Handicapping Analysis
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Emily's Analysis

Oaklawn Park Race 1

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

The entry 1/1A MOMMA MULE/NELLY LARKIN is listed as double digits on the morning line with upside for this race. The distance change is in play though both carry form into this race with the potential to improve with the class change.

The class drop is in play for #2 CEE MINUS making their local debut and returning to the main track where they started out their racing career going back to the EX - EXCUSE on debut at HS Indy last September.

#5 NAUGHTY MADAM also finds a class change from her races this season and adding blinkers in this second start of the cycle could all around suggest intent. The same change in class is in play for #9 LEXINGTON DIAMOND here though will give up recency off the 159-day layoff. Timothy Martin closed out Sunday with three winners on the card and that trend is noted here sending out #4 MRS. MACOMBER.

The class change moved up #7 ELMO'S SECRET and projects to hold their form here.

Oaklawn Park Race 2

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

There are some knocks on #9 EMPIRE PASS the projected heavy favorite according to the morning line. She ran a top going back to March 5th and since has been off 54-days and now returns with the class drop as slight concerns. In terms of pace, Empire Pass should also be tested with #6 EMERALD PRINCESS in this field and should offer the value of the two.

The pace scenario upgrades #5 DISTORTED SECRETS looking to track those pacesetters with first run. She will look for that edge over #3 DORITA'S HEART and #4 CRYSTAL CRESCENT (returning to F&M company), a pair that are similar all around with value separating them.

Oaklawn Park Race 3

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

The early pace should be Contentious ("Fire" OptixPLOT) with #10 BLOW TORCH part of "Fire" Quad I though could have the edge of that group. They must still show up with a top to win today.

#1 SISAWAY NOW has some buried form and could be cycling back to a top effort with the right stalking trip. #3 TITLE SHOT is one that requires early pace for their late run and could find it here.

Oaklawn Park Race 4

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

This is a competitive race and while #8 AMERICAN XPERIMENT is capable, they lack any strong edge for this race. Their stablemate #2 GRAPNEL should provide value overlooked from the traffic trip on April 2nd.

Longshot #3 MATTS FIRE N ICE is softer figure wise though as upside for this race carries early speed and also exits a key race with two next out winners (and another solid place) on April 2nd.

#9 STELLAR TAP also carries some buried form and one to keep on the radar should they get lost on the board given the class change back to claiming company, the condition of their most recent win. As the noted trend earlier that should be monitored with Timothy Martin coming back today first off the claim #7 ST. ANDEWS following a dominant, B+ OptixGRADE win on April 15th.

Oaklawn Park Race 5

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#4 KOKOMO STARLET returns from the 41-day freshening and from Special Weight company to suggest intent for this race and even a potential pace advantage with her early speed.

#7 MAGNOLIA MAE also finding a class change to run for a tag for the first time this season. She will also find a post position change and that could be to her benefit given the draw in the races this season.

#9 CASHMERE BABY might not have been able to show her overall ability from the debut just 13-days ago and could be intent wheeling back for this race and with the class change.

Oaklawn Park Race 6

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#1 RUNTODAY is softer on numbers than others though could move forward off those figures keeping in mind they were recorded as a juvenile and returns from the layoff (with strong published works) to make their sophomore debut.

#8 COMMERCE COMET finds a class change and could even be a flow upgrade from the April 14th race setting the early pace, a contentious pace that assisted their stablemate winner, Ryvit.

#6 CACTUS seems obvious with the class and distance change exiting the Hot Springs stakes and fits as a contender keying off their sprint form from earlier this year.

Oaklawn Park Race 7

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

The pace scenario could be altered with #13 LIARS CLUB drawing into this race and applying pressure to #7 LITTLE FRAPPUCINO early. There are others that share a similar run style to assist a trip for #11 ROUNDER.

Diodoro also has #3 KISS PRINCIPAL in the main body of the field and one that will run protected here though can be his own worst enemy with the pattern of SLOG. #4 MYSTIFIER also lacking GRIT- requires the right trip as he has the tendency to "hang" unwilling to pass horses.

#5 SEASIDE BOY was sitting on the win going back to February after pairing BTL efforts in January and capable to compete returning fresh off the top effort given the recovery time.

Oaklawn Park Race 8

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#9 JUBELLA seems logical in this spot and upgraded with the BTL effort after a compromised start lunging out of the gate on April 7th.

Pace and trip is the challenge for closers #1 LET'S DUET and #8 I FEEL THE NEED (likely in to fill the stakes race 13-days ago) with their RunStyle (Quad IV Squares) though capable and in form returning here.

#2 BIG BAD DIVA (trending connections) as some buried form that fits on her best day and could be cycling into that race in this third start of the current cycle.

Oaklawn Park Race 9

Analysis by Emily Gullikson

#2 GO WEST is logical as the favorite in this race with form and figures on par. In terms of pace, they will likely be pressured by #1 FULL AUTHORITY (hot barn) and #3 DOCTOR OSCAR (no value) sharing a similar RunStyle - all Quad I on OptixPLOT.

#5 RUGGS has buried form and could land in the right trip stalking that first flight and first run on closers, #4 LEAGUE OF LEGENDS and #6 DEFLATER.

Oaklawn Park Race 10

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The class drop upgrades the three inside runners, #1 FIVE QUEENS (upgraded returning to the claiming level and common race on 3/3 - a stronger B OptixGRADE than morning line favorite #5 TAPIT RIGHT), #2 BLOW SUM SMOKE and #3 HISSY MISSY.

#6 LADY ASTRID is logical off her current form and class drop returning to similar conditions of the competitive B- OptixGRADE/77 OptixFIG on February 24th.

#12 TIGER BAIT could also get overlooked with the post position, layoff and trip back in the March 3rd common race where the ride/TACTIC- and TRAFFIC played a role in the show finish.