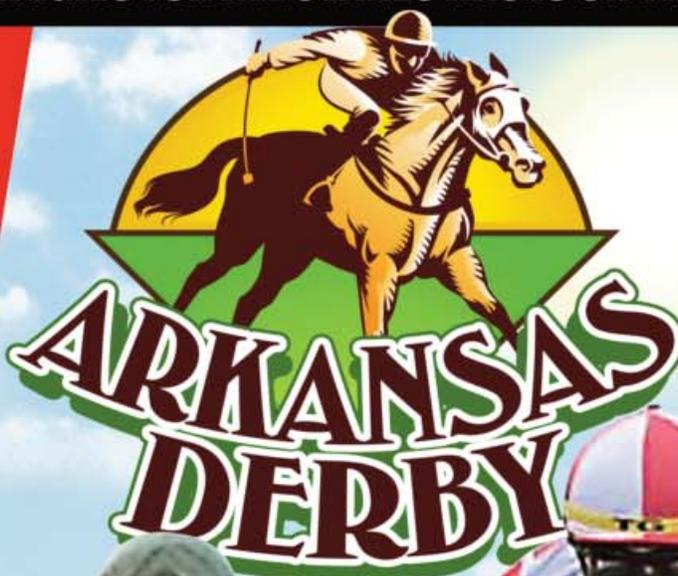


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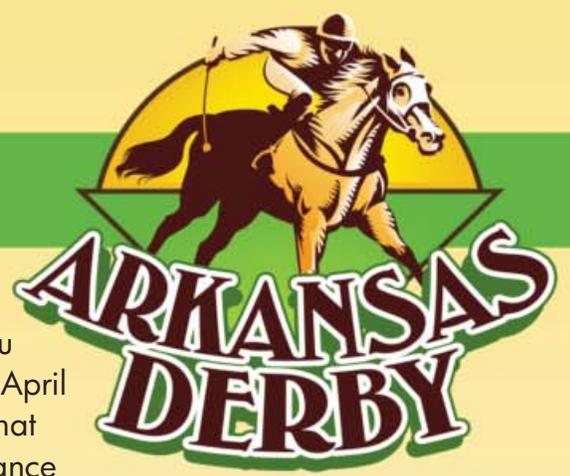
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This Inside Track to the Arkansas Derby wagering guide gives you an inside look at all three major stakes races running on the card April 13, 2019, at Oaklawn Park. PLUS, a bonus race on the card that makes up the Pick 4 sequence. But that's not all, due to the importance of the race, we will also include the Lexington Stakes (G3) at Keeneland for a total of FIVE MASSIVE RACES! The Racing Dudes have been at it for years, offering daily handicapping picks and analysis for every track across the country. For this year's Inside Track to the Arkansas Derby, our lead handicappers have been scouring through the card at our home track in Hot Springs in search of winning tickets on this loaded day of racing.

The \$1,000,000 Arkansas Derby (G1) is the main event Saturday at Oaklawn, serving as the final 100-point prep race for the Kentucky Derby (G1). This race has it all, as these horses need points to get into the Kentucky Derby. Along with the Arkansas Derby, there will be two other graded stakes races on the card, including the Count Fleet Sprint Handicap (G3), along with the Oaklawn Handicap (G2).

But that's not all! Along with the three major stakes races at Oaklawn Park, this Inside Track to the Arkansas Derby wagering guide will also include analysis on the remaining big race included in the Late Pick 4 sequence Saturday at Oaklawn Park, PLUS analysis of the Lexington Stakes (G3) at Keeneland. This race has never been more important than it is this year!

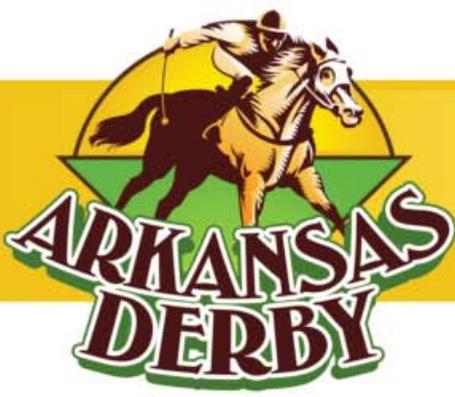
IN THIS ALL-INCLUSIVE INSIDE TRACK TO ARKANSAS DERBY YOU CAN FIND:

Race by Race analysis of all stakes races on the Arkansas Derby card including:

- ▶ Overview of the race
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- ▶ Analysis of the race comprising the Late Pick 4 sequence Saturday at Oaklawn Park.
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Finally, always remember to wager responsibly and never wager more than you can afford.

