

OAKLAWN PARK

Track Phantom Full Card Analysis

Saturday 2/3/24

OP 1 50C PICK 5 \$337

RACE 1: 1,4,8,11,12
 RACE 2: 6,7,8,9,11
 RACE 3: 3,4,9
 RACE 4: 1,2,8
 RACE 5: 3,8,12

OP 5 50C PICK 5 \$360

RACE 5: 2,3,5,8,12
 RACE 6: 1,2,4,5,6,8,9,12
 RACE 7: 5,6,11
 RACE 8: 3,8
 RACE 9: 4,6,8

OP 8 50C PICK 5 \$360

RACE 8: 3,5,6,8
 RACE 9: 2,4,5,6,8
 RACE 10: 4
 RACE 11: 4,6,7,9,10,11
 RACE 12: 3,4,8,9,11,12

BEST BET

#2 MR FILLIP (4TH) - 9/5

LONGSHOT

#9 LINEBACKER (11TH) - 30/1

LIKELY

#4 ALVA STARR (10TH) - 1/1

1 - OAKLAWN PARK (12:30 ET) 72
 MSW 115K, 6F DIRT

8 NO COINCIDENCES 8-5
 1 RUNNIN THE STREETS 5-2
 4 BLUE EMBER 12-1
 12 PREDICTING 30-1

PICK: 8 NO COINCIDENCES

Trainer Ron Moquett is 5 for 12 (42%) with a 2nd time starter in MSW sprinting at OP after that runner was in the money in the debut. He has a \$3.72 ROI with that. One of the winners were for same ownership last year. Lasix is added as is top class rider Rosario. Is the one to beat.

VALUE: 4 BLUE EMBER

Bet down to 4-1 in debut. She got a very wide trip (not ideal on this track) but passed some late to gather up third. 8th in there beaten over 21 came back to run 2nd in md clm 20k at 6-1. 10th beaten 28 ran 2nd in MSW at 66-1 last weekend. Trainer/owner won with her half brother in '23.

A) 1,8 B) 4,6,7,11,12 C) 2,3,5,9,10

2 - OAKLAWN PARK (1:00 ET) 47
 ALLW 140K, 6F DIRT

8 STARTDFROMDABOTTOM 8-1
 6 CAMP DADDY 4-1
 7 FAVORITE OUTLAW 3-1
 9 JULIARD 20-1

PICK: 8 STARTDFROMDABOTTOM

Ohio-bred racked up over 200k facing Oh-bred company. Connections dropped him to a 10k tag 5 back and he was claimed. They must've really liked him. They took him back for 25k next out. 8 runners in the last race had run in graded stakes. Gets an ideal trip tracking early.

VALUE: 6 CAMP DADDY

High percentage trainer claimed this one for 2k in the start 4 back. He got a win first out off the claim and back to back runner-up efforts after that. Starter held him in the gate for too long and he was eliminated last out. However, he rallied for second anyway. In very good form.

A) 6,7,8 B) 4,9,11 C) 1,2,3,12

3 - OAKLAWN PARK (1:30 ET) 61
 OPT CLM 140K, 6F DIRT

9 WHERE'S RANDY 9-2
 4 MIDNIGHT TAXES 5-2
 3 CHOCTAW ZIP 10-1
 8 STUCK N SNOW 15-1

PICK: 9 WHERE'S RANDY

5YO gelding has encountered major traffic in most of his 8 career starts. He's a closer and tends to find trouble. Can excuse the last race when he was facing open class rich allw at CD. Shuffled in only route try two back. Probably best three back if not for being blocked badly.

VALUE: 3 CHOCTAW ZIP

Really hasn't run poorly in the 3 starts facing Arkansas-bred company. Might not have liked the longer distance or the wet footing in most recent start. Or he just might have needed the race off the long layoff. Trainer on the board in 7 of 14 starts at the meet. Late move in here.

A) 4,9 B) 3,5,7,8,12,13 C) 1,2,10

4 - OAKLAWN PARK (2:00 ET) 79
 MSW 115K, 6F DIRT

2 MR FILLIP 9-5
 8 MORUNNING 5-2
 1 FIRST BID 20-1
 11 AZTEC FIRE 15-1

PICK: 2 MR FILLIP

Favored in debut but had a terrible 1st furlong as he stumbled at the start and was hindered badly dropping back to near last. He did come on well late. Added blinkers in last and ran big when 2nd to a firster (well clear of 3rd). The time 1:10.2 was much faster than others on that day.

