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## REBEL STAKES 2022

This **Inside Track to the Rebel Stakes** wagering guide gives you an inside look at both major stakes races running at Oaklawn Park on February 26, 2022, including the \$1 million Rebel Stakes (G2). The 1 1/16-mile race is worth 50-20-10-5 points to the top 4 finishers on the 2022 Road to the Kentucky Derby (G1). Win here and you are IN the Kentucky Derby!

The Racing Dudes have been at it for 10 years, offering daily handicapping picks and analysis for every track across the country. For this year's Inside Track to the Rebel Stakes, our lead handicappers have been scouring through the card at Oaklawn Park in search of winning tickets on this loaded day of racing.

While just two stakes races are on the card, the day's purse totals \$1.3 million and includes both Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks (G1) prep races: the Rebel and the \$300,000 Honeybee Stakes (G3) for the Oaks. AS A BONUS: this Inside Track to the Rebel Stakes also includes detailed coverage of ALL FOUR allowance races!

**But that's not all! Along with the in-depth race coverage, this Inside Track to the Rebel Stakes wagering guide also includes race-by-race analysis, betting suggestions, and multi-race plays for Oaklawn Park's entire Saturday card.**

For each of the two stakes (plus 4 bonus allowance races) at Oaklawn Park, you will find the following:

FULL PREVIEW FOR THE RACE, including:

- ♦ Race Overview
- ♦ Race Shape and Pace Analysis
- ♦ Top Selections
- ♦ Major Threats
- ♦ Longshots to Use

You will also find specific wagering under the "Picks and Plays" section, which includes:

- ♦ Win Bet
- ♦ Place or Show Bet
- ♦ Longshot to Play Across the Board
- ♦ Exacta
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- ♦ Horses to use in Multi-Race Wagers
- ♦ What to Play on a Straight Wager
- ♦ What to Play on an Exotic Wager

Each Win, Place, Show, or Across the Board wager comes with a confidence rating so that you can see how strongly we feel about each pick.

Finally, always remember to wager responsibly and never wager more than you can afford.

**Good luck today!**



# RACE 3:

6 FURLONGS ( DIRT )  
FILLIES-3-YEAR-OLDS  
\$100,000

## ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING



### OVERVIEW:

We'll see if the 3-year-old fillies can take a step forward here in a tough allowance race. Brad Cox should have two short prices in Icy Stare Down and Marr Time, but they will be challenged by a bevy of fillies looking to make a name for themselves.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** Marr Time, Peace Peddler

**Pressing Speed:** Parlance, Lady Scarlet

**Stalkers:** Icy Stare Down

**Closers:** No Drama Momma, Holy Justice, Cupid's Music

There is a lot of speed in this race, with as many as four of these fillies wanting to take command of the race early. This should it up for someone sitting just off the pace or coming from the back of the field.

### TOP CHOICE: #1 ICY STARE DOWN

This horse scratched out of a stakes last weekend for this spot that makes a lot more sense. The Cox trainee picked up an impressive win over this track last time out, with this being the logical next step for her. Top flight jockey John Velazquez picks up the mount today as well, which is a good sign. Finally, the horse should get a nice pace set up, with plenty of speed up front in this race.

### MAJOR THREATS: #3 Marr Time, #4 Peace Peddler, #7 Parlance

Marr Time was all the rage after her dazzling debut but was a big disappointment over this track last time out. #4 Peace Peddler will look to make it 2 in a row after an impressive win last time out. #7 Parlance should improve facing winners for the second time today.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #8 Lady Scarlet

Lady Scarlet was fifth at this level last time out, which was her first race for new trainer Mike Maker. She could improve in her second start against winners, though, which makes her playable at a price.

