



# REBEL STAKES BETTING GUIDE

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# OAKLAWN STAKES SCHEDULE

Date	Race	Grade	Purse	Restrictions	Surface	Distance
Friday, Jan 25	Smarty Jones		\$150,000	3YO	Dirt	1 Mile
Saturday, Jan 26	American Beauty		\$100,000	F&M 4&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Feb 02	Martha Washington		\$125,000	F 3YO	Dirt	1 Mile
Saturday, Feb 09	King Cotton		\$100,000	4&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, Feb 16	Dixie Belle		\$100,000	F 3YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Monday, Feb 18	Bayakoa	III	\$200,000	F&M 4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16-Miles
Monday, Feb 18	Razorback Handicap	III	\$500,000	4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16-Miles
Monday, Feb 18	Southwest	III	\$500,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/16-Miles
Saturday, Feb 23	Downthedustyroa Breeders'		\$100,000	F&M 3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, March 02	Spring Fever		\$100,000	F&M 4&UP	Dirt	5 1/2 Furlongs
Saturday, March 09	Hot Springs		\$150,000	4&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, March 09	Honeybee	III	\$200,000	F 3YO	Dirt	1 1/16-Miles
Saturday, March 16	Essex Handicap		\$300,000	4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16-Miles
Saturday, March 16	Azeri	II	\$350,000	F&M 4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16-Miles
Saturday, March 16	Rebel	II	\$1,000,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/16-Miles
Saturday, March 23	Nodouble Breeders'		\$100,000	3&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, March 23	Gazebo		\$125,000	3YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, March 30	Purple Martin		\$150,000	F 3YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, April 06	Carousel		\$150,000	F&M 4&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Friday, April 12	Fantasy	III	\$500,000	F 3YO	Dirt	1 1/16-Miles
Saturday, April 13	Count Fleet Sprint Handicap	III	\$400,000	4&UP	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, April 13	Oaklawn Handicap	II	\$750,000	4&UP	Dirt	1 1/8-Miles
Saturday, April 13	Arkansas Derby	I	\$1,000,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/8-Miles
Sunday, April 14	Apple Blossom Handicap	I	\$700,000	F&M 4&UP	Dirt	1 1/16-Miles
Saturday, April 20	Rainbow		\$100,000	3YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, April 20	Rainbow Miss		\$100,000	F 3YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Saturday, April 27	Bachelor		\$150,000	3YO	Dirt	6 Furlongs
Friday, May 03	The Oaklawn Mile		\$200,000	4&UP	Dirt	1 Mile
Saturday, May 04	The Oaklawn Invitational		\$250,000	3YO	Dirt	1 1/8-Miles
Saturday, May 04	Arkansas Breeders' Championship		\$200,000	3&UP	Dirt	1 1/16-Miles





# AT A GLANCE

A look at the previous full Oaklawn meet: January 25, 2019 through March 10, 2019

**AVG. WINNING ODDS:** 6.52 - 1

**FAVORITE WIN%:** 36% **FAVORITE ITM%:** 69%

EXOTICS	\$2 PAYOFF
Exacta	117.21
Daily Double	134.22
Trifecta	858.04
Pick 3	1,040.32
Superfecta	6,084.53
Pick 4	11,035.37
Pick 5	52,824.24



## TRACK BIAS MEET (01/25 - 03/10)

Distance	# Race	% Wire	Best Style	Best Posts
5.5fDirt	8	38%	E	Mid/Out
6.0fDirt	144	30%	E	Rail/Ins
1 MileDirt	36	36%	E	Rail
1 1/16mDirt	56	21%	E	Middle

## WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

HOT TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'18-'19 Win %
Broberg Karl	22	8	5	4	3.96	5	28%
Robertson McLean	8	4	0	0	7.51	1	22%
Cristel Mark J.	3	2	0	0	12.37	0	8%
Vance David R.	4	2	0	0	6.68	2	13%

HOT JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Winning Favorites	'18-'19 Win %
Elliott Stewart	12	3	1	1	6.99	2	10%

