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AT A GLANCE

A look at the current Oaklawn meet: January 12, 2018 through April 8, 2018

AVG. WINNING ODDS: 6.09 - 1

FAVORITE WIN%: 34% **FAVORITE ITM%:** 71%

EXOTICS	PAYOFF
Exacta	104.42
Daily Double	125.32
Trifecta	789.73
Pick 3	865.25
Superfecta	5,761.19
Pick 4	7,947.55
Pick 5	28,370.76



TRACK BIAS MEET (01/12 - 04/08)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
6.0fDirt	275	30%	Е	Inside
1 MileDirt	74	23%	E	Middle
1 1/16mDirt	95	32%	Е	Rail/Ins

TRACK BIAS WEEK (04/02 - 04/08)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
6.0fDirt	30	23%	E/P	Outside
1 MileDirt	9	33%	E/P	Inside
1 1/16mDirt	5	0%	E/P	Outside

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

HOT TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Robertson McLean	14	5	3	1	8.11	2	23%
Van Meter William B.	6	3	3	0	5.70	1	12%
Ortiz John Alexander	8	3	1	2	10.26	0	14%
Howard Kathleen	5	2	1	0	12.58	1	25%

HOT JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'17-'18 Win %
Cabrera David	25	7	4	5	9.48	1	18%
Canchari Alex L.	23	6	4	0	11.56	3	15%

COLD TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	′17-′18 Win %
Chleborad Lynn	15	0	1	2	19.49	0	12%
Morse Randy L.	15	0	0	1	14.67	0	12%
Smith Kenny P.	14	0	0	0	24.29	1	10%
Garcia Genaro	11	0	1	2	19.76	0	17%

COLD JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	′17-′18 Win %
Eramia Richard E.	26	0	4	1	19.16	2	16%
Quinonez Luis S.	11	0	1	1	22.47	0	13%



OAKLAWN STAKES SCHEDULE

Date	Race	Grade	Purse	Restrictions	Surface	Distance
Friday, Jan 12	Fifth Season		\$125,000	4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, Jan 13	Pippin		\$125,000	F&M 4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Monday, Jan 15	Smarty Jones		\$150,000	3YO	Dirt	1 Mile
Saturday, Jan 20	Dixie Belle		\$125,000	F 3YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Jan 27	American Beauty		\$125,000	F&M 4&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Feb 03	King Cotton		\$125,000	4&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Feb 10	Martha Washington		\$125,000	F 3YO	Dirt	1 Mile
Saturday, Feb 17	Bayakoa	III	\$150,000	F&M 4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Monday, Feb 19	Razorback Handicap	III	\$500,000	4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Monday, Feb 19	Southwest	III	\$500,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, Feb 24	Downthedustyroad Breeders'		\$100,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Feb 24	Gazebo		\$125,000	3YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Mar 3	Nodouble Breeders'		\$100,000	3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Mar 3	Spring Fever		\$125,000	F&M 4&UP	Dirt	5 1/2 Furlongs
Saturday, Mar 10	Hot Springs		\$125,000	4&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Mar 10	Honeybee	III	\$200,000	F 3&UP	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, Mar 17	Essex Handicap		\$300,000	4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, Mar 17	Azeri	II	\$350,000	F&M 4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, Mar 17	Rebel	II	\$900,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, Mar 24	Purple Martin		\$150,000	F 3YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Friday, Mar 30	Rainbow		\$100,000	3YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Mar 31	Rainbow Miss		\$100,000	F 3YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, April 07	Arkansas Breeders'-Open		\$100,000	3&UP	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, April 07	Carousel		\$150,000	F&M 4&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Thursday, April 12	Bachelor		\$150,000	3YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Friday, April 13	Fantasy	III	\$400,000	F 3YO	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Friday, April 13	Apple Blossom Handicap	1	\$700,000	F&M 4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, April 14	Northern Spur		\$150,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/16 Miles
Saturday, April 14	Count Fleet Sprint Handicap	III	\$400,000	4&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, April 14	Oaklawn Handicap	II	\$750,000	4&UP	Dirt	1 1/8 Miles
Saturday, April 14	Arkansas Derby	I	\$1,000,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/8 Miles



GUIDE TO THE GRADED STAKES SCHEDULE

by Alastair Bull

Top-class older horses, along with numerous Kentucky Derby and Oaks hopefuls, will produce plenty of high-quality racing and betting opportunities this year at Oaklawn Park.