### OTHERS: #2 No Drama Momma, #5 Holy Justice, #6 Cupid's Music

When a race looks a bit top-heavy like this, it's tough to play these horses. Many of these seem to be a touch below the top horses in this race from a speed figure standpoint.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #1 Icy Stare Down - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #4 Peace Peddler - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #7 Parlance - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 1,4/1,4,7

**TRIFECTA:** 1,4/1,3,4,7/1,3,4,7

**SUPERFECTA:** 1,3,4,7 BOX

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 1,3,4

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$20 Win on #1 Icy Stare Down

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$5 Exacta 1,4/1,4,7

# RACE 5:

## HONEYBEE STAKES (G3)

1 1/16 MILES (DIRT)  
FILLIES-3-YEAR-OLDS  
\$300,000



### OVERVIEW:

The Honeybee is a major stepping stone towards the Kentucky Oaks, and while the D. Wayne Lukas-trained Secret Oath looks to be the real deal in this division, she must now tackle some interesting new challengers.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Optionality, Yuugiri*

**Pressing Speed:** *Ice Orchid, Free Like a Girl*

**Stalkers:** *Secret Oath*

**Closers:** *Red Queen*

There should be some early speed in this race, but with a short field, you rarely get a real speed duel up front. That is why the race is listed at moderate; however, don't look for anyone to get out to an easy lead here.

### TOP CHOICE: #3 SECRET OATH

It looks like The Coach has another superstar on his hands with Secret Oath. After struggling a bit early in her career, the filly has come on in a big way at Oaklawn Park, winning 2 straight in dominant fashion. Last time out, she defeated a multiple stakes winner, running past like she was standing still. With that sort of effort today, the rest of these will be running for second.

### MAJOR THREATS: #1 Optionality, #2 Yuugiri

Optionality set the pace last time out but could do very little to hold off our top pick. Yuugiri was second last time out in the Golden Rod Stakes and should be the one our top choice must run down in the stretch today.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #4 Ice Orchid

This is your potential upsetter after her nice maiden special weight victory last time out at this distance and over this course. The horse has hit the board in all 3 of her starts and should improve off of that last effort, so she looks dangerous.

### OTHERS: #5 Feel Like a Girl, #6 Red Queen

This race looks to be a little top-heavy, so anyone from this group making an impact is a long shot. The two headlining horses look pretty tough to beat here.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #3 Secret Oath - Confidence Level: 4.5 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #2 Yuugiri - Confidence Level: 3.5 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #1 Optionality - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 3/2

**TRIFECTA:** 3/1,2/1,2

**SUPERFECTA:** 3/1,2/1,2,4/1,2,4

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 2,3

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$20 Win on #3 Secret Oath

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$10 Exacta 3/2



# RACE 7:

1 1/16 MILES (DIRT)  
3-YEAR-OLDS  
\$100,000

## ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING



### OVERVIEW:

Let's see if any of these 3-year-olds can use this allowance race as a springboard to bigger and better things down the road. Steve Asmussen has a pair entered here that fits that bill, as well as D Wayne Lukas and Rudolphe Brisset, so this will be a good one.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A SLOW PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Sky and Sand*

**Pressing Speed:** *Call Me Jamal*

**Stalkers:** *Great Escape, Ignitis*

**Closers:** *Costa Terra, Vodka and Water*

Sky and Sand exits three sprint races, so look for him to be forwardly placed as they stretch out in distance today. There are a few others who have early speed as well, but we predict the Asmussen runner is comfortable on the front end.

### TOP CHOICE: #5 SKY AND SAND

This colt put it all together last time out to dominate a maiden special weight over this track by nearly 7-lengths, but must stretch out in distance today, which will be a question mark. However, he has the early speed to run away from these horse early, which could make things interesting, with no other early speed present in the race. With the scratch of McLaren Vale, this Asmussen runner become the likely winner.

### MAJOR THREATS: #1 Great Escape

Great Escape will drop back down to the allowance ranks today after running poorly last year in the tougher Breeders' Futurity (G1) at Keeneland. Look for him to improve in his 3-year-old debut today.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #7 Ignitis

This D. Wayne Lukas runner takes a nice drop in class today after taking on stakes company in his last 3 starts. The competition is still tough today, but he fits in much better. Plus, the price will be right for him.

### OTHERS: #2 Call Me Jamal, #3 Costa Terra, #4 Vodka N Water

Anyone from this group making an impact in this spot would be a surprise. They need a lot of improving from a speed figure standpoint.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #5 Sky and Sand - Confidence Level: 3.5 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #1 Great Escape - Confidence Level: 3.5 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #7 Ignitis - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 1,5/1,5,7

**TRIFECTA:** 1,5/1,5,7/1,3,5,7

**SUPERFECTA:** 1,3,5,7 BOX

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 1,5

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$20 Win on #5 Sky and Sand

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$5 Exacta 1,5/1,5,7

# RACE 9: ALLOWANCE

1 MILE (DIRT)  
4-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD  
\$100,000



## OVERVIEW:

This allowance field is about as evenly-matched as you can get, so an upset could be brewing in this spot. Several of these horses want to run early as well, which might set up for a pace meltdown and a rush to the wire.

## RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Palace Coup, Myopic, Prioritization, C Falls*

**Pressing Speed:** *Pats Property, Catholic Guilt*

**Stalkers:** *Santos Dumont, Martini Blu, Lamutanaatty*

**Closers:** *Quarterback Dak, Hunt the Front, Calibrate*

These horses should be flying early, which could set it up perfectly for horses coming from off the pace. Look out for those that can stalk the pace as well, as you want to be somewhat close going a mile at this track.

## TOP CHOICE: #1 PATS PROPERTY

This horse looks to be the "speed of the speed" which could be dangerous going this 1-mile distance at Oaklawn Park. Three starts back, he was able to defeat similar company at Churchill Downs, and last time out, he lost to a solid horse while running a bit longer distance. Trainer Robertino Diodoro is always tough to beat here.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #2 Santos Dumont, #5 Myopic  
#10 Prioritization

Santos Dumont runs off of a long layoff while starting for Chris Hartman for the first time, a solid angle. Prioritization has won 2 of his last 3, including a nice victory over this track last time out. Myopic dangerous here as the other Diodoro entry has scratched.

**LONGSHOTS TO USE:** #4 Quarterback Dak, #11 C Falls

Quarterback Dak has struggled in his last few races, but has solid back class that can win here.. C Falls also runs for Hartman for the first time, which could lead to improvement.

**OTHERS:** #6 Hunt the Front, #7 Martini Blu, #8 Catholic Guilt, #9 Calibrate, #12 Lamutanaatty

These horse aren't so bad, but this is a very difficult race, which makes a few of these tough to play. I wouldn't give up on them completely, though, as an upset could be brewing here.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #1 Pats Property - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #10 Prioritization - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #2 Santos Dumont - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 1,2,10 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 1,2,5,10 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 1,2,5,10 BOX

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 1,2,5,10

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$10 Win on #1 Pats Property

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 1,2,5,10

# RACE 11:

## REBEL STAKES (G2)

1 1/16 MILES (DIRT)  
3-YEAR-OLDS  
\$1,000,000



### OVERVIEW:

The main event is here! The Rebel is always an important stop on the road to the Kentucky Derby, and once again, Bob Baffert looks strong in this race. Oaklawn Park has been his playground over the years, winning this race a record 8 times.

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE PACE

**Pure Speed:** Kavod, Newgrange

**Pressing Speed:** Stellar Tap, Ben Diesel, Chasing Time

**Stalkers:** Cairama, Barber Road, Dash Attack

**Closers:** Un Ojo, Texas Red Hot, Ethereal Road

This one looks to be setting up for a moderate pace, as several of the key players in this race all have nice speed early, but none of them are big-time burners on the front end. You can expect a fairly-run pace here.

### TOP CHOICE: #2 NEWGRANGE

Baffert once again looks tough in this spot as Newgrange comes back to Oaklawn looking for another victory. He faces a similar field as well, with the only serious new shooter being Chasing Time, who was dominant in an allowance event here last time out. Still, if Newgrange shows up with his best effort, they'll be hard-pressed to beat him in this spot.

**MAJOR THREATS:** #8 Chasing Time, #9 Barber Road, #10 Ethereal Road

Chasing Time looked fantastic last time out and will be tough if he can repeat that dominant allowance win. Barber Road was second to our top choice in the Southwest Stakes (G3). Ethereal Road will get a hot pace to close into as he looks to make a big run from the back of the pack down the stretch.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 Kavod, #6 Stellar Tap

Kavod has the most speed in the field but was unable to hold on in 2 starts over this track. Stellar Tap ships to Oaklawn after running third against allowance horses at Fair Grounds last time. Maybe the change in track will help his chances.

