

SCOUTING THE PREAKNESS

POST/HORSE RICK LEE'S ANALYSIS	ODDS	JOCKEY	TRAINER	GROSS EARNINGS, RACE REC.
1. Big Drama	10-1	John Velazquez	David Fawkes	\$890,250 7-5-1-1
Was disqualified for a bumping incident in the stretch after winning a fast renewal of the Swale Stakes, and he is the speed drawn on the rail.				
2. Mine That Bird	6-1	Mike Smith	Bennie Woolley	\$1,791,581 9-5-1-0
May have been 50-1 in the Kentucky Derby, but he ran the final quarter in an exceptionally quick time while drawing off to a decisive winning margin.				
3. Musket Man	8-1	Eibar Coa	Derek Ryan	\$772,600 7-5-0-2
Followed a clear win in the Illinois Derby with a surprising third-place finish in the Derby, and a strong subsequent work at Monmouth Park tips his readiness.				
4. Luv Gov	50-1	Jamie Theriot	D. Wayne Lukas	\$62,896 10-1-3-1
Took 10 tries and a muddy track at Churchill Downs for him to finally break his maiden, and his Hall of Fame trainer is dreaming.				
5. Friesan Fire	6-1	Gabriel Saez	Larry Jones	\$603,265 8-4-1-1
Was beat up and never handled the wet footing at Churchill Downs, but the beaten post-time favorite did some sizzling work at Pimlico and has the talent to win with a stalk-and-pounce trip.				
6. Terrain	30-1	Jeremy Rose	Albert Stall Jr.	\$512,084 8-3-1-1
Has not won a race since winning the \$85,000 Mountaineer Juvenile last summer, and his best recent race was a third-place finish behind Friesan Fire in the Louisiana Derby.				
7. Papa Clem	12-1	Rafael Bejarano	Gary Stute	\$890,940 7-2-2-0
Failed to rate comfortably in a quality front-running fourth-place finish in the Derby, and the reigning Arkansas Derby winner should get a favorable trip.				
8. General Quarters	20-1	Julien Leparoux	Thomas McCarthy	\$641,735 12-3-3-1
Had an eventful trip when 10th in the Derby, but the gray colt won the Grade I Blue Grass at Keeneland, and he recorded a fast stakes win over a conventional dirt surface at Tampa.				
9. Pioneerof the Nile	5-1	Garrett Gomez	Bob Baffert	\$1,634,200 9-5-1-1
Had a four-race winning streak snapped when second best in the Derby, and the Santa Anita Derby winner is remarkably consistent and keeps the nation's best rider.				
10. Flying Private	50-1	Alan Garcia	D. Wayne Lukas	\$193,080 11-1-4-0
Was a dull fifth in the Arkansas Derby and was simply trounced in Louisville, and it appears his connections are determined to totally break his confidence.				
11. Take the Points	30-1	Edgar Prado	Todd Pletcher	\$156,190 6-2-2-0
Skipped the Derby following a competitive fourth-place finish in the Santa Anita Derby, and the front-running colt will be wearing blinkers for the first time.				
12. Tone It Down	50-1	Kent Desormeaux	William Komlo	\$54,720 6-2-2-1
Has the benefit of a recent race over the Pimlico surface. However, the race was a dull third-place finish in an ungraded stakes.				
13. Rachel Alexandra	8-5	Calvin Borel	Steve Asmussen	\$958,354 10-7-2-0
Is a perfect 4-for-4 in 2009, including a 20-length romp in the Grade I Kentucky Oaks, and the immensely talented filly should beat the boys if she holds form.				

Race record: Starts-1-2-3

RICK LEE'S PICKS

1. Rachel Alexandra 2. Friesan Fire 3. Mine That Bird 4. Musket Man