Handicapping Analysis
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Emily's Analysis

Oaklawn Park Race 1

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#7 GUIDED ARROW fits logically in this race and remaining at the maiden claiming level where their speed figures and tactical speed could present an edge.

Morse will send out a pair of runners with #3 ALPHA WHISKEY and #1 CONTRABANDISTA, giving the edge to the latter coming out of higher conditioned races and slight change with Bejarano taking over.

Both #4 TAP THAT DIAL and #6 WINDTAPPER WIN return from the 3/9 common race and while lighter than others given a mention with the WEATHER conditions of that race run in the rain. Those two lightly raced in contrast to #2 BOURBON ON FIRE one that is more established, "faster" though has shown who they are at this point.

Oaklawn Park Race 2

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Diodoro reclaimed #2 SPACE ODESSEY and had this runner in against tougher while in their care last season. The reclaim, current form and placement at this level seem reasonable to have them spotted where they can compete. Stablemate #1 COOL RUNNINGS has the benefit of foundation for this outfit with subtle form and trips exiting the two more recent starts and will pick up a rider change in Bowen to mix things up with potential intent.

#3 LUCK OF THE DRAW could be overlooked off their current run lines and finishing positions, though the form fits at this level and appears well meant here second off for Richard.

Tougher to split deeper closers #5 TWITTY CITY and #6 MAJOR KONG two runners with form though trip/pace dependent with their run style. #4 CALIFORNIA SWING also tends to do their better running from off the pace though at this level can sit closer with their test here holding form fits off the claim and slight freshening for Litfin.

Oaklawn Park Race 3

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

This is a competitive event for the older fillies and mares where a case can be made for (and against) many in this field. #5 EMERALD PRINCESS could catch the right group at the right time with positive intent as she makes her second start off the claim for Green. #6 MUMBLEBEE was dominant with the 2/17 win, though overmatched two weeks ago and will find class relief and a live rider change to Saez coming back for this race.

Form, figures and run style are similar for #3 CHASING SHADOWS and #4 RELIANT with the former presenting value of the pair.

Value is a bit of a concern for both inside runners, #1 FIRST EMPRESS and #2 SHOW ME GRACE though certainly capable.

#7 LA MORENA is another closing type that is pace and trip dependent though outside of that is at the right level for her abilities.

Oaklawn Park Race 4

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#1 MO DOWN ships in for this second start where they will find subtle class relief as well as the fitness first out to step up against today's group. Fellow Delta Downs shipper #5 PRATHER exiting a $5k maiden claiming event is stepping up in class and one that has come up short as a heavy favorite without excuse. PRATHER does not hold any strong edge over the statebred group, a group that is led by #7 DANCIN ROCKET one that has run some of the consistently higher figures of that group.

#2 LOUD BOY is part of that group and must improve though has shown run in spots and could still present upside off his races this season.

Oaklawn Park Race 5

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#9 SILENT SCARLET has a look at a price with N3 claiming form back at Woodbine and cutting back to a sprint after setting contentious early paced in the two more recent Oaklawn Park routes.

#7 FOREVER HOME fits logically as she makes her second start back off the layoff with fitness from the WIDE trip last month and picking up a rider change to Bejarano. #8 TWENTYTWENTYREDO also with a similar form cycle pattern and where Saez lands in this second start back off the break. She has shown run in both races this season with a rough (TROUBLE_S) start and rider error/TACTIC- on 12/17 and showed a move forward with a subtle trip three weeks ago.

As far as morning line favorite, #10 PUT A BOW ON IT she fits at this level, however does not hold any strong edge over others in this group.

Oaklawn Park Race 6

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#8 ALEXANDROS was able to find the right trip at the right price scoring back on January 1st. Today finds a different scenario in terms of race shape and enhanced public attention.

#7 COLD AS HELL could take advantage of the pace scenario where he is expected to show more early speed, the type of tactical speed that saw him effective winning at this level back on February 5th.

The class drop moves up #1 BEER CHASER as he has been running over his head this season at the N1X allowance condition as well as the longer distances for a horse that seems to prefer ONE_TURN.

#4 DEFLATER has some buried form to compete at this level and could land in the right time and place in today's race shape and returning fresh for Cline/Harr off the two month break.

Oaklawn Park Race 7

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

This allowance event comes up softer for the level that could see chaos or a formful affair. Sticking to formful, #3 PISTOL is logical based on her form this season, form that has been just below winning (B- OptixGRADE) par, though moves up with the softer nature of the event here. #4 FAST AND FEMININE showed run though not to the graded stakes level back at Sam Houston and will look to get back to the right level of competition in today's allowance field.

#8 ASENA is one that could sneak through the cracks shipping in for Lund and out of Turf Paradise. She has the back numbers from last season at Canterbury Park that stack up with others in this field and with early speed that could also present a pace advantage.

Oaklawn Park Race 8

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#5 KAVOD has had his chances and even the pace advantage in his most recent starts. He could just find the right field here, though noting he has come up short without excuse and projects to be a shorter number today, this could be a spot to try and get creative.

#1 CHATTALOT holds early speed and exiting the Phoenix Gold Cup just 13-days ago can be upgraded as they made a RUSH into a solid early pace and DUEL before losing group. #8 MOWINS should be one of the longer priced runners in this field and in that role can be upgraded as their top effort sits right in line with others that project to be much shorter (#2 JACKMAN, #7 FORE LEFT) at post time.

Oaklawn Park Race 9

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

A competitive event where a case can be made for many in this field with both #4 STORM STRATEGY and #8 THIRD WATCH logical types though likely to be shorter and leaned on more given their connections.

#9 SEEKING CHROME looked to be "given" the debut back on 12/11 and returned under today's conditions two weeks ago and wheels right back from that off-track affair with the changes in rider (Eramia) and equipment (blinkers) to suggest intent.

#6 JIM NED fits right in live and back at this level with the route foundation in this third start of the meet. #2 READY SHOES is lighter on numbers and making their first start around two-turns though this will be the first start in for the maiden claiming tag and have shown run this season, perhaps more than the running lines suggest.

Number wise #7 MADMARTIGAN has shown improvement race to race and going back to the debut on 2/17, put in a solid GALLOP+ to perhaps add fitness and support today's distance change. #5 WILLIE WIN is worth a mention as they had an EX - EXCUSE with the start/TROUBLES+ and connections wheel right back for this race and with the drop and distance change.

#12 WICKED PRINCE recorded one of the higher figures in this group with the effort on 2/25 and makes the change in class and distance here where trip will also be required given the post.