Thirty-one races, eleven of them graded, with total value of \$8.525-million make up the stakes schedule at the Hot Springs, Arkansas, track.

The Oaklawn Park meeting Jan. 12-April 14 is best-known as an important step on the Road to the Kentucky Derby, with four races carrying qualifying points. They begin with the \$150,000 Smarty Jones Stakes Jan. 15, and then move to the \$500,000 Southwest Stakes (G3) on Presidents Day, Feb. 19.

The 3-year-olds then move on to the \$900,000 Rebel Stakes (G2), run over 1 1/16 miles March 17, and the series climaxes with the \$1-million Arkansas Derby (G1) April 14.

All races, especially the Rebel and the Arkansas Derby, have been important stepping stones onto the Classics. American Pharoah won both on his way to the Triple Crown, while other Classic winners who were victorious in one of these races include Sunny's Halo, Pine Bluff, Smarty Jones, Afleet Alex, Curlin, and Lookin At Lucky.

Not to be overlooked are the trio of Oaklawn Park races that make up part of the Road to the Kentucky Oaks: the \$125,000 Martha Washington Stakes Feb. 10, the \$200,000 Honeybee Stakes (G3) March 10, and the \$400,000 Fantasy Stakes (G2) April 13. Winners of these races that later won the Kentucky Oaks include Davona Dale, Bold 'n Determined, and Rachel Alexandra.

With all the focus on the 3-year-old races it's easy to forget the contests for older horses, but they are always high-quality affairs.

The most notable is the Apple Blossom Handicap (G1) for fillies and mares April 13. The winner's list is like a who's who of great American mares, including Havre de Grace, Zenyatta (twice), Azeri (three times), Escena, Paseana, and Bayakoa.

Two of those Apple Blossom winners have graded distaff races at Oaklawn Park named after them: the \$150,000 Bayakoa Stakes (G3) Feb, 17, and the \$350,000 Azeri Stakes (G2) March 17.

In a notable change, the \$500,000 Razorback Handicap (G3) for older horses was moved last year from March to February to help attract horses on their way to the Dubai World Cup, and it duly attracted Gun Runner, who won easily ahead. It remains in its February slot this year.

Arkansas Derby day, April 14, also features two graded races for older horses: the \$750,000 Oaklawn Handicap (G2), which has been won by outstanding horses such as Cigar, Turkoman, and Will Take Charge, and the \$400,000 Count Fleet Handicap (G3) for six-furlong sprinters.

With the large prizemoney, the Oaklawn Stakes usually attracts big fields, making the excitement – and the betting odds – that much more appealing.





LOOK FOR KENTUCKY DERBY CONTENDERS AT OAKLAWN PARK

by James Scully

American Pharoah used a pair of Oaklawn Park preps to set up his 2015 Triple Crown run, and a top trainers including Bob Baffert, Todd Pletcher and Steve Asmussen, will prepare their Kentucky Derby contenders over the Hot Springs, Arkansas, oval.

Oaklawn features a quartet of qualifiers in the 2018 Road to the Kentucky Derby series. The first two, the January 15 Smarty Jones and February 19 Southwest (G3), are each worth 17 points (10-4-2-1). In the March 17 Rebel (G2), the point total increases to 85 (50-20-10-5). The track's signature event, the \$1 million Arkansas Derby (G1) on April 14, awards 170 points (100-40-20-10).

