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## Introduction

The Belmont Stakes is perhaps THE greatest test a thoroughbred will ever encounter in its entire career. Think about it...most Belmont Stakes starters will never run the 1½ miles distance again. Some of the Belmont starters will run three "marathon" races within five weeks requiring several months off to recover from this triathalon of thoroughbred racing. Clearly, it requires not just a horse at the top of his game to win, but a horse that can meet the incredible demands that are unique to the third jewel of the Triple Crown.

As we began our intense and in-depth analysis to uncover the Super Screener criteria that most accurately isolates the top finishers of the Belmont Stakes, we had to wonder out loud, how much of the emerging criteria would be common to both the Derby and Preakness Super Screeners. To our surprise, the Belmont Super Screener criteria that we unearthed was almost completely different from that which emanated from the Derby and Preakness analyses!

As we began to examine and test the Belmont Stakes Super Screener criteria, an interesting but discernable pattern emerged. For the first time we were able to isolate the underlying variables (and their relationship to one another) that resulted in highly accurate and consistent predictions of the top Belmont Stakes finishers of the past. This new criteria struck a remarkable screening balance among stamina, total energy reserve, optimal energy distributions and tests of fitness. And, it is the deadly combination of this criteria that produced jaw-dropping results when back-tested against prior Belmont Stakes fields.

## **Super Screener Performance Goals**

The Belmont Stakes Super Screener is based on the same time-tested research methodology that produced the highly-effective Kentucky Derby and Preakness Super Screeners driven by a powerful set of rules that...

- Are based on evaluating the "how" a horse has run leading up to the Belmont versus, the far less important, "where" he finished and in "what" time he completed his prior races.
- Compare the Belmont field to time-tested, reliable "benchmarks of performance" produced by past Belmont winners centering on the key "hows" that led to their victory.
- Consistently separate horses that will finish in the top half of the field versus those that will finish in the bottom half of the field.
- Tosses vulnerable, low-priced horses or ranks them in the bottom half of the field.
- Isolates bombers with the best chance to hit the board.
- Identifies the three horses to hit the trifecta within the top six horses as ranked by the Belmont Stakes Super Screener.

## The Study

As we learned while conducting the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes Super Screener research studies, pace figures were critical to the development of exceptional screening criteria that effectively separates contenders from pretenders. We used BRIS pace and speed ratings because they provide a consistent framework of pace and speed figures going back many years.

For this study, we went as far back as 1995 when Thunder Gulch tracked the speed throughout and then drew away in complete command at the wire for a convincing validation of his dramatic Kentucky Derby victory. For every year from 1995 to 2010,

we extracted the BRIS pace and speed ratings for each Belmont Stakes winner's two races leading up to the Belmont. As we learned in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Super Screener studies, you never want to look back more than two races run prior to the Belmont in applying the Super Screener criteria (unless truly horrible trips were produced in the two prior races, which is rare). The Belmont Stakes requires recent displays of peak fitness and stamina.

Our next step was to compare the top half finishers from the bottom half finishers of the field paying particular attention to the short-priced horses that ended up in the bottom half and long shots that finished in the top four. We wanted to understand what factors beyond final speed ratings best separates the top from the bottom.

Finally, we then compared the running lines of all Belmont winners over the past 16 years to one another (see the table below) to uncover reliable performance benchmarks against which all future Belmont Stakes contenders will be screened. That final step completed the formulation of our Belmont Stakes Super Screener criteria.