COLD TRAINERS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'18-'19 Win %
Hartman Chris A.	15	0	2	1	7.37	2	17%
Martin William N.	11	0	1	2	15.15	1	13%
Williamson Brian	11	0	0	0	16.45	0	13%
Morse Randy L.	10	0	2	1	17.72	1	11%

COLD JOCKEYS	Starts	Wins	Place	Show	Avg. Odds	Beaten Favorites	'18-'19 Win %
Thompson Terry J.	11	0	1	0	20.85	0	10%

# TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



## REBEL STAKES DIVISION I

Race 8 - Post Time: 5:57pm ET

G2 - 1 1/16-Miles

PURSE \$750,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Extra Hope	6-1
2	Long Range Toddy	10-1
3	Corruze	30-1
4	Easy Shot	15-1
5	Proud Nation	50-1
6	Ninth Street	50-1
7	Classy John	15-1
8	Galilean	3-1
9	Improbable	3-5

TOP PICKS	
9	Improbable
8	Galilean
2	Long Range Toddy
1	Extra Hope
\$50 EXACTA	
9 with 8	

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The Rebel Stakes (G2) was going to be huge this year with a \$1 million purse and 50 Kentucky Derby (G1) eligibility points to the winner, 20 to the second-place finisher, 10 to the third-place finisher and 5 to the fourth-place finisher. However, when erratic weather disrupted racing at Santa Anita and the high-profile San Felipe Stakes (G2) was not able to be held, Oaklawn Park stepped up and with the approval of the Arkansas HBPA, they agreed to divide the Rebel Stakes into two \$750,000 races. And, each division will award 37.5 Kentucky Derby eligibility points to the winner, 15 to the second-place finisher, 7.5 to the third-place finisher and 3.75 to the fourth-place finisher.

Bob Baffert, loaded again this year with top three-year-olds, would have had juvenile champion GAME WINNER and Los Alamitos Futurity (G1) winner IMPROBABLE face each other in the San Felipe. Now, they avoid each other as they are placed in separate divisions of the Rebel. 19 horses have entered so the race was split.

Race 8 is the first division of the Rebel Stakes.

#9 IMPROBABLE is undefeated in three starts. He broke his maiden first time out going six furlongs then shipped to Churchill Downs and won a stakes race going a one-turn mile by seven lengths in fast time. Showing that was no fluke, he went to the Los Alamitos Futurity next time out and was even more impressive; winning by five lengths in fast time. Off for over three months, he has trained brilliantly for Baffert and even from post nine, should be able to stalk this group and make his winning move when he wants.

#8 GALILEAN would be undefeated in four starts were it not for a neck loss second time out when he weakened at the wire going seven furlongs. All of his starts came against California-breds and he romped against them in two starts going two turns. The \$600,000 son of Uncle Mo has "Open Company" written all over him and Jerry Hollendorfer ships in for his first test. Flavien Prat could make things interesting if he uses his speed against the top choice.

#2 LONG RANGE TODDY just missed in the Smarty Jones Stakes here two starts back then came back with an even third from post 10 in the Southwest Stakes (G3). He draws well and gets Jon Court to ride. #1 EXTRA HOPE was a good third in the Los Alamitos Futurity behind #9 IMPROBABLE then came back with an easy allowance win when he relaxed beautifully over a wet track. Mike Smith is in to ride for Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella.

# TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



## REBEL STAKES DIVISION II

Race 10 - Post Time: 7:06pm ET

G2 - 1 1/16-Miles

PURSE \$750,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS	TOP PICKS
1	Market King	30-1	6 Omaha Beach
2	Laughing Fox	10-1	5 Game Winner
3	Parsimony	30-1	2 Laughing Fox
4	Jersey Agenda	15-1	7 Our Braintrust
5	Game Winner	4-5	
6	Omaha Beach	7-2	\$50 WIN
7	Our Braintrust	6-1	6
8	Gunmetal Gray	10-1	
9	Kaziranga	50-1	\$20 EXACTA
10	Captain Von Trapp	15-1	2, 5, 7 with 6

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Race 10 is the second division of the Rebel Stakes.