**OTHERS:** #3 Cairama, #4 Un Ojo, #5 Texas Red Hot, #7 Ben Diesel, #11 Dash Attack

A few of these horses need to improve their games dramatically to win here, while Ben Diesel and Dash Attack might have already seen their better days.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #2 Newgrange - Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #8 Chasing Time - Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #10 Ethereal Road - Confidence Level: 2.5 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 2,8,10 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 2,8,9,10 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 2,8,9,10 BOX

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 2,8

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$50 Win on #2 Newgrange

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 2,8,9,10



# RACE 12:

6 FURLONGS ( DIRT )  
3-YEAR-OLDS & UPWARD (AR BRED)  
\$100,000

## ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING



### OVERVIEW:

You can't come to Oaklawn Park and not handicap the Arkansas-breds! They'll take center stage in the final race of the day, drawing a massive field while going 6 furlongs for an even more massive purse. Let the fun begin!

### RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A FAST PACE

**Pure Speed:** *Heritage Park, Mo Choctaw*

**Pressing Speed:** *Goodnight Archie, You Vee Cee*

**Stalkers:** *Captain Don, Leo Del Reo, Five O One*

**Closers:** *Afleet Sky, Where's Randy, Twisted Dixie, Navy Seal, Rolling Fork*

We should see a fast pace in this one, especially for an Arkansas-bred field. There are a few horses in here who can really go on the front end.

### TOP CHOICE: #3 GOODNIGHT ARCHIE

This horse has faced the best Arkansas-breds on the backside so far and was competitive both times. Today, the horse lures in Ricardo Santana Jr. to ride, which is a major upgrade from what he's had so far. Santana has never before ridden for this barn as well, which tells you that he thinks this horse has a great shot today.

### MAJOR THREATS: #7 Heritage Park, #8 Mo Choctaw, #10 Navy Seal, #11 Rolling Fork

Heritage Park is inconsistent, but his best race makes him competitive here. Mo Choctaw was a nice winner on debut but did not fair well against winners last time out. Navy Seal was second behind a very good horse last time out. Rolling Fork runs off of a freshening today, which should help his chances, and trainer John Ortiz is having a great meet.

### LONGSHOTS TO USE: #4 Where's Randy

We'll see if this guy can make it 2 in a row today after a nice victory over this track last time out. From a speed figure standpoint, there is still some improving to do, which is the biggest question mark. He could be competitive here, though.

### OTHERS: #1 Afleet Sky, #2 Captain Don, #5 Twisted Dixie, #6 Leo Del Reo, #9 Five O One, #12 You Vee Cee

This group just looks a little outclassed in this spot. We'll need to see some improvement from a speed figure standpoint if any of these have a shot to pull the upset.

## PICKS AND PLAYS:

**BET TO WIN:** #3 Goodnight Archie - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**BET TO PLACE:** #7 Heritage Park - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**ACROSS THE BOARD PLAY:** #11 Rolling Fork - Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

**EXACTA:** 3,7,11 BOX

**TRIFECTA:** 3,7,8,11 BOX

**SUPERFECTA:** 3,7,8,11 BOX

**MULTI-RACE WAGER HORSES:** 3,7,8,10,11

**STRAIGHT WAGER:** \$10 Win on #3 Goodnight Archie

**EXOTIC WAGER:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 3,7,8,11

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# OAKLAWN

## NON-STAKES ANALYSIS & PLAYS



### Race 1: 8-5-4-7

**#8 Firewolves** was solid on debut but struggled last time out, which was surprising. If she can get back to her debut effort, she will win here. **#5 Heartyconstitution** was solid on debut and should improve today. **#4 Little Mombo** has been close in 2 starts so far. **#7 Ari Oakley** has a right to improve today for Asmussen and Gaffalione jumping aboard is a plus.

**Exacta:** 4,5,8 BOX

**Trifecta:** 4,5,7,8 BOX

**Multi-Race:** 4,5,7,8

**Suggested Bet:** \$2 Exacta 4,5,8

### Race 2: 4-1-8-10

**#4 Moliere** will take a big class drop for connections who are starting to heat up. **#1 First Line** runs first off the claim for the Hollendorfer barn while also dropping down in class. **#8 Mr. Dougie Fresh** runs for Hartman for the first time here. **#10 Indian Gulch** gets back on the dirt for this race, which is where he dominated two straight races.