Good luck today!



RACE 11: 1 1/8 MILES ON THE DIRT 3-YEAR-OLDS

ARKANSAS DERBY (G1)

OVERVIEW:

The Kentucky Derby prep races come to an end on Saturday with the Arkansas Derby (G1), which offers 11 horses one final chance to earn their way into the starting gate on the first Saturday in May. We've got a loaded field lining up for this contest, including Long Range Toddy and Omaha Beach, who won separate divisions of the Rebel Stakes (G2) here last out. Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert also ships Improbable over for the race after he was second behind Long Range Toddy in one of the Rebels.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A HOT PACE

Pure Speed: *Gray Attempt, Jersey Agenda, One Flew South*
Pressing Speed: *Omaha Beach, Galilean, Long Range Toddy*
Stalkers: *Improbable, Tikhvin Flew, Laughing Fox*
Closers: *Six Shooter, Country House*

Several speed horses will be ready to roll in this one, though some will be cheap speed. Jersey Agenda shouldn't play much of a factor when the real running begins, and neither should One Flew South. Gray Attempt will look to be on the lead as well, but at least he has a bit more quality than the first two mentioned; however, this still may be too long for him. In the end, stalkers and closers should have a nice setup and no excuses.

TOP CHOICE: #3 OMAHA BEACH

There is an extremely slim margin between the three big stars in this race, which made picking a winner very agonizing. Omaha Beach, Improbable, and Long Range Toddy could all win on Saturday, but in the end, Omaha Beach gets the slight edge, especially since the forecast is calling for rain. His romp in the slop two back may have been the best performance of his career, and he has been training beautifully since his win last time out. He should be ready to take another step forward.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 IMPROBABLE, #11 LONG RANGE TODDY

Anytime Baffert sends a horse to Oaklawn Park, you have to pay attention. Improbable returns to Hot Springs for the second straight race after narrowly losing to Long Range Toddy. Both figure to be major factors. Look for Improbable to be more forwardly-placed with the addition of blinkers, while

Long Range Toddy will most likely stalk the pace and watch things unfold in front of him.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #6 GRAY ATTEMPT, #7 GALILEAN, #8 COUNTRY HOUSE

The Smarty Jones Stakes winner Gray Attempt will be a major pace presence. If left alone on the lead, he could make some serious noise. Galilean had a less than ideal trip last time out in his Rebel that didn't allow him to get great position. He could turn that around with some luck. The late-running Country House has had maturity issues this year, but the talent is there, so we'll see if he can put it all together in this spot.

OTHERS: #2 SIX SHOOTER, #4 TIKHVIN FLEW, #5 LAUGHING FOX, #9 ONE FLEW SOUTH, #10 JERSEY AGENDA

If anyone from this group makes an impact, it will be a very surprising upset that would be hard to see coming. This race is filled with stars that should overwhelm these horses.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #3 Omaha Beach – Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

Bet to Place or Show: #11 Long Range Toddy – Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

Across the Board Longshot Play: #8 Country House – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

Exacta: 1,3,11 BOX

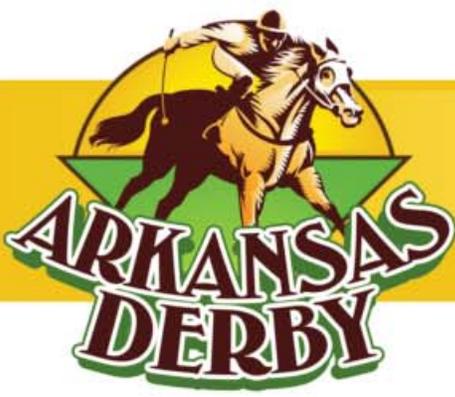
Trifecta: 1,3,8,11 BOX

Superfecta: 1,3,8,11 BOX

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 1,3,11

Small Budget Wager: \$.50 cent trifecta BOX 1,3,8,11

Large Budget Wager: \$2 trifecta BOX 1,3,8,11



RACE 10:

1 1/16 MILES ON THE DIRT
4-YEAR-OLDS AND UP

ALLOWANCE OPTIONAL CLAIMING

OVERVIEW:

This is a bonus race for the guide since the Oaklawn Park card only has three stakes. We chose this race because of its importance in the late Pick 3 and 4 sequences, as well as it being an excellent betting opportunity for exacta and trifecta wagers. A solid field of 10 horses entered this competitive spot.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE/FAIR PACE

Pure Speed: *Lighthawk, Single Gem*

Pressing Speed: *Tiz McNamara*

Stalkers: *Sonny Smack, Coach Adams*

Closers: *Meistermind, Gray Sky, Combatant, Last Bad Habit, Zing Zan*

There is a chance that we see a pretty slow pace, with most of the runners doing their best late in the race. Only two horses in this race have shown that they will want the lead, and only one other should press them. Horses in front or stalking the pace should have a definite advantage here over those coming from behind.