VALUE: 1 FIRST BID

Exits the same two races at RP and OP as that of the top choice. He showed speed in the first start and then had trouble from the gate last out before running on well. Female family of multiple G1 winner City Band. Adds Lasix here for the 1st time. Can slip into the exotics here.

A) 2 B) 1,3,5,6,8,11,13 C) 4,7,10,12

5 - OAKLAWN PARK (2:31 ET) 64
 STR ALLW 65K, 6F DIRT

12 STAGE LEFT 3-1
 3 JACKMAN 5-2
 8 MACRON 20-1
 5 SHADY EMPIRE 9-2

PICK: 12 STAGE LEFT

Trainer David Jacobson is 5 for 15 (33%), 13 on the board with a runner in starter allw sprint on the dirt at 4-1 or less. He claims horses for these kinds of conditions. This one has turned into a graded stakes runner for him. Last ran in a strong stakes at AQU. Gets Lasix back here.

VALUE: 8 MACRON

Has talent (as shown in the 100k Iowa Sprint 7 starts ago with a career top 97 Beyer) but also has physical issues (off a year before the last start and he was laid off just one start after the claim). His race off the break was good. He made a sharp move before flattening out late.

A) 3,8,12 B) 2,5 C) 1,4,10,11

6 - OAKLAWN PARK (3:04 ET) 45
 MSW 115K, 1M 1/16 DIRT

9 GOTTA HAVE DREAMS 20-1
 2 DIMATIC 5-2
 4 GIVE ME LIBERTY 3-1
 6 WILL TAKE IT 20-1

PICK: 9 GOTTA HAVE DREAMS

The last two starts are good enough to win in this spot. He didn't run a step for former outfit but outran his odds in both starts for Shorter. Made a sharp move up the rail in last before he was shut off and lost some momentum. He gamely held 4th. Likely to be overlooked today.

VALUE: 6 WILL TAKE IT

This is simply a breeding play. 2nd dam is Take Charge Lady. She won 3 G1 races and \$2.5M in her career. Her offspring include the 2013 G1 Travers winner Will Take Charge (won near 4M) and 2012 G1 Florida Derby winner Take Charge Indy (won 1M). Expecting to see more in here.

A) 2,4,9 B) 1,5,6,8,12 C) 3,7,10,11

7 - OAKLAWN PARK (3:34 ET) 72
 ALLW 141K, 6F DIRT

6 ZEITLOS 5-2
 5 KANTEX 8-1
 7 I'M THE BOSS OF ME 8-1
 4 TRAVERSE 4-1

PICK: 6 ZEITLOS

She's been in the money in every start except the debut when she tossed the rider. Won off the layoff to break her maiden at ELP. Won last by less than a length but the runner-up was 7 clear. 6th and 7th (both well-beaten) won next in allw, 50k clm. Asmussen is live with slow works.

VALUE: 5 KANTEX

Ark-bred has won half of her career 8 starts so far for trainer Randy Morse. Two of the losses were routing. She handled open class opt clm at CD two back when second at 8-1. Bet down to 6-5 in the comebacker here and was clearly best with a sharp win. Her form is good enough.

A) 6 B) 4,5,7,10 C) 2,3,8,9

8 - OAKLAWN PARK (4:04 ET) 74
 KING COTTON 150K, 6F DIRT

3 TEJANO TWIST 4-1
 8 SKELLY 7-5
 6 MILES AHEAD 5-1
 5 EDGE TO EDGE 9-2

PICK: 3 TEJANO TWIST

Rattled off 11 straight races with a 94+ Beyer figure. He won 6 times in that stretch and that included 4 stakes races. He's a deep closer so the pace will make a difference here. Won in 3 of 5 starts on this track and 6 of 12 at 6F. Rider Landeros has 4 wins and 3 thirds from 7 starts.

