

OAKLAWN

ANYWHERE

Oaklawn Park
Thursday, March 14

by Jeff Taylor

1st Race

PICKS: **5-Golden Bullet**
 4-Single Gem
 7-Fulkerson

ANALYSIS: Have to think GOLDEN BULLET was overmatched in that last allowance try and think we see more like his impressive non winners of two score for today's claiming price two starts back. It has been three months since we have seen SINGLE GEM but he has been training steadily for his return and the class level fits. Always dangerous to under estimate the new barn of FULKERSON off the claim and he offers much better value than the top two choices.

2nd Race

PICKS: **7-Honest N Lucky**
 1-Essie
 3-Electress

ANALYSIS: Rough start for HONEST N LUCKY didn't help matters in that debut where she drew some support on tote; barn is a solid 24 percent with second time starters. ESSIE makes the all-important move from maiden specials to maiden claiming company and that is one of the most powerful handicapping angles going. ELECTRESS also drops in for a tag for the first time and she returns to a sprint where she has a couple of exacta finishes.

3rd Race

PICKS: **7-Reversaloffortune**
 9-Home It Tiz
 3-Royal Edition

ANALYSIS: Small barn went in after REVERSALOFFORTUNE at the claim box last time and are shooting a fat 75 percent in the exacta here this season. Near miss for HOME IT TIZ in his most recent in his first dirt route attempt and today's slight class reduction could net him the diploma. With 16 chances to graduate, ROYAL EDITION obviously has an issue with winning although he has his share of in-the-money finishes; thinking bottom of the gimmicks again today.

4th Race

PICKS: **7-Dapper Jack**
 10-Solar Maximus
 5-Archie

ANALYSIS: Steady improvement from DAPPER JACK in three starts this year and barn has been winning races in bunches; could be the lonesome speed. SOLAR MAXIMUS had a run going in midstretch last time only to get stopped in traffic; clean trip today nets him as least a share. Another barn change for ARCHIE off the claim and today could be the day he finally wakes up.

5th Race

PICKS: **9-Paxos**
 7-A. P. Royal
 11-Red Dirt Road

ANALYSIS: Still come potential upside to PAXOS with regard to his Beyer Speed Figures and he just missed at this level his last trip postward. New trainer of A. P. ROYAL very visible here this season after being rather quiet in recent years; they immediately add blinkers following the claim. Wake up call for RED DIRT ROAD last time and he might have been closer if not for some traffic issues; could be sitting on a peak in his third start off the layoff.

6th Race

PICKS: 2-Well Maid
10-Perfect Plus
12-Redeal

ANALYSIS: This might be the softest spot WELL MAID has seen since that pair of victories at Fairmount against state-breds last spring; like the move back to one turn. Straight non winners of three company today for PERFECT PLUS after squaring off against multiple winners in his last two; might get part of this while huge in price. Bit leery of REDEAL who has not been seen in the afternoon since winning here on Opening Weekend for three times today's claiming price.

7th Race

PICKS: 1-Portion
5-Jeweled Crown
12-Another Rocket

ANALYSIS: Like the bullet work for PORTION between starts and she gets a great post to work with; think she punches through this afternoon. Debut for JEWELLED CROWN pretty good against open company and today should be at home against fellow Arkie-breds. Some late interest from ANOTHER ROCKET in her lone out and she has been training steadily between starts.

8th Race

PICKS: 1-Bye Bye J
6-Usual Suspect
5-Fastanista

ANALYSIS: Graded stakes placed last time against open company, Florida invader BYE BYE J looks head and shoulders above this group of state-breds. Already a stakes winner in restricted company here this season, USUAL SUSPECT appears the best equipped to upset the top choice. Near miss to the top choice last time with a nice stalking trip, FASTANISTA should be lurking just off the early pace once again.

9th Race

PICKS: 6-Mojovation
3-Sabrena's Bling
5-San Juan Diego

ANALYSIS: Stumble at the break likely cost MOJOVATION as he threw in the towel after working hard to set the early pace; clean start today means he lasts much longer up front. Just the one trip to the winner's circle for SABRENA'S BLING after almost two dozen starts but she does have nine other trifecta finishes; certainly belongs in the mix. New York-bred SAN JUAN DIEGO took his time graduating but did outrun his price in his first start against winners; another who should get at least part.
