (1 1 0 0 1.00) 2020 : (1665 311 .19)



Table with columns: Life, 9, 1, 1, 3, \$288,612, 95, D.Fst, 6, 0, 0, 2, \$29,140, 76. Includes rows for 2020, 2019, and Pim.

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Surface, Time, Odds, Name, Trainer. Includes races from 14Mar20-100P to 21Jul19-8Sar.

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Surface, Time, Odds, Name, Trainer. Includes races from 95 2/8 to 45 9/10.

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Surface, Time, Odds, Name, Trainer. Includes races from 117 82.60 to 119 26.00.

WORKS: Sep 28 CD 4f fst :49.4 B 18/37 ... CLOSER LOOK Returns from 203-layoff after surgery to remove a knee chip; when last seen, he easily outran his 82 to 1 odds behind the talented Nadal...

2 Mr. Big News

Own: Allied Racing Stable LLC
12-1 Wildcat Blue, Black T On White Ball
SAEZ G (-) 2020: (384 57 .15)



B. c. 3 (Jan) FTKOCT18 \$95,000
Sire: Giant's Causeway (Storm Cat)
Dam: Unappressed'Ire (Galileo'Ire)
Br: Don Alberto Corporation (Ky)
Tr: Calhoun William Bret (-) 2020 : (435 92 .21)



Table with columns: Life, 8, 2, 1, 1, \$468,553, 101, D.Fst, 5, 1, 0, 1, \$336,703, 101. Includes rows for 2020, 2019, and Pim.

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Surface, Time, Odds, Name, Trainer. Includes races from 5Sep20-14CD to 19Oct19-7Kee.

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Surface, Time, Odds, Name, Trainer. Includes races from 101 7/15 to 48 2/12.

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Surface, Time, Odds, Name, Trainer. Includes races from 126 46.50 to 118 58.00.

WORKS: Sep 25 CD 4f fst :50.2 B 59/68 ... CLOSER LOOK Like Excession, this colt received a favorable pace scenario over sloppy going when winning the \$200,000 Oaklawn Stakes...

3 Art Collector

Own: Bruce Lunsford
5-2 Black, Cerise Sash, Cerise Bars On
HERNANDEZ B J JR (-) 2020: (488 79 .16)



B. c. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Bernardini (A.P. Indy) \$40,000
Dam: Distorted Legacy (Distorted Humor)
Br: W Bruce Lunsford (Ky)
Tr: Drury Thomas Jr (-) 2020 : (99 18 .18)



Table with columns: Life, 9, 5, 1, 0, \$664,380, 103, D.Fst, 5, 4, 0, 0, \$570,974, 103. Includes rows for 2020, 2019, and Pim.

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Surface, Time, Odds, Name, Trainer. Includes races from 9Aug20-10EIP to 30Nov19-6CD.

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Surface, Time, Odds, Name, Trainer. Includes races from 100 4/12 to 74 8/9.

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Surface, Time, Odds, Name, Trainer. Includes races from 122 *40 to 119 7.10.

WORKS: Sep 26 CD 4f fst :48 B 7/78 ... CLOSER LOOK Withdrawn from the Derby with the week of the race with a foot injury, this talented colt brings a five-race win streak to this year's Preakness...

4 Swiss Skydiver

Own: Peter J Callahan
6-1 Royal Blue & Red Vertical Halves, Royal
ALBARADO R J (-) 2020: (339 21 .06)
TimeformUS Pace: Early 118 Late 86

Ch. f. 3 (Mar) KEES18 \$35,000
Sire: Daredevil (More Than Ready)
Dam: Expo Gold (Johannesburg)
Br: WinStar Farm LLC (Ky)
Tr: McPeck Kenneth G (-) 2020 : (280 47 .17)

Table with columns: Life, 10, 5, 3, 1, \$1,192,980, 102, D.Fst, 9, 5, 2, 1, \$1,173,580, 102. Includes race results for 2020 and 2019.

