Handicapping Analysis
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Emily's Analysis

Oaklawn Park Race 1

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

Morning line favorite **#7 ROYAL AIR FORCE** could come back today with intent on the one week turnaround and class drop for this race. Their main track/dirt races stack up with the others in here while some of those stronger figures recorded on the turf, a surface that matches their physicality.

#10 FIVE O FOX moved up with the stretch out and off some progressive for this season that should have them right back in a competitive spot here. **#9 OUT OF ALCATRAZ** also with progressive form this season going back to 2/19 with the EX - EXCUSE that day and has improved with each start since.

#1 SHOTGUN BILLIE did not show much in their debut last month though the race was against much, much tougher as well as run in the rain/WEATHER to suggest a move forward with the experience and class change is not out of the question.

Oaklawn Park Race 2

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#1 RED KNOBS projects to be a heavy favorite in this race and running back to the races this season stands out heads and tails above the others. That is due to the massive class drop by the connections to run in this spot - an aggressive move that comes with some question marks though could be a matter of the connections looking for the win and willing to move on from this horse as a claim could be expected.

#5 EISENSTAEDT was tough to back at this level on February 26th coming off the layoff though has since paired up efforts and moved forward. The connections were not looking (or asked) for run against the higher $25k claiming runners last month and back at this level with the rider change projects to be more competitive today.

#11 MOLIERE was against/X_FLOW the dynamic in the races last summer and recorded solid efforts all things considered. The early pace should be honest here to set up his run, a pace scenario that could also upgrade longshot **#12 GEORGIA DEPUTY**.

Oaklawn Park Race 3

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#9 SEAS OF NORMANDY has been looking for this class drop all season and moves up for Jones with that necessary change for this race.

#7 HYPER SPEED turned in a competitive effort at the level back on February 24th even with the stumble (TROUBLE_S) at the start. His prior starts at NYRA also create an upgrade with the quality of those fields. **#4 ITWASTHISBIG** also moved up on the class drop on March 4th and while distance can be a hurdle for this individual, the subtle change to a mile could be to his benefit.

Oaklawn Park Race 4

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#7 BIG COUNTRY lacked finish on March 3rd though was part of a very fast pace that day and given a flow upgrade returning from that event. **#4 LITTLE DEMON** is another "flow upgrade" from March 16th and while the Jacobson runners have been colder this meet, the timing could be right today with the value compensation expected.

Logical **#5 COACH ADAMS** returns looking to pair wins where they were placed according to their abilities on February 19th and come back today fresh under similar conditions.

Oaklawn Park Race 5

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

Morning line favorite, #6 ETERNALLY GRATEFUL lacks value with their late closing run style and stepping up in class lacking an edge in this race to justify the shorter number as projected.

#2 VIGANO projects to improve in this second start off the layoff with the class drop. Ideally they could appreciate more ground though still capable here. **#3 REELED IN** also finds the favorable class change in their second start of the meet and looks to be the right move for this runner on this circuit.

First time starter **#1 UNBOWED** could suggest intent for this race as they were entered back on March 31st for the $20k tag and a trainer scratch that day to run here for $50k instead.

Oaklawn Park Race 6

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

This race comes up contentious and both **#3 DAWNY** and **#7 UNIFYING** capable here though expected to be shorter numbers in a race where they fit though lack (outside of recency) a strong edge.

#6 CUPIDS CRUSH could project a move forward off her juvenile figures and with intent returning here off the layoff protected with steady works. Those same factors also in play for **#1 CRYPTO MO** looking to get back on track as a lightly raced runner making a sophomore debut and exiting stakes company last summer.

#8 FEE also returns from stakes competition and freshened for this spot by Asmussen, a barn that has been sending out live runners as of late. Her N1X effort back in December at Turfway Park stacks up on par here.

Oaklawn Park Race 7

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As far as the runners with experience in this race **#1 LARK'S MISCHIEF** has consistently run some of the more competitive and faster races. With that said, he has lacked finish and any excuse coming up short and while he could just catch the right group that factor must be considered as the shorter price expected.

Asmussen will also send out **#9 DR VINNIE BOOMBATZ**, a first time starter that has been training outside of Oaklawn Park and will give up that recency and question intent. As far as the other first time starters, **#4 KOMOREBINO OMOIDE** and **#6 SALINE RIVER** they suggest intent with the local works and as new faces could be the biggest threat.

Oaklawn Park Race 8

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#5 MIDNIGHT TAXES has been strong this season and at the statebred level looking to add "stakes winner" to their meet totals. While capable here they will have to earn with a contested pace and solid field of rivals.