<u>Year</u>	<u>6f Time</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Dist</u>	<u>Style</u>	<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>SPEED</u>
2010	1:14 4/5	Drosselmeyer	Dwyer	1 1/8	Off the Pace	82	83	103	94
			La Derby	1 1/8		81	90	98	96
2009	112 2/5	Summer Bird	Ky Derby	1 1/4	Closer	76	92	92	96
			Ark Derby	1 1/8		75	84	109	98
2008	112 4/5	Da' Tara	Barbaro H	1 1/16	Wire to Wire	79	99	96	99
			Derby Trial	1 mile		91	102	91	96
2007	115 1/5	Rags to Riches	Ky Oaks	1 1/8	Off the Pace	94	102	111	109
			SA Oaks	1 1/16		87	89	105	98
2006	112	Jazil	Ky Derby	1 1/4	Closer	69	86	103	99
			Wood	1 1/8		71	84	114	101
2005	112 4/5	Alfeet Alex	Preakness	1 3/16	Off the Pace	99	112	105	112
			Ky Derby	1 1/4		88	105	82	99
2004	111 3/5	Birdstone	Ky Derby	1 1/4	Off the Pace	84	98	74	90
			Lanes End	1 1/8		86	99	72	87
			ALW	1 70		75	92	100	97
2003	113 2/5	Empire Maker	Ky Derby	1 1/4	Off the Pace	88	111	92	106
			Wood	1 1/8		96	109	108	111
2002	112 1/5	Sarava	Sir Barton	1 1/16	Off the Pace	89	102	102	104
			ALW	1 1/16		84	87	96	92
2001	111 3/5	Point Given	Preakness	1 3/16	Off the Pace	85	106	103	107
			Ky Derby	1 1/4		97	111	75	97
2000	114 1/5	Commendable	Ky Derby	1 1/4	Presser	90	95	57	79
			Lexington	1 1/16		102	107	80	94
1999	112	Lemon Drop Kid	Peter Pan	1 1/8	Off the Pace	100	116	91	106
			KY Derby	1 1/4		74	92	97	99
1998	113 2/5	Victory Gallop	Preakness	1 3/16	Closer	78	97	101	104
			KY Derby	1 1/4		62	89	97	101
1997	113 4/5	Touch Gold	Preakness	1 3/16	Off the Pace	82	102	108	110
			Lexington	1 1/16		96	118	93	108
1996	110 4/5	Editor's Note	Preakness	1 3/16	Closer	74	88	113	105
			Ky Derby	1 1/4		67	94	92	100
1995	115 1/5	Thunder Gulch	Preakness	1 3/16	Off the Pace	84	94	100	102
			Ky Derby	1 1/4		88	104	89	104

As in our other Super Screener studies, we found little overlap between the Belmont Stakes Super Screener and either the Kentucky Derby or Preakness Super Screener criteria. In other words, you couldn't simply apply the Kentucky Derby or Preakness

Stakes Super Screener criteria to the Belmont field and optimize success. This is great news in that while other handicappers will tackle this race the same way they do the other Triple Crown races, Super Screener users will secure the edge as they apply the screening criteria that is solely and unequivocally unique to the Belmont Stakes.

Presented in the following section are the Super Screener criteria unique to the Belmont Stakes that emerged from our comprehensive study and back testing.

### 1. Race In May

Recent work is an absolute critical factor to winning the Belmont Stakes. Every one of the past Belmont Stakes winners had run a race in May prior to going on to Belmont victory. With horses exiting the Preakness or Kentucky Derby or both, you are talking about sharp horses with a tremendous conditioning advantage. Even the new shooters (horses that have not run in the Derby or Preakness) that have won the Belmont Stakes had run sometime in May. This may seem like an obvious screen but in combination with other Super Screener criteria it can help eliminate some very short-priced horses. For example, in 2010, the highly regarded Uptowncharlybrown was coming into the Belmont Stakes after an 8-week layoff (while missing other criteria) and failed to hit the board at 10-1.

## 2. Kentucky Derby / Oaks Start

It is interesting to note that 12 of the last 16 Belmont Stakes winners started in the Kentucky Derby (the filly, Rag to Riches started in the Oaks). Of the 12 Belmont Stakes winners that started in the Derby, only 4 also ran in the Preakness. Finally, one Belmont Stakes winner, Touch Gold, had a start in the Preakness but with no start in the Derby. What we can conclude then is a start in the Derby is an important screening variable. And, of the probable Belmont starters, horses that had a start in the Derby but skipped the Preakness have, historically, run the best and deserve extra credit. Winning the Belmont Stakes after running in both the Derby and Preakness is such a demanding, energy-depleting feat, that only a few have done it in the past 16 years. Now, imagine what it takes to win all three Triple Crown races!

