Handicapping Analysis
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Emily's Analysis

Oaklawn Park Race 1

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#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.

Oaklawn Park Race 2

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#3 JINGLE could be overlooked for the connections, recent running lines and finishing position, though those recent races make them a fit in at this claiming level and could offer value at the same time.

#4 SPACE ODESSEY seems the logical runner in this field off their current form connections and competitive race back on March 24th with the winner of that race making a run from off the pace.

#2 PRIMER DIMER also could be given an upgrade from the TACTIC- back on March 2nd and race flow on March 18th.

#5 MAJOR KONG also has some form to compete at this level though trip is key for this runner and his deep closing RunStyle.

Oaklawn Park Race 3

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This race lacks a strong standout and could see the public default to connections with **#6 JUNE GLOOM** in the field. As far as class, fellow Turf Paradise shipper, **#1 MEET JOE** had been running against a tougher class during his season there and could have the edge here with the hidden class and recency with the race over the track on March 17th - a race run at a higher claiming level with a TROUBLE_S and WIDE trip.

#7 COST BASIS returns from a subtle excuse here on March 18th given the ride/TACTIC- that day and all around upside, early speed, while also capable of getting overlooked.

#2 SHANGHAI'S DREAM also fits back at this level from the March 19th race in their second start back off the layoff.

Oaklawn Park Race 4

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Between the class and distance change **#6 WREAKING HAVOC** looks well-placed to compete and break through the maiden level in today's field.

The rest of the field has WREAKING HAVOC to beat and can be tougher to separate as number wise there is not much between those runners. Some subtle changes could make the difference; **#7 NELLY LARKIN** moves off the rail for the first time this season and off some subtle trips as well as progress coming back for this race in the third start off the layoff. **#1 QUARANTINED** takes up the rail here though has the established early speed and getting in light with Medellin back aboard, will look to use those factors as an advantage.

Oaklawn Park Race 5

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#7 SIGNOFTHECROSS has the layoff and colder barn to overcome here though should provide value compensation from those factors. They have run some of their better races to date over this course and the return to this circuit could have further intent attached.

#2 ATRAS returns from the March 19th common race where they stumbled badly at the start and lost the rider in the process - they continued to race riderless to a place finish and has a look back off that "effort" under similar conditions here.

#3 BLACK STORM experimented with the blinkers last out and still unable to get the job done returns here with the big class drop, in for the tag as the connection look to get the win.

Oaklawn Park Race 6

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#3 STORMIN HONGKONG wheels right back for the connections protected at this starter allowance level from the March 16th race where they had to race in the rain (WEATHER) and against the dynamic behind open length winner. The pace should be honest here and allow them the contention they require for the off-the-pace run. **#6 NEWS BOX** has a similar RunStyle and capable here though should also find attention for the connections and coming right back off the win.

Asmussen is familiar with **#7 PRINCIPE GUILHERME** as this runner began his career in this barn. They had him entered under similar conditions to today's race back on March 18th, however he was a GATE scratch (6-1 odds at the time) acting up in the stall, flipping and got himself stuck in the gate.

Of the pacesetters in this race, **#5 OTIS OTIS OTIS** could be the most overlooked and not without a chance. They ran a winning race here back in December as the BOS under similar starter allowance conditions and come back today protected and shortening back up in this second start off the claim.

Oaklawn Park Race 7

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

As the morning line favorite **#5 VEGAS BLUE** seems logical, however does not hold any strong edge in that role. She has been off 53-days since the February 20th race and without excuse trip wise from the time off given the favorable FREE tracking trip to hold place behind the pacesetting winner. Rival **#2 NO DRAMA MOMMA** makes her belated return from that race, though did have an excuse on the day. Her excuse did not come from in-running, but her pre-race behavior WASTED a lot of energy agitated and giving off negative signs before the gates opened. With that "hidden" note she could rebound here and off the recent works, live rider change and especially with positive visuals pre-race.

#8 FUNTIMEGIRL could be another with buried form keying off her debut effort, a race that fits as a contender here. As far as her races this season, the February 5th race appeared a "prep" coming off the layoff and while intent appeared in play with the fitness and drop three weeks later, things did not go as expected in the race. **#7 BAYSHORE FOXES** is another logical type wheeling back from the solid/B OptixGRADE place finish here on March 31st. **#4 ELI'S GIRL** also seems "logical" though must show up with a top effort as another that fits without any real strong edge over some of her rivals with the projected shorter price.

Oaklawn Park Race 8

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

The pace of this race projects to be Contentious (Fire) early and could present a hurdle for **#5 EASY ACTION**. In addition to the projected dynamic, Easy Action has benefit from favorable trips in the races with the higher recorded speed figures and will be tested with the race shape, depth of today's field and even timing wheeling back in three weeks, a change for this horse.

Asmussen has a pair in this race with **#4 COMMERCE COMET** likely to be part of that early pace keeping things honest along with **#1 CALL ME Q** and **#2 ROCKING ROCKET** testing Easy Action. **#7 RYVIT** stayed on as the BOS/Best of the Speed breaking his maiden on March 25th though has shown the ability to pass horses and progression race-to-race.

#9 PROTEGE showed up in the route races this season and in addition to the time off to regroup comes back around ONE_TURN, a distance change that looks to suit this individual. **#3 AMERICAN OUTLAW** also has some buried form and returned to the sprint distance from the stakes route races on March 23rd. He has worked since and did have a subtle trip that day where a move forward could be projected here.

Oaklawn Park Race 9

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#5 COURNEY FAY has come up short at this allowance level without excuse and while she projects to run her race, she will require racing luck along with a top effort here to win. **#1 C. C. HARBOR** returns with some buried form this season keying back to the BTL race in January and racing against (X_FLOW) the race shape here on March 17th.

#6 WAR MUSIC also returns here with competitive races for the level this year and that timing could be on her side as she stretches back out to the route distance for this race. **#7 EARLY DISMISSAL** could be "dismissed" off her form this year and buried form going back to March 10th, the first start back off the layoff and given fitness with the post position and timing on March 19th and potentially sitting on a peak effort in this third start off the layoff.