TOP CHOICE: #2 LIGHTHAWK

A serious pace advantage could make him tough to beat on the front end, and he also gets a major upgrade to jockey Joel Rosario. Since returning to the track this season, this horse has been very solid. He already has a win and a runner-up finish, and with this being his third race off of a long layoff, all factors add up to him being tough to beat in a race of this caliber.

MAJOR THREATS: #10 TIZ MCNAMARA, #1 MEISTERMIND

Tiz McNamara must be respected. After a 460-day layoff, the colt came back strong to finish second in a maiden special weight before breaking his maiden last time out in impressive fashion over this track. This is his third start off of the layoff for the always-dangerous trainer Brad Cox. Meistermind is in a similar position, with this being his second start off the bench. His back-class looks tough against this group.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #3 GRAY SKY, #4 COMBATANT

It seems like Gray Sky is always around at the end, but he just can't quite finish the job. Look for more of the same here; his ceiling is an underneath play. Combatant drops down in class while also switching back to the dirt. Those factors could finally wake him up..

OTHERS: #5 SINGLE GEM, #6 LAST BAD HABIT, #7 ZING ZANG, #8 SONNY SMACK, #9 COACH ADAMS

This field looks top-heavy, leaving most of this group without much of a chance to make an impact. Oaklawn has been known for upsets in the past, but it doesn't look like that will be the case in this particular race.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #2 Lighthawk – Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

Bet to Place or Show: #10 Tiz McNamara – Confidence Level: 2 out of 5

Across the Board Longshot Play: #4 Combatant – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

Exacta: 1,2,10 BOX

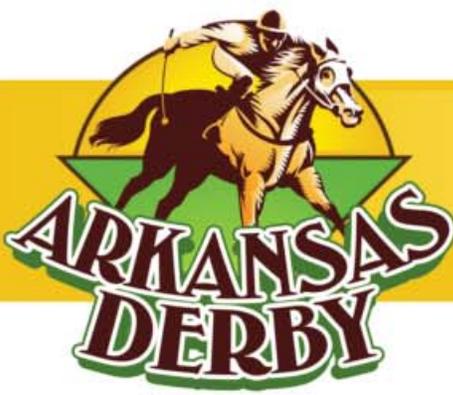
Trifecta: 1,2,4,10 BOX

Superfecta: 1,2,4,10 BOX

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 1,2,4,10

Small Budget Wager: \$.50 cent trifecta BOX 1,2,4,10

Large Budget Wager: \$2 trifecta BOX 1,2,4,10



RACE 9:

1 1/8 MILES ON
THE DIRT
4-YEAR-OLDS AND UP

OAKLAWN HANDICAP [G2]

OVERVIEW:

A field of 9 competitive runners will do battle in this year's edition of the Oaklawn Handicap. Last year, the eventual Pegasus World Cup Winner (G1) City of Light won the race, with the eventual Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner Accelerate finishing a close second. This year, while the race lacks that kind of star power, it is an excellent betting opportunity.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A MODERATE/FAIR PACE

Pure Speed: *Pioneer Spirit, Giant Expectations*
Pressing Speed: *Tenfold, Remembering Rita, Quip*
Stalkers: *Chris and Dave*
Closers: *Lookin At Lee, Lone Sailor, Rated R Superstar*

Several horses in this race like to be forwardly-placed, though none are speed burners that will make the pace extra-fast. Positioning will be the real key here, which is very hard to predict. The horses on the front end and the stalkers will have a slight advantage over the closers. It's not out of the question for closers to win; they will just need the perfect trip.

TOP CHOICE: #6 GIANT EXPECTATIONS

This is more of a class play than anything else. It is extremely hard to separate any of the top horses in this race, so the nod goes to Giant Expectations based on class. He also got a race in over the track last time out, nearly winning the Essex Handicap despite a rough trip. With a better trip, he should sit in the perfect position early in the race, which could make him tough to run down in the stretch.

