



2022 Official Preakness Guide

15 Stakes Races including:
Black-Eyed Susan
Preakness Stakes



Your complete guide to winning with analysis and selections for all Stakes races Friday and Saturday



Friday

MAY

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HILLTOP STAKES — 1 MILE (TURF)

Race #9—ANALYSIS OF TOP CONTENDERS

#4 PIZZA BIANCA – She is last year’s G1 BC Juvenile Filly Turf winner and her next effort after a five-month break resulted in a second only losing by ¾ of a length in a stakes race at Aqueduct.

#8 VERGARA – Her first three starts were outstanding. She took a 4-months break, but her return was disappointing, as she came into the stretch six wide and finished eighth. That was her first race on synthetic and now is back to the footing she likes.

#7 MURPH – She tried turf and routing for the first time at Laurel Park and showed she can manage those conditions. She is trained by Brittany Russell who has already won three out of five starts during the this meet and jockey Jevian Toledo has won six out of nine starts.

VALUE PLAYS AND LONGSHOTS

#6 DIAMOND HANDS – She won her last race at Belmont last November and has taken a six-months break but has been working well for her return to compete in this race.

#1 DETERMINED GOLD – She is a maiden, but an expensive one costing \$295,000. She has shown some talent and has turf ability as she demonstrated in April at Keenland finishing second against the boys. Other than Pizza Bianca her Beyers are in line with the rest of the field.

#5 DETERMINED STAR – She finished eighth in her last race after a terrible start in her first start in five months. She is back vs. 3yos only and has been working well since.

PACE ANALYSIS

EARLY SPEED:

Diamond Hands

STALKERS:

Murph, Vergara

CLOSERS:

Determined Gold, Lady Puchi, Hail To, Pizza Bianca

Determined Star

MURPH and **VERGARA** will likely be pilot and co-pilot at the first call as there isn’t much separating the pair. Closer, **PIZZA BIANCA** could be closer to the front that expected as she has better early run than the rest.

THE PLAY

PIZZA BIANCA never ran off the board in four starts with a pair of wins and a pair of competitive seconds. **VERGARA** showed some early pop in previous races and gest first time Lasix today. That can be a winning combination. **MURPH** tried grass for the first time in her last race and she set a personal best speed figure. **DIAMOND HANDS** has not run since November but her speed figures where on par with this bunch and she could be plenty better as a three year old.

OUR PICKS

PICK ORDER	M/L ODDS	HORSE #	HORSE NAME	EXACTA
WIN	4/5	4	PIZZA BIANCA	4/6,7,8
PLACE	9/2	8	VERGARA	
SHOW	12-1	7	MURPH	
WILD CARD	5-1	6	DIAMOND HANDS	
ALT 1	20-1	1	DETERMINED GOLD	
ALT 2	20-1	5	DETERMINED STAR	TRIFECTA 4,8/4,6,7,8/1,4,6,7,8



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