

OAKLAWN

ANYWHERE

Oaklawn Park
Sunday, February 10

by Jeff Taylor

1st Race

PICKS: **7-Strawn's Cash**
 5-Rock City Roadhog
 6-Haus

ANALYSIS: STRAWN'S CASH won twice here last season and he fits today's class level very well. Veteran ROCK CITY ROADHOG is a five-time winner locally and looks ready to roll in 2019 after spending last season in New Mexico. Big number last time for HAUS and while he is still eligible for non winners of three conditions, he might be the lonesome speed in here.

2nd Race

PICKS: **10-Hot Item**
 8-Carmelo
 5-Calandave

ANALYSIS: Early traffic issues likely cost HOT ITEM in his first start of the season and he is another who has proven fond of the local strip in the past. Barn of CARMELO known for taking an edge and after running second for \$16K last time, he takes a drop; one to beat. It is back to conventional dirt for CALANDAVE today and he ran well at Churchill the last time he tried it.

3rd Race

PICKS: **8-Collection**
 7-Sambucca
 5-Deano

ANALYSIS: Nice morning line price on COLLECTION who came running in each of his last two; he should get ample pace to run at. One of only two in here to have won twice, SAMBUCCA proved successful at today's claiming price two starts back. Dull effort for DEANO in his local debut while making his first try at two turns; back to a sprint today as well as undergoing some class relief.

4th Race

PICKS: **8-Derecho Warrior**
 1-Flight Risk
 4-Giant Pulpit

ANALYSIS: Lots of class droppers in this wide-open affair, including DERECHO who should be tighter in his second out of the year. FLIGHT RISK finished right behind the top choice last time in his first of the year so it is difficult to like one without the other. Impressive maiden score for GIANT PULPIT off the claim as it appears his new barn has found his hole card.

5th Race

PICKS: **6-Galahad Kid**
 2-Flat Out Beautiful
 7-One Man Party

ANALYSIS: Like the gate work from GALAHAD KID ten days ago which should set him up well for his second career attempt. The last time FLAT OUT BEAUTIFUL saw a claiming price he narrowly missed; he is also returning to a sprint today. Connections of ONE MAN PARTY know how to win with first timers (22 percent) and he has been training steadily for his coming out party.

6th Race

PICKS: **8-Preacher Time**
 1-After Hours & 1a-Candy for Three
 2-Cash for the Soul

ANALYSIS: Must respect the class history of PREACHER TIME, especially since he went 1-1 in his three starts here a year ago. Two-for-one punch with the entry of AFTER HOURS and CANDY FOR THREE as each taking a class drop after being claimed last time by their high percentage barns. Trainer of CASH FOR THE SOUL have been “live” with their runners thus far at the young stand and he drew well to use his high turn of early foot.

7th Race

PICKS: **5-Barbary Hall**
 1-Summer’s Indy
 3-Bixby Lou

ANALYSIS: High dollar optional affair brings together a wide variety of runners, including BARBARY HALL, who fits the conditions of today’s race very well. Near miss for SUMMER’S INDY in her first of the year as she looks to have held form from a couple of impressive wins late last year. BIXBY LOU got really good after leaving here last spring but the turnaround came on the grass; she remains unproven on dirt.

8th Race

PICKS: **6-C Z Rocket**
 7-Exclamation Point
 9-Shotgun Cowboy

ANALYSIS: High level of talent entered in today’s feature which has the feel of a stakes event; C Z ROCKET finished fourth in a couple of graded events last summer and knows how to win. EXCLAMATION POINT rates the role as the unknown in here after going three-for-three last year with two coming locally; the bad news, he has not been out in ten months. Millionaire SHOTGUN KOWBOY has won four times over this oval but today’s mile not be his preferred distance.

9th Race

PICKS: **1-Helena**
 6-Kid Sis
 4-Ultimate Mo

ANALYSIS: Tough debut trip for HELENA when favored as she was trapped inside of traffic while sprinting; that seasoning and the move out to two turns should produce a much better finish. Nice value on KID SIS at 8-1 on the line as she took the overland route to a creditable finish in his first ever try; the filly that defeated her came right back to win again. Best last race Beyer Fig in here goes to ULTIMATE MO and this is just the kind of spot that her Hall of Famer trainer often excels at.