MAJOR THREATS: #1 TENFOLD, #4 LOOKIN AT LEE, #8 LONE SAILOR

Look for the Steve Asmussen pair of Tenfold and Lookin At Lee to be tough. Tenfold should run well in his second start off the layoff, while Lookin At Lee gets the services of jockey Mike Smith. You also can't forget about Lone Sailor, who is having another solid year of hitting the board in major races. He will almost assuredly be around in the end. Lone Sailor to show is the safest bet in horse racing.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #5 REMEMBERING RITA, #9 RATED R SUPERSTAR

Remembering Rita got back to his winning ways last time out over this track against allowance company. He beat fellow competitor Lookin At Lee in that race, which shows the level of competition that he defeated. Rated R Superstar won the Essex Handicap last time out over this track and will likely be a factor once again.

OTHERS: #2 PIONEER SPIRIT, #3 CHRIS AND DAVE, #7 QUIP

The standout horse in this group is Quip, who we are taking a stand against here. He may have taken advantage of a weak crop of 3-year-olds last year, so he has some proving to do before we play him this season. If he proves us wrong, then we'll respect him moving forward.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #6 Giant Expectations – Confidence Level: 3 out of 5

Bet to Place or Show: #8 Lone Sailor – Confidence Level: 5 out of 5

Across the Board Longshot Play: #1 Tenfold – Confidence Level: 1 out of 5

Exacta: 1,6,8 BOX

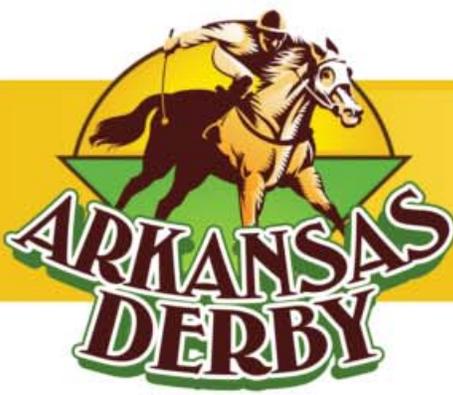
Trifecta: 1,4,6,8 BOX

Superfecta: 1,4,6,8 BOX

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 1,4,6,8

Small Budget Wager: \$.50 cent trifecta BOX 1,4,6,8

Large Budget Wager: \$2 trifecta BOX 1,4,6,8



RACE 4:

6 FURLONGS ON
THE DIRT
3-YEAR-OLDS AND UP

COUNT FLEET HANDICAP [G3]

OVERVIEW:

A very small field of 5 horses will compete in this event, but don't let that size fool you. This could be the race of the day, thanks to the ultra-talented Mitole going up against the superstar Whitmore. These are two of the best sprinters in the country and they will be battling all year long for top honors in the division. They should put on a show for us.

RACE SHAPE: MITOLE IS THE LONE SPEED

Pure Speed: *Mitole*

Pressing Speed: *NONE*

Stalkers: *Whitmore*

Closers: *Bourbon Cowboy, Storm Advisory, Operation Stevie*

Lone speed alert! Mitole should be out by himself, which is very bad news for the rest of this field. This colt might be the best sprinter in the country, regardless of pace setup, which makes him that much more dangerous in this spot. He is going to be extremely hard to run down if he gets the trip that we are projecting.

TOP CHOICE: #1 MITOLE

Last year, he was brilliant in his final three races, winning by large margins in each start. He tuned up for this race by dominating allowance company here at Oaklawn Park in his 2019 debut and looked like an absolute beast. Couple that with the fact he has a pace advantage and he will be very difficult to beat.

MAJOR THREATS: #4 WHITMORE

This veteran sprinter will be a handful to hold off down the lane. He has never missed the board when running at Oaklawn Park and has amassed 7 wins from 10 starts at his home track. Last year, he picked up his first career Grade 1 victory in the Forego Stakes before finishing second in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1). He won his 2019 debut last time out in the Hot Springs Stakes here at Oaklawn.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #2 BOURBON COWBOY

He stands very little chance against two monsters, but if you are determined to use a longshot, then this is the horse to play. Trainer Robertino Diodoro is having another solid meet and this horse won last time out against optional claiming company.