VALUE: 6 MILES AHEAD

Can never discount a horse who has a knack for winning. This one has 12 wins in 27 starts on a fast dirt track, 9 for 18 at the distance so far and 20 of 32 in the exacta overall. He fired a career best in the Thanksgiving at FG. Might need Lasix. His starts without it aren't as good.

A) 3,8 B) 5,6 C) 1,2,4

9 – OAKLAWN PARK (4:40 ET) 84
 MARTHA WASHINGTON 250K, 1M 1/16 DIRT

8 DENIM AND PEARLS 6-5
 6 SARATOGA SECRET 15-1
 4 NEOM BEACH 4-1
 2 BAND OF GOLD 20-1

PICK: 8 DENIM AND PEARLS

Brad Cox has had a starter in this race in every year since 2020. He won twice and was in the money in all 4 years. Like the fact this filly has beaten 26 foes in 3 starts. Was run down late in the Years End. Prat moved a bit too soon in there. A sib to graded stakes winner Newgate.

VALUE: 6 SARATOGA SECRET

D Wayne Lukas won this race twice. He won it in 2015 with Take Charge Brandi and again in 2022 with Secret Oath (who won the Kentucky Oaks 3 starts later). Female family of the 2017 Ky Derby runner-up Lookin' at Lee. There are excuses for the last two starts. Might surprise.

A) 8 B) 2,4,5,6 C) 1,3,7,9

10 – OAKLAWN PARK (5:14 ET) 87
 AMERICAN BEAUTY 150K, 6F DIRT

4 ALVA STARR 1-1
 9 ROYAL SPA 9-2
 7 MISS ARLINGTON 4-1
 3 ADALINE JULIA 12-1

PICK: 4 ALVA STARR

She was one of the better 3YO sprinting fillies in the country last year. She ripped up a good field in the G2 Prioress two back at SAR. She was able to turn the table on Jersey Peal who had beaten her two races prior. Was 12 clear of 3rd in the Raven Run in last. The one to beat.

VALUE: 9 ROYAL SPA

Adds blinkers for the first time. She is a dead closer in this spot and might just get the kind of pace she needs to run into. A bit concerned that 2 of her 3 wins were with Lasix which she doesn't have today. But then her 3 losses are also in G1 and twice routing. Will be running on.

A) 4 B) 3,5,7,9 C) 1,2,8

11 – OAKLAWN PARK (5:50 ET) 67
 SOUTHWEST (G3) 800K, 1M 1/16 DIRT

9 LINEBACKER 30-1
 11 JUST STEEL 8-1
 10 MYSTIK DAN 12-1
 7 CARBONE 9-2

PICK: 9 LINEBACKER

This is definitely a bit of a reach. This is still a maiden. But he's looked better than it might appear in each start. Shuffled badly on the rail in first route last time. The winner was a 375k Asmussen 2nd timer. Winner two back won the 100k Sugar Bowl at FG next start. Bombs away.

VALUE: 11 JUST STEEL

500k Justify colt ran 8 times as a 2YO. He was a 12-1 winner two back sprinting at CD in the 200k stakes. Outran his odds when 2nd in the Smarty Jones here last out. 3rd place finisher from maiden win was G1 Breeders' Futurity winner Locked (also 3rd in the G1 BC Juvenile).

A) 7,9,10,11 B) 4,5,6 C) 2,3,8,12

12 – OAKLAWN PARK (6:24 ET) 56
 ALLW 140K, 1M 1/16 DIRT

11 TEN DAYS LATER 6-1
 8 ALEXANDER HELIOS 3-1
 3 POLTERER 20-1
 9 PLEDGEOFALLEGIANCE 5-1

PICK: 11 TEN DAYS LATER

Nice runner-up finish at CD 3 back. The winner came back to win next in opt clm 50k at FG as a 1-2 favorite. Got no help from the post draw or the early pace two back. Ended up moving early into the pace while wide in last. McPeck one of the best with dirt routers from off the pace.

VALUE: 3 POLTERER

He really turned the corner here in March. He won 4 of 5 starts and 5 of 9 overall to end the season. He's 5 for 10 at the distance and 3 for 6 at Oaklawn Park. He can win on the pace or in behind. Arrieta had back to back wins on him last spring. Will be tough if ready off the break.

A) 8,11 B) 1,3,4,9,12 C) 2,5,6,10