#6 OMAHA BEACH began his career on the turf for Richard Mandella in California. Like many sons of War Front in America, he ran well enough but has prospered since switching to dirt. He just missed breaking his maiden going two turns on the dirt when he stumbled at the start and then rushed up to contest the lead to the final yards. Last out on a sloppy track, he ran a hole in the wind going seven furlongs when he sat off a hot pace before drawing off to a nine-length win. The final time was excellent and showed extreme talent. Now, he stretches out to two turns against good company and looks like he has a major upside. He has worked brilliantly since then and gets Mike Smith for the first time.

#5 GAME WINNER was last year's juvenile champion and while he is hard to knock, he never seems to run fast. His workout for this looked like it was a struggle, at least compared to stablemate Improbable who floated over the ground, and he could be vulnerable as a heavy favorite first start off the long layoff. The son of Candy Ride is game as could be but has little gate speed and will have to circle horses in here.

#2 LAUGHING FOX broke his maiden here two starts back going two turns then came back and beat first-level allowance foes in decent time when he rallied from way back. Son of Union Rags has plenty of stamina and Ricardo Santana, Jr. can save ground early before tipping out for the stretch drive. #7 OUR BRAINTRUST switched to the Mark Casse barn and missed by a neck in the Withers Stakes (G3) going nine furlongs at Aqueduct. A repeat of that effort puts him in the mix here and adds blinkers for the first time.

# GAME WINNER, IMPROBABLE TOP \$750,000 REBEL DIVISIONS ON BLOCKBUSTER OAKLAWN CARD

by Vance Hanson

And then there were two.

Oaklawn Park's decision to offer a divided renewal of the 1 1/16-mile Rebel (G2) in the wake of a temporary cessation of racing at Santa Anita has paid off handsomely as the two current favorites for the Kentucky Derby (G1), Game Winner and Improbable, will each be on hand to entertain what figures to be a large crowd at Oaklawn Park on Saturday.

Originally worth \$1 million, the Rebel's two divisions will now carry purses of \$750,000 each. With a 25 percent reduction in purse comes a similar size cut in Kentucky Derby qualifying points on offer. Instead of the original 50-20-10-5 split to the top four finishers, each division's Derby points will now be offer a 37.5-15-7.5-3.75 breakdown.

"We never dreamed the day would come they would close down Santa Anita, but we're getting through it," said trainer Bob Baffert, who trains both Game Winner and Improbable. "The main thing is that the three-year-olds, they're doing well. I think it's very nice of them to want to split that race. That's the key thing."

Another nice thing for the stable is that the two protagonists, per Oaklawn rules, were placed in separate divisions. A showdown between the two would have occurred last weekend had Santa Anita been able to run the San Felipe (G2), which had been the original destination for both colts.

There will be a difference of opinion on which division is more difficult. Undefeated juvenile champion Game Winner highlights the second, which marks his first start since taking the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) by 2 1/4 lengths at Churchill Downs in November. He had previously notched wins in the Del Mar Futurity (G1) and FrontRunner (G1), and has already accumulated 30 Derby qualifying points.

Gunmetal Gray, second in the American Pharoah and fifth in the Juvenile, has two runs under his belt this term with a win in the Sham (G3) and a second in the Robert B. Lewis (G3). Stakes winner Our Braintrust comes south after missing by a neck in the Withers (G3) in his first start since being privately acquired by owner Gary Barber and trainer Mark Casse.

Steve Asmussen has four horses in the second division, including allowance winners Laughing Fox and Jersey Agenda. The latter was a leading contender in last month's Southwest (G3), but was bumped in the first turn by Gray Attempt and was a spent force by the stretch.

A potential second choice in the division is Omaha Beach, a nine-length maiden winner last out for Richard Mandella after posting three narrow losses in succession. The Rebel will be the first time in his career the son of War Front will not be favored in the wagering.

The anticipation for the return to action of Improbable is as strong, if not more so, than his more decorated stablemate. An odds-on winner in all three of his outings to date, he'll be a heavy favorite once again in the first division of the Rebel.