#2 KING PEANUT showed a lot of ability (B+ OptixGRADE) breaking their maiden on debut for a barn not known for first time starters. Their return on February 26th was competitive given the WEATHER, FOG and overall effort to suggest they will compete right back in this spot.

#7 CHOCTAW ZIP could be overlooked as another runner that showed ability breaking their maiden showing GRIT back in the first part, December 10th, of the meet. Following that race they held their own against open company however not quite to the level for the win and should find themselves competitive back in with statebred rivals and off the freshening.

#8 STUCK N SNOW has been competitive all season though took awhile for that maiden win. The connections come right back, two weeks, off the maiden score and as far as this consistent runner another honest effort is expected today. **#1 CHUPAPI MUNYAYO** overcame the slow start (SLOG) to break their maiden impressively (B+) in February though have struggled with that pattern of SLOG in their other starts to keep in mind as far as value.

Oaklawn Park Race 9

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

Morning line favorite **#7 ALL WEST** projects to be a heavy favorite coming in from the Fair Grounds recording strong speed figures and competitive races this year. With that said, the connections made the decision to run on that circuit this season and not at Oaklawn Park where ALL WEST has struggled to run his "faster" races in the past and that could be the opening to try and beat him today at the shorter price.

#6 THE SKIPPER TOO fits on numbers and form coming back to the N1X allowance condition from March 11th; recording a competitive race (B- OptixGRADE) despite the 5th place result. **#3 BEN DIESEL** also returning from that race potentially compromised from the WIDE trip. The "every other" pattern could also have played a role in the result on the day and could see a rebound here.

Asmussen has a pair in this race with **#2 HERN** projecting to be one of the pacesetters and potentially vulnerable with the race shape and distance. Stablemate **#4 LONG CROW** is softer number wise though one that does his better running with pace to run at and could present upside still a lightly raced runner in the second start off the layoff. His effort on March 3rd was sneaky good given a late CLOSE and solid GALLOP+ after the wire to suggest he has a move forward.

Oaklawn Park Race 10

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

Competitive group of AR-bred fillies and full field of runners. Morning line favorite, **#9 BENNYKAYANDSUZYTOO** will be tested here with that dynamic and projected pace pressure with alternatives in this field.

#6 MS CARROLL COUNTY could be as fast and with early speed as she projects to move forward with the freshening following the allowance race back on March 10th. **#12 LASSIE MY GIRL** also has some early speed and one that could see herself rebound as she has been given the proper recovery time following the taxing efforts starting off her season.

#8 MOZINGO was on a progressive pattern and put it together with the slight upset on March 10th. Amoss will look to keep her holding her form as she looks to become a stakes winner today.

#2 SUMMORYA has often created her own issues in terms of trip though has ability and capable though another where value must be assessed.

Oaklawn Park Race 11

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Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#7 TOWN CHAMP fits logically at this level and running for a tag today, though is the type of runner that requires the right trip to win.

#9 WOBBERJOD returns from the solid BOS/X_FLOW effort to hold for the BLANKET finish win on March 4th. They will require another trip today and could be taxing effort coming back with the barn change here. **#5 HOME BASE** was part of that early pace and not necessarily their ideal trip could see a change in tactics, especially with front running stablemate **#6 FULL IMPACT** in the field and likely one to keep the pace honest.

A faster early pace could benefit **#3 FIRERY TALE** with their late run and form this season that just requires the right trip, pace and timing.

#1 DILETTANTE requires some "form reversal" to compete though the change in class and intent could suggest they could find it today with the price compensation necessary. This will be the second start off the claim for Hollendorfer and returning to the claiming level (and drop) after being protected in starter allowance company last month.

Oaklawn Park Race 12

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#1 STAR OF TOMORROW was in a tougher spot on debut against Special Weight and at a route of ground. She moved up on the class drop back on March 19th though unable to overcome the WIDE trip that day.

#9 ROWDY DAISY is the lone four-year-old on this field and while she has not shown enough to win in her races this year, she fits on par and even could present a move forward in this part of her form cycle.

As far as the statebred group, **#4 COROMANDEL** projects to be favored for the connections as well as off her current form. With that said and without being much of a surprise, she does not present much upside (similar for **#2 PEACEFUL MOMENT** one that has not recorded a work since the recent 3/5 race) off those races. Fellow statebred, **#7 TWINKLING IRISH** could present a move forward she debuted at the maiden claiming level and with a BTL effort on the day. She has been given the time to regroup from the rough start against Special Weight back in February.

The AR-bred runners have the option to run for the $20k tag in today's condition and **#5 HONEYCAMP** coming off a CLOSE after taking kickback and **#6 BROOKE'S ALL IN** also give a mention off some buried form this year.

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