

# Preakness Stakes chart

12th race. 1 3/16 miles. Dirt. Purse \$1 million. 3-year-olds. Stakes value: \$1 million. Value to winner: \$600,000. Second: \$200,000. Third: \$110,000. Fourth: \$60,000. Fifth: \$30,000.

	Wt.	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	odds
Curlin.....	126	4	6	6-hd	7-2	6-3	2-hd	1-hd	Albarado	3.40
Street Sense.....	126	8	5	8-2½	8-3	7-hd	1-1½	2-4	Borel	1.30
Hard Spun.....	126	7	9	3-1½	3-2½	1-2	3-1½	3-1½	Pino	4.10
C P West.....	126	9	3	5-3	4-1½	3-2½	4-5	4-1¼	Prado	24.90
Circular Quay.....	126	3	7	9	9	9	5-hd	5-3¼	Velazquez	6.00
King of the Roxy.....	126	5	2	4-½	5-4	5-1	6-6	6-6½	Gomez	14.20
Mint Slewlep.....	126	1	8	7-1	6-½	8-2½	7-3	7-8½	Garcia	40.10
Xchanger.....	126	2	1	1-½	1-1	2-hd	8-5	8-4¼	Dominguez	23.00
Flying First Class.....	126	6	4	2-3	2-3½	4-1	9	9	Guidry	16.60

Time: 22.830, 45.750, 1:09.800, 1:34.680, 1:53.460. Off 6:18. Start: good, stumbled brk, 5 wide. Track: fast. Winner: Chestnut Colt, by Smart Strike out of Sherriff's Deputy, by Deputy Minister, Foaled March 25, 2004 in Kentucky. Trainer: Steven Asmusen.

4	Curlin	8.80	3.80	2.80
8	Street Sense		3.00	2.40
7	Hard Spun			3.00

Pick 6 (2/5/8/10-2/4-1-4-6/12-9-4) \$789.50 (5 correct 2/5/8/10-2/4-1/4/6-12-9-4 \$15.20). Pick 4 (1/4/6-12-9-4) \$440.20. Pick 3 (12-9-4) \$349.20. Trifecta \$50.00. Superfecta (4-8-7-9) \$340.30. Daily double (9-4) \$42.20. Daily double (Black Eyed Susan-Preakness 2-4) \$34.80. Exacta \$23.20.

## COMMENTS

**Curlin** – Stumbled a bit at start and was unhurried in early stages while moving to inside, angled out leaving first turn, was unhurried while 4-wide along backstretch, closed gap from outside leaving far turn, circled 5-wide to reach contention approaching quarter pole, lagged lightly behind STREET SENSE in upper stretch, dug in under strong urging nearing eighth pole then battled back gamely under right hand encouragement to get up in final stride.

**Street Sense** – Tucked in soon after start, was rated well off pace for a half, moved out a bit to launch run at half-mile pole, angled back to rail while gaining on far turn, swung out approaching quarter pole, split rivals while 4-wide entering stretch, charged to front in upper stretch, opened clear advantage in midstretch, continued on front into deep stretch then yielded to winner in closing strides.

**Hard Spun** – Broke a bit slowly, was under firm hold while ranging up in early stages, advanced 5-wide into backstretch, made strong middle move under strong hold from outside along backstretch, opened clear lead on far turn, set pace into upper stretch and weakened under pressure through final eighth.

**C P West** – Raced in middle of pack while 4-wide leaving first turn, gradually gained while continuing wide along backstretch, closed gap from outside on far turn, angled into 3 path while just behind leaders nearing quarter pole, dropped back a bit in upper stretch and weakened in final eighth.

**Circular Quay** – Trailed 6 furlongs, angled 4-wide while gaining slightly at three-16ths pole then closed some ground with mild late rally.

**King Of The Roxy** – Taken in hand while saving ground early, moved out after a half, swung 4-wide on turn and lacked late response.

**Mint Slewlep** – Checked after being bumped off stride at start, raced well back for 6 furlongs, swung out in upper stretch and failed to mount serious rally.

**Xchanger** – Broke inward causing crowding at start, rushed up inside, set pace along rail to far turn and steadily tired thereafter.

**Flying First Class** – Pressed pace in 2 path between rivals to half-mile pole and gave way.