## 3. Off The Pace Makes The Race

You often hear people say that because the Belmont Stakes is run at 1 ½ miles, it is a closer's race. Is this true? Here's how the past 16 winners of the Belmont Stakes breakdown based on Energy Distribution Profiles observed in races leading up to the Belmont:

Wire to Wire = 1 Presser = 1 Off the Pace = 10 Closer = 4 Total Winners = 16

So, 14 of the past 16 Belmont Stakes winners were either Off the Pace or Closer types but the vast majority coming from the former. An Off-the-Pace type is one with an energy distribution that is defined by a more steady release of energy throughout the race versus most of their energy released early or late. You will typically find these horses running about mid-pack, 3-5 lengths off the early leaders. The actual pace of the Belmont Stakes doesn't seem to matter as much as it does in the Kentucky Derby when it comes to impact on running style. For example, as the Past Belmont Winners chart above shows, Drosselmeyer, Rags to Riches and Thunder Gulch overcame the slowest Belmont Stakes pace set ups to win with their off-the-pace energy distribution profile. Wire-to-wire winner Da' Tara cut swift fractions but still went on to Belmont Stakes victory. Crazy fast early fractions, as those encountered by Editor's Note will certainly favor closers in particular. This tells us that even if wire-to-wire and early presser types can slow it down early, generally, the 1 ½ distance proves to be just too much. As we rate future Belmont Stakes fields, we'll project the likely pace, but Off-the-Pace types will be favored by the Belmont Stakes Super Screener.

## 4. The Perfect 10+

Stamina as measured in total energy reserve is so critical in predicting which horses

have the best shot at winning the Belmont Stakes. The best measures of total energy reserve come from examining "how" a horse has run in his prior two races to the Belmont Stakes as will become apparent in the following Super Screener criteria. Breeding can also provide us clues and BRIS produces the Average Winning Distance (AWD) figures for a horses sire and dam. If you take the sire's AWD figure and half of the dam's AWD figure, you'll want to arrive at a total of 10+. For example, if the sire's AWD is 7.0 and the dam's AWD is 6.8, then the total score is 7.0 + 3.4 = 10.4. While performance trumps breeding, this screen still offers additional clues to a horse's ability to perform well at 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles. It is also very useful in evaluating horses making the jump from 1 1/16 or 1 1/8 miles to the Belmont Stakes 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile distance.

## 5. Avoid 103+ 1st Call Horses

If a horse has run a 103+ 1st Call in their race prior to the Belmont Stakes, history has shown these are not good win candidates (though they can still hit the board if they meet a number of other Super Screener criteria). This is typically a horse that may look good on paper but just releases too much energy early on to have a shot at winning the Belmont. Also, if a horse is running that fast in the race prior to the Belmont, they typically will regress when it comes to the big dance. In 2010, First Dude met this "win eliminator" criteria and finished third.

## 6. 102+ Anywhere In 2nd Call Pace, Late Pace Or Speed Rating

This criterion is screening horses for general energy reserve. While we want to avoid early types with a high figure in the 1st CALL PACE category achieved in the race run prior to the Belmont Stakes, we demand, for all running styles a figure of at least 102 be achieved in any of the other PACE or SPEED ratings produced in at least one of the final two races run prior to the Belmont Stakes. Of course, multiple 102+ figures are even better. All 16 past Belmont Stakes winners meet this criterion with the exception of Birdstone.

## 7. 2nd Call + Late Pace = 187+

As the Super Screener begins testing for stamina, energy reserve and optimal energy

distribution, we look to how a horse is running from mid race to the finish line. When you add the BRIS 2nd Call Pace number and the Late Pace number, a horse needs a total of 187+ to be considered a win contender. All of the past 16 Belmont Stakes winners qualify on this criterion. You won't eliminate many horses in the Belmont field with this criterion, but you can, with confidence, toss any horse that doesn't meet it. They just don't possess sufficient energy reserve to come close to hitting the board.

## 8. Late Pace = 96+

Regardless of running style, demand a BRIS Late Pace figure of at least 96 in one or, preferably, both of the two races run prior to the Belmont. All Belmont Stakes winners but Commendable meet this criteria. This rule reflects the fact that stamina, even for front runners, is an absolute must to win this race.

A word about Birdstone...note that in the Past Belmont Winners chart that we pulled not just two but three races for analytic purposes. Like 2010 Preakness winner, Lookin At Lucky in our Preakness Super Screener analysis, Birdstone's trips in the two races leading up to the Belmont Stakes were so atrocious (meeting almost none of the Super Screener criteria) that we had to go back to his third prior race to find a representative race. When evaluating probable Belmont Stakes starters, it will be rare that a horse encountered not just one, but two horrendous trips in the two races run prior to the Belmont so the need to go back another race will be exercised judiciously.

