Oaklawn Jockey Club

Friday, May 3

First Race:
6-Dixie Fever
3-Out of Hydeing
2-Lifesbeengoodsofar

**ANALYSIS:** Dixie Fever ran his race in his return, it just wasn’t good enough to contend against better; sees his claiming price reduced by almost half today which should do the trick. Good early speed from OUT OF HYDEING in his last two and like the top choice, his claiming price dropping down from the $30K level. Non winners of two score for LIFESBEENGOODSO FAR and while he faces a sterner test today, he has never been better.

Second Race:
6-Baysider
8-Foxrun
2-Reversaloffortune

**ANALYSIS:** BAYSIDER moves into a barn that specializes off the claim so despite his reluctance to win previously, expect we could see a big turnaround. Steady descent down the class ladder has produced improved results for FOXRUN and he did not miss by much in that most recent. Several minor awards for REVERSALOF FOURTUNE thus far and like the top choice, he changes barns via the claim and his new connections also excel in that venue.

Third Race:
1-Lively Spell & 1a-Button Mushroom
2-Another Rocket
5-Spunky Town

**ANALYSIS:** Classic one-two punch from the entry with LIVELY SPELL likely to ensure an honest pace which should allow the late running BUTTON MUSHROOM to pick up the pieces. Bargain claiming price on ANOTHER ROCKET who was last seen in the state-bred claiming ranks; window closing this year four opportunities in Arkie-bred company so it is on to open rivals. Excellent early speed from SPUNKY TOWN in her most recent and she is another native taking on open company.

Fourth Race:
6-Tiddly
1-Firm Alexis
11-Primary Paula

**ANALYSIS:** Significant improvement from TIDDLY in her second career out and now she makes the all-important move from maiden specials to maiden claimers FIRM ALEXIS has never finished out of the money in three tries and she too drops in for a tag for the first time. Nice turn of early foot from PRIMARY PAULA in a couple of starts although she could have drawn better than her outside post.

Fifth Race:
ANALYSIS: High percentage barn ships stakes regular LAKE PONCHATRAIN in from West Virginia and she has traveled well in the past; like the bullet work between starts. Some steady efforts from PRETTY GREELEY this year, including the trip over to Will Rogers most recently to annex a minor stake; she is 8-for-12 locally in the trifecta, including a couple of wins. Tough season for the Von Hemel clan this year but father and son team up with the duo of GIRL POWER and COSMIC BURST and each has visited the local winner’s circle previously.

Sixth Race:
4-Around the Dial
9-Loopallu
1-Golden Sceptor

ANALYSIS: Tough trip for AROUND THE DIAL in his debut when forced to check up in traffic with a furlong to run; barn is 24 percent with second time starters so he looks dangerous while decent in price. Four runner up finishes from seven starts for LOOPALLU with a couple coming as the favorite; risky play on top once again. Nice post draw for the speed of GOLDEN SCEPTOR and his barn has done well with limited starters here this year.

Seventh Race:
5-Verve’s Humor
2-Home Run Trick
4-Combatant

ANALYSIS: The late developing VERVE’S HONOR appears to have really come into himself lately with a big maiden score most recently; looks capable of winning right back. Two monster races from HOME RUN TRICK in his last three starts when able to shake loose up front; could happen again here. Multiple grades stakes performer COMBATANT still has just the one win and had to settle for second in his return trip last time out.

Eighth Race:
5-Annualized
9-Zip Your Lip
7-Lea Ridge

ANALYSIS: California invader ANNUALIZED has trained brilliantly since arriving and his barn can get one ready at first asking. Three straight bridesmaid finishes for ZIP YOUR LIP with the most recent coming at odds-on; looks like another who is reluctant to graduate. Trainer of LEA RIDGE shows a fat profit with his second time starters so don’t be surprised if you see a big step forward from him today.

Ninth Race:
8-Pioneer Spirit
2-Fight On
6-Exclamation Point

ANALYSIS: Inaugural running of the Oaklawn Mile today drew an evenly matched group headed up by PIONEER SPIRIT who narrowly missed in the Oaklawn ‘Cap last month. The consistent FIGHT ON has gutted out two narrow wins in a row now including a stakes score in the Fifth Season on Arkie Derby Day. First stakes try for EXCLAMATION POINT but he has earned it by compiling five wins from six starts, including two at today’s distance.

Tenth Race:
5-Savvy Ally
11-Q Go Girl
8-Kada
**ANALYSIS:** One steady performance after another for SAVVY ALLY so she looks like an excellent foundation in the gimmicks in this spot. Overmatched at over 30-1 in that last stake, Q GO GIRL should be more comfortable at today’s optional claiming class level. One short price after another for KADA and while she has delivered a couple of times, there is better value to be had in here.

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**Eleventh Race:**
14-Restless Rider
4-Bellafina
10-Champagne Anyone

**ANALYSIS:** Solid comebacker for RESTLESS RIDER when she just missed in the Ashland after four months away; proved repeatedly last year she belongs at the top of her class. One nagging blemish on the otherwise perfect stakes record of favorite BELLAFINA and it came right here in the Breeder’s Cup Juvenile Fillies last fall; still rates as the one to beat. CHAMPAGNE ANYONE has fired off a couple of deep rallies previously and today would be a good day to do so again with so much early speed to run at.