OTHERS: #3 STORM ADVISORY, #5 OPERATION STEVIE

Under normal circumstances, these two horses might have a shot in a race of this caliber, but not when matched up against the big two entered here. Operation Stevie picked up a nice allowance win last time out, but this is an entirely different ball game.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #1 Mitole – Confidence Level: 5 out of 5

Bet to Place or Show: #4 Whitmore – Confidence Level: 5 out of 5

Across the Board Longshot Play: #2 Bourbon Cowboy – Confidence Level: 0 out of 5

Exacta: 1/4

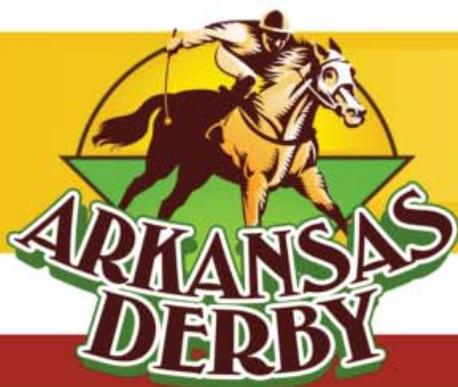
Trifecta: 1,4/1,4/2,5

Superfecta: 1/4/2,5/2,5

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 1

Small Budget Wager: \$20 to win on #1 Mitole

Large Budget Wager: \$50 to win on #1 Mitole



RACE 9:

1 1/16 MILES ON
THE DIRT
3-YEAR-OLDS

LEXINGTON STAKES [G3]

KEENELAND BONUS

OVERVIEW:

We're giving you a bonus race for this guide because of its importance to the Kentucky Derby Trail. The headliner, Anothertwistafate, is ranked in the top 10 on most handicappers Kentucky Derby lists, but if he loses, he might fall OUT of the Kentucky Derby completely. In fact, four of the 10 runners can qualify for the Derby with a victory, which makes this an extremely fun event.

RACE SHAPE: EXPECT A HOT PACE

Pure Speed: *Anothertwistafate, Knicks Go, Zenden*

Pressing Speed: *Shang, Hawaiian Noises*

Stalkers: *Sueno, Owendale*

Closers: *Harvey Wallbanger, Chase the Ghost, Roiland*

Several speed horses have signed on to run in this event, so the pace will likely be swift, but Keeneland has proven to be a speed-favoring track so far this year. Also, the favored Anothertwistafate has proven that he can stalk the pace just as well as he can set it, so he could get the perfect trip. Zenden will be the likely leader as they head into the first turn.

TOP CHOICE: #4 ANOTHERTWISTAFATE

Many people, including ourselves, believe that this is a legit Kentucky Derby contender after he showed us last time out that he can run well on the dirt. He finished a fast-closing second in the Sunland Derby (G3), and now, he gets a jockey upgrade to Hall of Famer Javier Castellano. With Keeneland favoring speed all meet long, this should be a perfect spot for him.

MAJOR THREATS: #3 SUENO, #9 ZENDEN

You can never discount Sueno, who is always around in these big races. Last time out, he ran a tough third in the Louisiana Derby (G2), and two races back, he nearly won the Southwest Stakes (G3). The Florida shipper Zenden also looms a serious threat after finishing fourth in the Tampa Bay Derby (G2). The winner of that race, Tacitus, came back to win the Wood Memorial Stakes (G2) last week.

LONGSHOTS TO USE: #1 SHANG, #8 OWENDALE, #10 ROILAND

The Louisiana-bred star Shang will get his first shot against open company in this spot and will put his class level to the test. The same goes for Owendale, who must rebound after a poor effort in the Risen Star Stakes (G2) last time out. Roiland is another horse who has been competing in the big races at Fair Grounds all year without much success. A new track could do him some good.

OTHERS: #2 HAWAIIAN NOISES, #5 HARVEY WALLBANGER, #6 CHASE THE GHOST, #7 KNICKS GO

There are a couple of big names that we'll be taking a shot against in this spot, including the Holy Bull Stakes (G3) winner Harvey Wallbanger. He took advantage of a weak field that day. The Claiborne Breeders' Futurity (G1) winner Knicks Go is also a throw-out after his poor 3-year-old form hasn't matched his juvenile success.

PICKS AND PLAYS:

Bet to Win: #4 Anothertwistafate – Confidence Level: 5 out of 5

Bet to Place or Show: #3 Sueno – Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

Across the Board Longshot Play: #9 Zenden – Confidence Level: 4 out of 5

Exacta: 3,4,9 BOX

Trifecta: 1,3,4,9 BOX

Superfecta: 1,3,4,9 BOX

Horses to Use in Multi-Race Wagers: 3,4,9

Small Budget Wager: \$20 to win on #4 Anothertwistafate

Large Budget Wager: \$50 to win on #4 Anothertwistafate