## 9.197+ Late Pace or 2nd Call+ Speed

It is assumed that horses that get out fast early have no stamina. That's just not true. Despite the fact that it is difficult for an early foot type to win the third leg of the Triple Crown, stamina transcends running style. This next rule is one of the most powerful of all the Belmont Stakes Super Screener Criteria. Every one of the past 16 winners of the Belmont Stakes met this criterion and it is a strong eliminator of pretenders. Depending on running style, a Belmont Stakes win contender must have produced a LATE PACE figure (off-the-pace and closer types) or 2nd CALL PACE figure (wire-to-wire types or pressers), plus, SPEED figure total of 197+. In 2010, half the field did not meet this criterion and all six of those horses finished off the board including Derby closers like Make Music For Me and Stately Victor as well as the sentimental favorite,

Uptowncharlybrown. This criterion does a superb job of screening for not only total energy reserve but also for optimal energy distribution.

### Other interesting Belmont Stakes Super Screener analysis findings:

- Half of the Belmont Stakes winners studied ran a top race at Gulfstream **Park**, prior to winning the Belmont. No other track came close to this level of productivity.
- New Shooters (horses that did not run in any prior Triple Crown races) were historically poor performers in the Belmont until recently. Three of the last four Belmont Stakes races were won by New Shooters (Drosselmeyer, Da' Tara and Rags To Riches).
- The top big bomber Belmont Stakes winners (there were six such winners in the past 16 years) did not run in the Preakness Stakes though 4 of 6 did run in Kentucky Derby.

## **Top Belmont Stakes Screening Criteria**

Now that we have identified and defined the screening criteria unique to the Belmont Stakes Super Screener, let's summarize it all in easy-to-use, bullet form:

- 1. **RACE IN MAY -** Horse must have run his prior race in May to be considered a win contender or even an on-the-board finisher.
- 2. **KENTUCKY DERBY/OAKS START -** A start in the Derby/Oaks is a very strong screening factor. Give extra credit to horses that ran in the Derby/Oaks but not the Preakness. Discount horses that ran in the Preakness but not the Derby.
- 3. **OFF THE PACE MAKES THE RACE -** A horse with an energy distribution profile that puts him into an off-the-pace position in the Belmont Stakes is a highly favorable screening criterion.
- 4. THE PERFECT 10+ Using BRIS AWD (Average Winning Distance), the horse's

sire's AWD plus half of the dam's AWD must equal 10+.

- 5. **AVOID 103+ 1ST CALL HORSES -** Avoid horses in the win spot that ran a first call of 103+ in their race prior to the Preakness.
- 6. **102+ ANYWHERE in 2nd CALL PACE, LATE PACE OR SPEED RATING -**Demand a BRIS 102+ figure in either the 2nd Call Pace or Late Pace or Speed Rating in one or both of the races run prior to the Belmont Stakes.
- 7. **2nd CALL + LATE PACE = 187+ -** Require that the total of a horse's BRIS 2nd Call plus Late Pace figures equal 187+ for at least one of the two races run prior to the Belmont Stakes.
- 8. **LATE PACE = 96+ -** Regardless of running style, a horse must have achieved a 96+ Late Pace figure in one of his two races leading up to the Belmont Stakes.
- LATE PACE or 2nd CALL + SPEED = 197+ A horse must have produced a total of 197+ by adding the 2nd Call pace figure (wire-to-wire or presser type) or Late Pace figure (off-the-pace or closer type) plus the speed figure in at least one of his two races run prior to the Belmont Stakes.

### 2010 Super Screener Rankings vs. Actual Belmont Stakes Finish

Now, that we have established the top Belmont Stakes Super Screener criteria, let's compare how the Screener ranked last year's Belmont field compared to their actual finish in the race...

