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Preakness Stakes probabilities will probably favor Animal Kingdom on Saturday, May 21st in the 136th running of the preakness stakes.

The Preakness is the 2nd race in horse racing's Triple Crown and the shortest of the three contests. Get ready for [Preakness gambling](#) by starting an account at the [sportsbook](#).

Preakness Stakes odds have been in existence since 1873 and the competition has been run every year with the exception of two years in the late 1800's. The race was 1st run at a mile and a half but that was quickly modified to a mile and fourth.

The race then was run at a mile and a quarter, a mile and a sixteenth, a mile and 70 yards, one mile, a mile and an 8th and the current mile and 3/16th. The greatest crowd in [Preakness wagering](#) was in 2001 when 104,454 were in attendance at Pimlico. The all-time major trainer was Robert W. Walden with 7 wins whilst jockey Eddie Arcaro had 6 wins.

When you get ready for Preakness handicapping you want to bear in mind that the top post is #6 whereas the #4 is second greatest. The rail is not the kiss of death in the Preakness that it is in the Derby as a variety of horses have won from the rail although many of those victories were early in the race's history.

As opposed to the Derby, favorites do pretty well in the Preakness. Actually, faves win the Preakness almost half the time. Long shots basically do not do well in the Preakness so don't expect to see the huge payoffs that you saw in the Derby. The greatest shot to ever win the Preakness was Master Derby at 23-1.

Big name mounts have won the Preakness the last three years. A year ago it was Lookin at Lucky, in 2008 it was Rachel Alexandra and in 2007 it was Curlin. This year the fave in Preakness Stakes probabilities will be Animal Kingdom who is arriving from a solid win in the Kentucky Derby.

3 years ago Big Brown won the Preakness following winning the Derby however the mount failed in the Belmont. There has not been a Triple Crown victor since Affirmed in 1978. Animal Kingdom will try and win the Preakness on Saturday, May 21st and stay alive for mount racing's Triple Crown.

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