L123 2020 8 4 2 1 \$1,141,820 102
2019 2 1 0 0 \$51,160 77
Pim 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

WORKS: Sep 26 CD 5f st 1:00.4 B 19/57 Sep 19 CD 4f st :48 B 11/112 Aug 29 CD 4f gd :49 B 8/40 Aug 8 Sar br 5f st 1:01.2 B 2/6 Aug 1 CD 5f my 1:01 B 5/19
TRAINER: Dirt (455 .16 \$1.90) Routes (454 .16 \$1.86) GrdStk (55 .13 \$2.51)

5 Thousand Words

Own: Albaugh Family St&Spendthrift Fm
6-1 Orange & Purple Quarters, Orange
GEROUX F (-) 2020: (568 100 .18)
TimeformUS Pace: Early 112 Late 98

B. c. 3 (Jan) KEES18 \$1,000,000
Sire: Pioneer of the Nile (Empire Maker)
Dam: Pomeroy Pistol (Pomeroy)
Br: Handacre Farm (Fla)
Tr: Baffert Bob (-) 2020 : (244 70 .29)

Table with columns: Life, 7, 4, 1, 0, \$327,000, 104, D.Fst, 5, 3, 1, 0, \$205,500, 104. Includes race results for 2020 and 2019.

L126 2020 5 2 1 0 \$176,000 104
2019 2 2 0 0 \$151,000 91
Pim 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

WORKS: Sep 26 CD 5f st 1:00.3 B 16/57 Sep 19 CD 5f st 1:02.2 B 26/38 Aug 29 Dmr 5f st :59.4 H 2/33 Aug 23 Dmr 5f st 1:00 H 8/87
TRAINER: Dirt (85 .31 \$1.75) BlinkOn (26 .38 \$2.46) WonLastStart (141 .26 \$1.18) Dirt (496 .28 \$1.56) Routes (256 .25 \$1.81) GrdStk (169 .24 \$1.29)

6 Jesus' Team

Own: Grupo Seven C Stable
30-1 Hunter Green, Hunter Green Tr In Khaki
TOLEDO J (17 1 4 2 .06) 2020: (384 62 .16)
TimeformUS Pace: Early 93 Late 96

B. c. 3 (Apr) KEES18 \$30,000
Sire: Tapiture (Tapit) \$7,500
Dam: Golden Memories (Suave)
Br: Pamela P Martin (Ky)
Tr: D'Angelo Jose F (-) 2020 : (82 14 .17)

Table with columns: Life, 10, 2, 3, 2, \$146,640, 95, D.Fst, 9, 2, 3, 2, \$146,300, 95. Includes race results for 2020 and 2019.

L126 2020 7 2 2 1 \$137,040 95
2019 3 1 1 1 \$9,600 60
Pim 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

WORKS: Sep 26 Mth 5f st 1:03.2 B 23/25 Sep 19 Mth 4f st :47.4 B 4/75 Aug 29 Mth 4f st :48 B 2/33 Aug 8 Mth 5f my 1:03.4 B 2/2
TRAINER: Dirt (86 .19 \$1.11) Routes (77 .19 \$1.05) GrdStk (2 .00 \$0.00)

CLOSER LOOK Reformed claimer was no match for Authentic and Ny Traffic in the Haskell, but rebounded with solid efforts in both the Pegasus and Jim Dandy while finishing behind Preakness contenders Pneumatic and Liveyourbestlife; tracked three wide and in between in the early stages of the Pegasus, was outpaced a bit on the second turn and ended up second-best to odds-on Pneumatic; sat a nice trip tracking a pair of longshot leaders in the Jim Dandy, made an early three-wide bid to take over at the five-sixteenths and tired in the last eighth of a mile; needs to improve on the Beyer scale and the feeling here is that he's just a bit beneath the top players in terms of current form and class; connections have done a nice job with this colt, but prefer others.

7 Ny Traffic

Own: John Faneli Cash is King LLC, LC Racl
15-1 Black, Silver Fleur De Lis, Black Cap
KARAMANOS H A (11 2 0 .09) 2020: (371 64 .17)
TimeformUS Pace: Early 109 Late 82

Br/r. c. 3 (Apr)
Sire: Cross Traffic (Unbridled's Song) \$15,000
Dam: Mamie Rellly (Graeme Hall)
Br: Brian Culnan (NY)
Tr: Joseph S A Jr (-) 2020 : (430 100 23)

Table with columns: Life, 10, 2, 3, 2, \$565,470, 101, D.Fst, 10, 2, 3, 2, \$565,470, 101. Includes race results for 2020 and 2019.