Horses That Met Most Super Screener Criteria (Best Win Contenders)						
Horse	Criteria Met	Criteria Missed	'10 Belmont Finish			
Drosselmeyer (13-1)	7	1	1st			
Ice Box (9-5)	7	1	9th			

Horse	Criteria Met	Criteria Missed	'10 Belmont Finish
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Fly Down (5-1)	6.5	2	2nd
First Dude (6-1)	7	3	3rd
Game On Dude (17-1)	7	3	4th
Stay Put (26-1)	6	2	6th

#### **Third/Fourth Place Possibilities**

Horse	Criteria Met	Criteria Missed	'10 Belmont Finish
Stately Victor (14-1)	5	3	8th
Make Music For Me (12-1)	5	3	10th

#### **Super Screener Toss-Outs**

Horse	Criteria Met	Criteria Missed	'10 Belmont Finish
Spangled Star (23-1)	5	5	12th
Uptowncharlybrown (10-1)	3	5	5th
Interactif (20-1)	1	8	7th
Dave In Dixie	0	9	11th

#### Payoffs:

\$2 Exacta = \$144.50 \$2 Trifecta = \$766.00 \$2 Superfecta = \$10,658

- Super Screener identified the 13-1 winner on top
- Horses that completed the \$766 Trifecta were among the top five horses ranked by the Super Screener
- Horses that completed the \$10,658 Superfecta were among the top five horses ranked by the Super Screener.

Ok, now let's take the 2011 probable field through the Belmont Stakes Super Screener criteria to learn which horses are the top win contenders, which bombers rank high and

which shorter-priced horses are vulnerable...

# 2011 Belmont Field (Horse-By-Horse Analysis)

## 1. Master of Hounds (10-1)

<u>Last Two Races</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>Speed</u>
Kentucky Derby	1 1/4 miles	64	81	108	99
UAE Derby	1 3/16 syn				

**Screener Analysis:** Our frequent flyer returns to build on his strong effort in the Kentucky Derby. Meets all Super Screener Criteria and he scores highest on total energy reserve and energy distribution profile. Derby run followed by a break is a very positive win profile factor. Bred to run all day and should get an ideal trip. Super Screener's top win contender.



Running Style: Off-The-Pace

## 2. Stay Thirsty (20-1)

<u>Last Two Races</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>Speed</u>
Kentucky Derby	1 1/4 miles	71	83	94	93
Florida Derby	1 1/16 miles	92	100	63	82

**Screener Analysis:** So many people want to give this horse another shot. Super Screener says...don't be tempted. Hasn't shown anything to like in his last two. We probably haven't seen his best but there are much better in here to consider. He meets 4 criteria but misses on the most critical. He's a Super Screener toss.



Running Style: Presser

## 3. Ruler On Ice (20-1)

Last Two Races	<u>Distance</u>	<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>Speed</u>
Fredrico Tesio	1 1/16 miles	80	94	91	93
Sunland Derby	1 1/8 miles	79	84	93	93

**Screener Analysis:** The Super Screener says he is a very likely bottom of the field finisher. His closing style is his only asset but he missed all Super Screener criteria with the exception of having run a race in May. He's a Super Screener toss.

Running Style: Closer

## 4. Santiva (15-1)

<u>Last Two Races</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>Speed</u>
Kentucky Derby	1 1/4 miles	68	89	100	99
Bluegrass	1 1/8 syn	78	91	86	90
Risen Star	1 1/16 miles	69	84	105	96

**Screener Analysis:** Like Master of Hounds, met all Belmont Super Screener criteria. Will be a huge price and overlooked by many. We had to use his Risen Star race due to the horrible trip experienced in the Bluegrass. He ran a deceptively good Kentucky Derby race and comes into this one fresh. The Super Screener says he's definitely your top value win play in the Belmont Stakes. A must play in all your exotics tickets spots.



Running Style: Off-The-Pace

## 5. Brilliant Speed (15-1)

Last Two Races	<u>Distance</u>	<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>Speed</u>
Kentucky Derby	1 1/4 miles	65	87	101	99
Bluegrass Stakes	1 1/8 syn	71	80	109	97

**Screener Analysis:** Proved he could carry his synthetic/turf form over to dirt as the kick back didn't impede his very strong Derby effort. His deep closing running style is the only knock here as he meets all other Super Screener criteria. Another that benefits from the Derby run followed by a break. Making his third start off the layoff and projects to take another step forward. Of the closers, he's clearly your best value play.