**Exacta:** 1,4,8 BOX

**Trifecta:** 1,4,8,10 BOX

**Multi-Race:** 1,4,8,10

**Suggested Bet:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 1,4,8,10

### Race 4: 1-12-4-5

**#12 Macho Ronnie** debuts for a trainer who has success with Arkansas-breds. **#1 Peace Dog** drops in for a tag for the first time and should get a ground-saving trip from this inside post. **#4 Allo Enry** was close at this level last time out. **#5 Roll Dinero Roll** has hit the board in 3 of 4 starts this meet.

**Exacta:** 1,4,12 BOX

**Trifecta:** 1,4,5,12 BOX

**Multi-Race:** 1,4,5,12

**Suggested Bet:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 1,4,5,12

### Race 6: 10-11-3-8

**#10 Awesome Saturday** was close against starter allowance foes last time out and should be tough in this easier spot. **#11 Stormin Hongkong** runs first off the claim for Asmussen. **#3 Secretary at War** was second in a tough starter allowance race last time out. **#8 Lonely Private** should run well today for Broberg, who is winning races in bunches.

**Exacta:** 3,10,11 BOX

**Trifecta:** 3,8,10,11 BOX

**Multi-Race:** 3,8,10,11

**Suggested Bet:** \$.50 Trifecta BOX 3,8,10,11

### Race 8: 2-10-4-7

**#2 Quick to Blame** has been close in several efforts so far, losing last time out to a horse who is running in the Rebel today. **#10 Rider's Special** also lost to some nice horses in both of his starts so far. **#4 Millard's Smile** is dangerous at a price while running frost off the claim for Becker. **#7 Ludwig** is a well-bred first-time starter for a solid trainer.

**Exacta:** 2,4,10 BOX

**Trifecta:** 2,4,7,10 BOX

**Multi-Race:** 2,4,7,10

**Suggested Bet:** \$.50 Cent Trifecta BOX 2,4,7,10

### Race 10: 8-6-10-11

**#8 Stayed in for Half** was defeated by only a 1/2-length on debut to Zozos, who came back to romp next time out against allowance foes. **#6 Lundberg** debuts in this spot for Brad Cox, who has had his horses ready to run at this meet. **#10 Magnificus** and **#11 Plausible Denile** debut after solid works.

**Exacta:** 6,8/6,8,10

**Trifecta:** 6,8/6,8,10,11/6,8,10,11

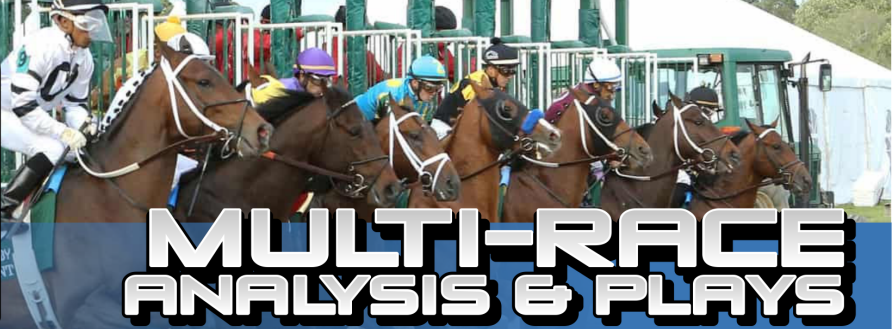
**Multi-Race:** 6,8

**Suggested Bet:** \$20 to win on #8





# OAKLAWN



## MULTI-RACE ANALYSIS & PLAYS

### RACE 1: \$0.50 PICK 5

4,5,7,8 with 1,4,8,10 with 1,3,4 with 1,4,5,12 with 3 = \$96

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### RACE 2: \$0.50 PICK 4

1,4,8,10 with 1,4 with 1,4,5,12 with 2,3 = \$32

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### RACE 5: \$0.50 PICK 5

3 with 3,8,10,11 with 1,5 with 2,4,7,10 with 1,2,5,10 = \$64

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### RACE 6: \$0.50 PICK 4

3,8,10,11 with 1,5 with 2,10 with 1,2,5,10 = \$32

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### RACE 8: \$0.50 PICK 5

2,4,7,10 with 1,2,5,10 with 6,8 with 2 with 3,7,8,10,11 = \$80

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### RACE 9: \$0.50 PICK 4

1,2,5,10 with 6,8 with 2,8 with 3,7,8,10,11 = \$40

