



Handicapping Analysis

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Stakes Spotlight

Oaklawn Race 9

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MISTLETOE STAKES:

#7 TAXED exploded off the layoff at Oaklawn last season with a massive allowance effort something that along with trip played against them in the Apple Blossom (G1) and showed her class rebounding at CD with a big allowance win holding her own with consistent figures in the stakes series. She returned making a positive PRERACE appearance off the layoff last month in the Chilukki (G3) and a solid effort with a strong CLOSE to set her up for this race and back at the two turn distance.

Sophomore #2 TAPIT JENALLIE is not as accomplished as TAXED though has some class in her own right and should present value with the projected favorite. This marks her third start of the current cycle and on a progressive pattern returning to a familiar course and distance.

#5 CORNINGSTONE (no value) is likely to be the strong second choice in the wagering as she has recorded figures similar to TAXED, however those speed figure races have yet to be transferred to Oaklawn and in terms of her Oaklawn numbers those figures lack any strong edge compared to others in this field including #4 STELLAR LILY one that has been able to run her top efforts at Oaklawn and appears well intended second off the layoff pointed to this circuit and with Bejarano back aboard.