Running Style: Closer

### 6. Nehro (4-1)

Last Two Races	<u>Distance</u>	<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>Speed</u>
Kentucky Derby	1 1/4 miles	73	97	98	102
Arkansas Derby	1 1/8 miles	78	84	109	99

**Screener Analysis:** Another coming back fresh off the impressive Derby effort. Closing running style is a bit of a knock but he meets all other Super Screener criteria convincingly. Posted solid 98+ figures in all his late pace and speed rating spots. Very strong in-the-money play.



Running Style: Closer

### 7. Monzon (30-1)

Last Two Races	<u>Distance</u>	<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	LP	<u>Speed</u>
Peter Pan	1 1/8 miles	76	82	104	95
Sam F. Davis	1 1/16 miles	79	81	88	85

Screener Analysis: Had a lot of promise early on but appears to be a late bloomer. Super Screener projects him as the second best New Shooter in the field and has an outside shot to hit the bottom of the Superfecta at a price. Other closers in here are far better choices, however, so proceed with caution and only include at 25-1 or higher.

Running Style: Closer

## 8. Prime Cut (15-1)

<u>Last Two Races</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>Speed</u>
Peter Pan	1 1/8 miles	87	94	99	98
Lexington	1 1/16 miles	91	93	94	94

Screener Analysis: Super Screener says best of the New Shooters and deserves a spot on your exotic tickets if the price is generous. Only missed on the 102+ Anywhere Super Screener criterion but scored well on all other rules. Also sits a good trip here. Really on a strong form up cycle. Live long shot with a good trip over the track last out.

Running Style: Off-The-Pace

## 9. Animal Kingdom (2-1)

<u>Last Two Races</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>Speed</u>
Preakness	1 3/16 miles	76	94	105	102
Kentucky Derby	1 1/4 miles	67	92	108	105

Screener Analysis: Clearly, Animal Kingdom is still the top seed of this year's three yearold crop by virtue of his Derby win and game Preakness second place finish. His late energy distribution profile and energy-depleting back-to-back monster efforts may work against him here but he does squarely meet all other Super Screener criteria. Only horse in the field to post triple digit figures in all four Late Pace and Speed rating spots. You won't like his short price but you can't leave him off your tickets.



Running Style: Closer





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### **10. Mucho Macho Man (10-1)**

Last Two Races	<u>Distance</u>	<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>Speed</u>
Preakness	1 3/16 miles	94	97	88	94
Kentucky Derby	1 1/4 miles	71	92	102	102

Screener Analysis: Would someone please get some super glue for this horse's shoes! Has disappointed in his last two. Pace should be favorable to his energy distribution profile and he will sit closest of the off-the-pace types. The Belmont distance is a big question and just barely qualified on the Perfect 10+ breeding rule. Not liking his habit of hanging late in the race and the Preakness/Derby efforts may reduce his late punch further. Super Screener says a top half of the field finish is highly probable so a bottom of exotics consideration.

Running Style: Off-The-Pace

## 11. Isn't He Perfect (30-1)

<u>Last Two Races</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	<u>LP</u>	<u>Speed</u>
Preakness	1 3/16 miles	89	94	83	90
Jerome	1 Mile	82	89	92	90

Screener Analysis: This pretender finished better in the Preakness than expected but, according to the Belmont Stakes Super Screener criteria, he's still a pretender. Misses on 5 criteria and is a definite bottom of the field finisher. He's a Super Screener toss.

Running Style: Off-The-Pace

## 12. Shackleford (9-2)

<u>Last Two Races</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>E1</u>	<u>E2</u>	LP	<u>Speed</u>
Preakness	1 3/16 miles	103	104	95	103
Kentucky Derby	1 1/4 miles	79	98	95	101

Screener Analysis: Proved in the Preakness his previous efforts in the Ky Derby and FI Derby were no flukes. Seems to run best going fast early. Tough to win the Belmont Stakes wire-to-wire and he will be your pace setter. Has now run three top efforts in a row. That's about as many as most horses can string together, so a bit of regression here is expected. Misses on just two Super Screener criteria (early energy distribution profile and 103+ 1st Call last race). Pace projects to be below par and if Awesome Patriot does not run, his prospects improve. Super Screener says an on the-board contender but price will be short.