L126 2020 6 1 3 1 \$494,900 101
2019 4 1 0 1 \$70,570 84
Pim 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

WORKS: Sep 27 CD 4f st :48 B 2/88 Aug 28 Sar 5f st :59.2 B 3/17 Aug 20 Sar 5f st :59 B 2/25
TRAINER: 20H45-180 (138 .25 \$2.05) Dirt (473 .26 \$1.76) Routes (388 .23 \$1.77) GrdStk (41 .15 \$2.73)

CLOSER LOOK New York-bred made Authentic sweat two back in the Haskell; chased that one throughout, looked like he was beaten at the three-sixteenths pole, and dug in resolutely to make it very, very close at the wire; outbroke Authentic in the Derby, but opted to let that one go to the front; took up a familiar position outside Authentic on the backstretch, but began to fade at the five-sixteenths pole; won't be surprised if Paco decides to take the race to Authentic this time around; he's run some very game races in graded stakes this year without winning, but perhaps there's limited upside after ten starts; staying close to a fast pace might hurt his chances; not convinced.

8 Max Player

Own: George E Hall & SportBLX Throu...
15-1 Neon Pink, Orange Hoops, Pink Bars On

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr)
Sire: Honor Code (A.P. Indy) \$30,000
Dam: Fools in Love (Not For Love)
Br: K & G Stables (Ky)
Tr: Asmussen Steven M (1 1 0 0 1.00) 2020 : (1665 311 .18)

Table with columns: Life, 6, 2, 1, 2, \$463,500, 99, D.Fst, 5, 1, 1, 2, \$436,500, 99. Includes rows for 2020 and 2019 performance.

LOPEZ P (-) 2020: (775 147 .19)
TimeformUS Pace: Early 62 Late 121

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Pace, Time, Position, Trainer, etc. Includes races like 55Sep20-44CD fst 1 1/4, 8Aug20-41Sar fst 1 1/4, etc.

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Pace, Time, Position, Trainer, etc. Includes races like L126 b 19.60 104-02 Authentic1 1/2, etc.

WORKS: Sep 28 CD 4f fst: 49.4 B 18/37
TRAINER: Dirt (3096 .20 \$1.49) Routes (1663 .18 \$1.38) GrdStk (238 .17 \$1.48)

CLOSER LOOK The feeling with this colt is that there's a big race for him, especially if the late-runner gets a clean trip in a spot with some pace for him to attack late; looked very good winning the Withers before the break, then was far from embarrassed when third to Tiz the Law in the Belmont despite dealing with a 140-day layoff; failed to make any inroads against that one in the Travers, but might have been hurt somewhat by the speed-favoring nature of that Saratoga surface; didn't break great from the rail in the Derby and was far back along the inside on the backstretch; split horses in the lane and was finishing with real interest; he'll get pace here and the distance won't be a problem; single-race exotics factor at what should be a nice price.

9 Authentic

Own: SpdHfrt & MyRchrs & MdkT & Stright
9-5 Orange & Purple Quarters, Orange

B. c. 3 (May) KEESEP18 \$350,000
Sire: Into Mischief (Harlan's Holiday) \$175,000
Dam: Flawless (Mr. Greeley)
Br: Peter E Blum Thoroughbreds LLC (Ky)
Tr: Baffert Bob (-) 2020 : (244 70 .29)

Table with columns: Life, 6, 5, 1, 0, \$2,871,200, 105, D.Fst, 6, 5, 1, 0, \$2,871,200, 105. Includes rows for 2020 and 2019 performance.

VELAZQUEZ JR (-) 2020: (529 84 .16)
TimeformUS Pace: Early 119 Late 82

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Pace, Time, Position, Trainer, etc. Includes races like 55Sep20-44CD fst 1 1/4, 18Jy20-42Mth fst 1 1/4, etc.

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Pace, Time, Position, Trainer, etc. Includes races like L126 8.40 111-02 Authentic1 1/2, etc.