The \$150,000 Smarty Jones is named for the 2004 Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner who was based at Oaklawn and takes place on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The one-mile event has not a featured a Triple Crown race winner, but Will Take Charge was eventually named champion 3-year-old males after capturing the 2013 editions of the Smarty Jones and Rebel for Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas, who holds the record with 14 Triple Crown race wins and is stabled at Oaklawn.

Next comes the \$500,000 Southwest, which is carded at 1 1/16 miles on President's Day, and Baffert has posted four wins since 2010. Smarty Jones is the only Southwest runner to win a Triple Crown race this century.

The \$900,000 Rebel at 1 1/16 miles has served an important stepping stone and topping the honor roll of past winners is American Pharoah, who rolled to a 6 ¼-length decision over a sloppy track in his first start back at age 3. He was trained by Hall of Famer Baffert, who holds the record with six Rebel victories and is tied for second all-time with four Kentucky Derby triumphs.

Other distinguished Rebel alumni of the last 20 years include two-time Horse of the Year and Preakness winner Curlin; Smarty Jones; Preakness and Belmont winner Afleet Alex; Preakness victors Lookin at Lucky and Oxbow; and Belmont Stakes winners Creator and Victory Gallop.

One the final major prep races, the 1 1/8-mile Arkansas Derby has produced six Kentucky Derby heroes (American Pharoah, Super Saver, Smarty Jones, Grindstone, Lil E. Tee and Sunny's Halo) and numerous winners of the Preakness and Belmont Stakes. In 2014, Bayern finished third in the Arkansas Derby before winning the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) that fall.

Pletcher leads all trainers with four wins and his first Kentucky Derby scorer, Super Saver, finished second in the 2010 edition. Asmussen has sent out a trio of Arkansas Derby winners.

So who could be pointing toward the 2018 Oaklawn preps?

Baffert enters the year with a pair of well-respected contenders in Los Alamitos Futurity (G1) winner McKinzie and Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) runner-up Solomini, and they likely won't run against each other in preps. Expect to see one of them to head to Oaklawn and Baffert has several other well-respected maiden winners in his arsenal.

In 2017, Pletcher shipped in One Liner to win the Southwest and Malagacy to take Rebel. The leading conditioner often has an embarrassment of riches in South Florida and he'll probably employ the Arkansas route with multiple runners.

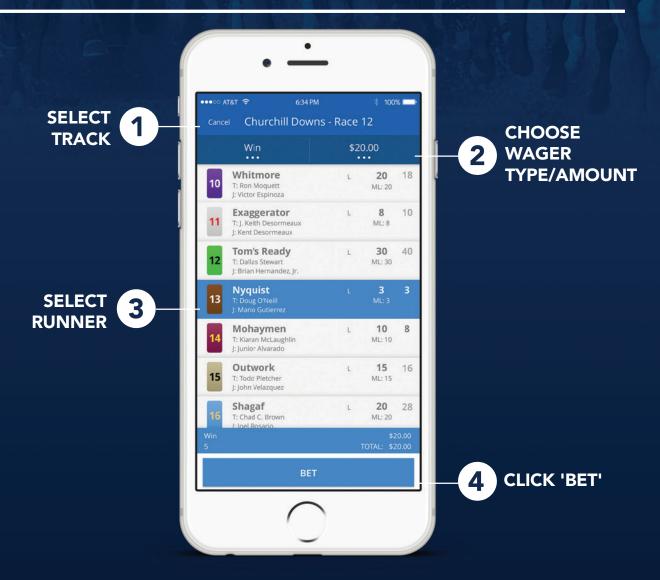
Asmussen has won the Preakness and Belmont Stakes but is still seeking an elusive Kentucky Derby victory. After being inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2016 and orchestrating Gun Runner's Horse of the Year season in 2017, Asmussen is focused upon the first Saturday in May and will likely have multiple horses for the Oaklawn preps. Copper Bullet, New York Central and Principe Guilherme are among his top prospects currently. Oaklawn Park's four-race series for sophomore fillies is a gold mine in regards to the Kentucky Oaks (G1).





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