

# PREAKNESSFIELD

**Pimlico Race Course Sat., May 19 • \$1,000,000 • 1 3/16 miles • NBC 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Eastern • Post time 6:15 p.m.**

BETTING NUMBER	HORSE SIRE	TRACK ODDS	WATCHMAKER ODDS	BEST BEYER	OWNER TRAINER AND JOCKEY	DERBY FIN. BEYER	JAY PRIVMAN AND MIKE WATCHMAKER'S COMMENTS
<b>1</b>	<b>MINT SLEWLEP</b> <i>by Slew City Slew</i>	<b>30-1</b>	<b>50-1</b>	85	Marshall Dowell W. R. Bailes/A. Garcia	---- ----	<b>JP:</b> Only two wins for this local hope were against softies at Laurel; looks overmatched. <b>MW:</b> It would be an upset of major proportions if he manages to even only get a piece.
<b>2</b>	<b>XCHANGER</b> <i>by Exchange Rate</i>	<b>15-1</b>	<b>30-1</b>	95	Circle Z Stables M. Shuman/R. Dominguez	---- ----	<b>JP:</b> Lone start at Pimlico resulted in an easy win; was dusted by Curlin in Arkansas Derby. <b>MW:</b> Has actually faced good horses on a few occasions, and was whipped each time.
<b>3</b>	<b>CIRCULAR QUAY</b> <i>by Thunder Gulch</i>	<b>8-1</b>	<b>6-1</b>	102	Michael & Doreen Tabor T. Pletcher/J. Velazquez	6th <b>96</b>	<b>JP:</b> Had eight weeks off into Derby, now wheeled back in two. Might have needed last. <b>MW:</b> Has a license to improve, just not crazy about how he loses contact with field early.
<b>4</b>	<b>CURLIN</b> <i>by Smart Strike</i>	<b>7-2</b>	<b>4-1</b>	103	Stonestreet St., Padua St., et al S. Asmussen/R. Albarado	3rd <b>98</b>	<b>JP:</b> Showed maturity far beyond his experience in the Derby. He is a big threat this time. <b>MW:</b> Might be more forwardly placed this time. Is he as good as Street Sense, Hard Spun?
<b>5</b>	<b>KING OF THE ROXY</b> <i>by Littleexpectations</i>	<b>12-1</b>	<b>8-1</b>	103s	Team Valor Stables LLC T. Pletcher/G. Gomez	---- ----	<b>JP:</b> Distance is a huge question for colt who was very tired at the end of the 9f SA Derby. <b>MW:</b> Doubt he can get a distance against top company, at least at this stage of his career.
<b>6</b>	<b>FLYING FIRST CLASS</b> <i>by Perfect Mandate</i>	<b>20-1</b>	<b>20-1</b>	107s	Ellwood Johnston D. W. Lukas/M. Guidry	---- ----	<b>JP:</b> His best chance is if he makes the front; should challenge Hard Spun for the lead. <b>MW:</b> I've got a feeling Hard Spun will rate, but he could have company early in Xchanger.
<b>7</b>	<b>HARD SPUN</b> <i>by Danzig</i>	<b>5-2</b>	<b>7-2</b>	107	Fox Hill Farms Inc. J. L. Jones/M. Pino	2nd <b>107</b>	<b>JP:</b> Ran super in the Derby. Horses closest to him early finished 17th, 19th, and 20th. <b>MW:</b> And he ran huge off a six-week layoff. Think he might rate this time; very dangerous.
<b>8</b>	<b>STREET SENSE</b> <i>by Street Cry</i>	<b>7-5</b>	<b>7-5</b>	110	James B. Tafel LLC C. Nafzger/C. Borel	1st <b>110</b>	<b>JP:</b> Loves Churchill, but he has won at two other tracks, too. Should get another hot pace. <b>MW:</b> Did get a dream trip in Derby, but shouldn't get a bad trip here with the smaller field.
<b>9</b>	<b>C P WEST</b> <i>by Came Home</i>	<b>20-1</b>	<b>15-1</b>	92s	Robert LaPenta N. Zito/E. Prado	---- ----	<b>JP:</b> Still think he is playing catch up. Might be at his best as a late-running sprinter. <b>MW:</b> Hard to like a colt in this spot who is still eligible to a first-level allowance race.

**Odds by Frank Carulli, Pimlico linemaker, and Mike Watchmaker, Daily Racing Form National Handicapper**

**(s) Top Beyer Figure in a sprint**