WORKS: Sep 28 CD 4f fst: 47.3 B 1/37
TRAINER: 20H45-180 (65 .26 \$2.25) WonLastStart (141 .26 \$1.18) Dirt (496 .28 \$1.56) Routes (256 .25 \$1.81) GrdStk (169 .24 \$1.29)

CLOSER LOOK The Derby winner refused to let heavily-favored Tiz the Law past despite setting an enervating pace up front; Johnny V. let the Into Mischief colt find his stride early, then assumed command while racing well off the rail; dropped closer to the fence on the second turn and kept on trucking; Baffert is 7 for his last 19 (37%, \$2.31 ROI) with 3-year-old last-out winners returning in graded stake dirt routes; best races have come when controlling the pace and there is a worry he might not easily get to the front here with other quick ones entered; drew outside the other speeds and that gives him the option of sitting just off the lead while in the clear; rebounded from his Derby win with two bullet drills; deserving favorite looms the horse to beat.

J/T 2019-20 (14 .43 \$2.50)

10 Pneumatic

Own: Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC
20-1 Maroon, White Circled W, White Bars

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Feb)
Sire: Uncle Mo (Indian Charlie) \$125,000
Dam: Teardrop (Tapit)
Br: Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC (Ky)
Tr: Asmussen Steven M (1 1 0 0 1.00) 2020 : (1665 311 .18)

Table with columns: Life, 5, 3, 0, 1, \$256,850, 98, D.Fst, 5, 3, 0, 1, \$256,850, 98. Includes rows for 2020 and 2019 performance.

BRAVO J (-) 2020: (320 55 .17)
TimeformUS Pace: Early 99 Late 92

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Pace, Time, Position, Trainer, etc. Includes races like 15Aug20-40Mth fst 1 1/4, 20Jun20-40Bel fst 1 1/4, etc.

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Pace, Time, Position, Trainer, etc. Includes races like L119 *.80 77-27 Pneumatic2 1/2, etc.

WORKS: Sep 28 Sar tr. 4f gd: 50.1 B 9/19
TRAINER: 31-60Days (1355 .19 \$1.45) WonLastStart (702 .22 \$1.48) Dirt (3096 .20 \$1.49) Routes (1663 .18 \$1.38) GrdStk (238 .17 \$1.48)

CLOSER LOOK Lightly-raced colt has lots of upside potential and appears to be coming into this race the right way for Asmussen; foreshadowed his talent when winning that one-mile race at Oaklawn in the spring, then gave the more-experienced Maxfield and Ny Traffic a true tussle after surprisingly winding up on the lead in the Matt Winn; ran fine in the Belmont in what might have been a case of "too much, too soon" and backed that up with a nice confidence-booster in the Pegasus; found a fine spot stalking the pace while in the clear, took over without much fuss outside the quarter pole and wasn't really threatened by Jesus' Team's late bid; expect him to leave out of there and try to tuck in midpack behind the solid pace; some price potential.

J/T 2019-2018 .38 \$2.20)

11 Liveyourbestlife

Own: William H Lawrence
30-1 Royal Blue, Yellow Collar & Compass

Dk. b or br c. 3 (May) FTFMAR19 \$200,000
Sire: Ghostzapper (Awesome Again) \$85,000
Dam: Ellie's Moment (Kris S.)
Br: Phillips Racing Partnership (Ky)
Tr: Abreu Jorge R (-) 2020 : (97 16 .16)

Table with columns: Life, 8, 2, 1, 1, \$110,035, 94, D.Fst, 8, 2, 1, 1, \$110,035, 94. Includes rows for 2020 and 2019 performance.

MCCARTHY T (18 5 3 1 28) 2020: (510 109 .21)
TimeformUS Pace: Early 95 Late 103

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Pace, Time, Position, Trainer, etc. Includes races like 55Sep20-85Sar fst 1 1/4, 12Aug20-85Sar fst 1 1/4, etc.

Table with columns: Race, Date, Distance, Pace, Time, Position, Trainer, etc. Includes races like L118 b 14.30 89-06 MysticGud1 1/2, etc.

WORKS: Sep 26 Bel of fst 1:16.1 B 1/3
TRAINER: Dirt (111 .23 \$1.78) Routes (174 .16 \$1.83) GrdStk (12 .00 \$0.00)

CLOSER LOOK He's come a long way since winning his debut for a \$62,500 price tag at Belmont last summer; seemed to run in spots in the Jim Dandy; saved ground in a loose pocket, but dropped back significantly along the inside entering the far turn; swung to the far outside turning for home and re-rallied for the place; he's improving from start to start for underrated trainer and is another that shouldn't have an issue with this distance; still needs to prove that he's up to this from a class perspective and will need continued improvement on the Beyer scale; leaning elsewhere.

-Dan Illman