Running Style: Wire-to-wire







## **Final 2011 Belmont Rankings**

Here's the 2011 Probable Belmont Stakes field listed in order of finish as projected by the Belmont Stakes Super Screener:

Horses That Met Most Super Screener Criteria (Best Win Contenders)

Master of Hounds (6-1)

Santiva (16-1)

#### Horses That Met Two Or More Super Screener Criteria (Marginal Win; Best Place Contenders)

Nehro (5-1) Animal Kingdom (5-2) Shackleford (7-2) Brilliant Speed (12-1)

### **Underneath Contenders (Third or Fourth Possibilities)**

Prime Cut (20-1) Mucho Macho Man (7-1) Monzon (15-1)

### **Super Screener Toss-Outs**

Stay Thirsty (15-1) Isn't He Perfect (35-1) Ruler On Ice (30-1)

From these results, here is what we discovered:

- Master of Hounds and Santiva are top choices and both offer tremendous value.
- Shackleford and Animal Kingdom have a shot but both may have peaked in the

Preakness and will go off as the short-priced favorites.

- In addition to Santiva, Brilliant Speed and Prime Cut come up as top value plays in exotics.
- Mucho Macho Man and the Pletcher-trained Stay Thirsty will receive action but offer poor value.

## Recommended Trifecta / Superfecta Tickets For 2011 Belmont Stakes Based On Budget

Now that we have taken every starter through the Belmont Stakes Super Screener criteria, here are some suggested wagers covering every budget level for your consideration. Once you find the budget level that meets your comfort zone, we recommend that you choose a couple of tickets to play.

In doing so, you may want to consider choosing a "prime" ticket and a "back up" ticket. For example, in the Small Budget category one of the bottom two tickets could be your prime ticket and then the 5-five horse Trifecta box or 4-horse Exacta box could serve as your back up ticket. In that way you are emphasizing the top rated horses in the win spot but you are covered just in case one of five contenders gets up for the win.

Each ticket recommended below is independent from the other tickets unless otherwise specified.

While these are just a few suggested wagers, we encourage you to use the Super Screener analysis to construct your own wagers, too. Hopefully, together we'll catch the "score of a lifetime!. Best of luck to you!

SMALL	Exacta's	\$5 Exacta 1,4 with 5,12 AND \$3 Exacta 6,9,12 with 1,4	\$38
	\$4 Ex. Box	1,4,6,9	\$48
	\$3 Exacta	1,6,9,12 with 4,5,8,10	\$48
	\$1 Tri. Box	1,4,6,9,12	\$60
	\$1 Trifecta	6,9,12 with 1,4,5,8 with 1,4,5,6,8,9,10,12	\$72
MEDIUM	\$1 Trifecta	1,6,9,12 with 4,5,8,10 with 1,4,5,6,8,9,10,12	\$96
	\$1 Tri. Box	1,4,5,6,9,12	\$120
	\$1 Trifecta	1,4,6,9,12 with 1,4,5,6,8,9,10,12 with 4,5,6,9	\$102
	\$1 Super.	1,4 with 1,4,6,9 with 1,4,5,6,8,9,12 with 1,4,5,6,8,9,10,12	\$144
	\$1 Super.	6,9,12 with 1,4 with 1,4,5,6,9,10 with 1,4,5,6,8,9,10,12	\$110
LARGE	\$1 Trifecta	1,4,6,9,12 with 1,4,5,6,9,12 with 1,4,5,6,8,9,10,12	\$150
	\$1 Trifecta	1,4,6,9,12 with 5,6,8,9,10,12 with 1,4,5,6,8,9,10,12	\$162
	\$2 Trifecta	6,9,12 with 1,4,6,9,12 with 1,4,5,6,8,9,10,12	\$144
	\$1 Tri. Box	1,4,5,6,8,9,12	\$210
	\$1 Super.	1,6,9,12 with 1,4,5,12 with 1,4,5,6,8,9,10,12 with 4,5,6,7,9	\$284
	\$1 Super.	1,4 with 5,6,9,12 with 1,4,5,6,8,9,10,12 with 1,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12	\$288

(Note: Multiple alternative wagers are shown for each budget category. Superfecta wagers can be reduced using 10-cent or 50-cent increments.)