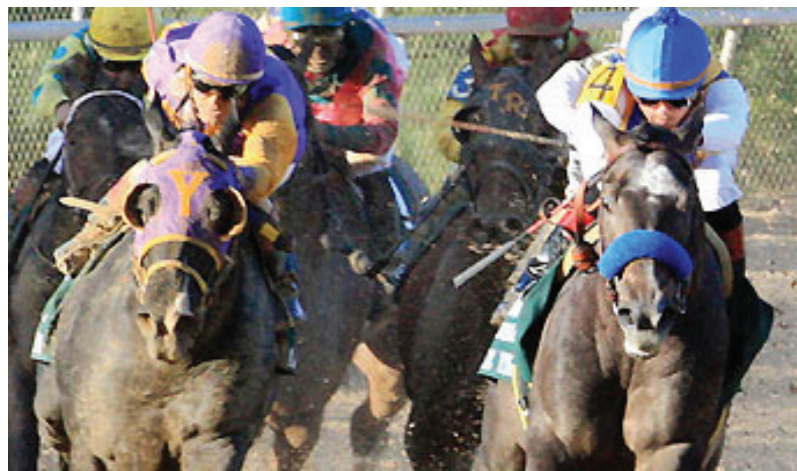
A neck winner of his debut going six furlongs, Improbable had a much easier time taking the \$100,000 Street Sense at Churchill on Breeders' Cup weekend, and then earned his first 10 Derby qualifying points winning the Los Alamitos Futurity (G1) by five lengths.

His main rival is the California-bred Galilean, who was actually penciled in for the Rebel long before the situation at Santa Anita others to be re-routed. The Jerry Hollendorfer-trained son of Uncle Mo is three-for-four and tests open company for the first time after blowout wins in the \$100,000 King Glorious and \$200,000 California Cup Derby against state-breds.

Mandella and Asmussen have representatives in the first division as well. The former's Extra Hope, a distant third in the Los Alamitos Futurity, jumps back into stakes waters following an allowance win in the slop at Santa Anita. Stakes veteran Long Range Toddy, who captured the \$400,000 Springboard Mile in December, has 16 Derby points now after subsequent placings in the \$150,000 Smarty Jones and Southwest.

In addition to the two Rebel divisions, Oaklawn's Saturday card features an outstanding renewal of the \$350,000 Azeri (G2) featuring multiple Grade 1 winners Elate and Midnight Bisou, Alabama (G1) winner Eskimo Kisses, and Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint (G1) heroine Shamrock Rose.

The 11-race program also includes the \$350,000 Essex H. for older horses, a 1 1/2-mile starter allowance, and five maidens and allowances for three-year-olds that carry a minimum purse of \$100,000. First post is 1:05 p.m. (CST).





# OAKLAWN ADDS STAKES FOR 2019, REBEL PURSE NOW \$1 MILLION

by Brisnet.com Editorial

Not only will the 2019 Oaklawn Park meet have a new look but also new stakes and an enhanced purse for one of their primary Triple Crown preps as well.

As previously revealed by the track, Oaklawn will start later and race into May for the first time in 2019. Opening day of the 57-day session is scheduled for Friday, January 25, with closing day on Saturday, May 4, Kentucky Derby Day.

The purse of the Rebel (G2), the track's penultimate Derby prep scheduled for March 16, has been raised from \$900,000 to \$1 million. That gives Oaklawn two \$1 million preps for the Triple Crown as the Arkansas Derby (G1) carries that purse again for its April 13 renewal.

"The Rebel Stakes has become a significant prep in its own right and warrants a one-million dollar purse with runners like Smarty Jones, Lookin at Lucky, Curlin, Oxbow, Will Take Charge, American Pharoah and Creator," Oaklawn President Louis Cella said. "We're extremely proud to offer the richest and most proven path to the Triple Crown."

Other stakes getting a purse increase include the Fantasy (G3) for three-year-old fillies, which was raised from \$400,000 to \$500,000, and the Bayakoa (G3) for fillies and mares, which was

bumped from \$150,000 to \$200,000. The latter will be run on the Presidents' Day holiday card, February 18, along with the Southwest (G3) and Razorback H. (G3), each worth \$500,000.

In another notable change, the \$700,000 Apple Blossom H. (G1) for fillies and mares will now be run on Sunday, April 14, the day after the Arkansas Derby. Previously, the race had been run the day before the Derby.

Oaklawn will also inaugurate two stakes in 2019: the \$200,000 Oaklawn Mile for four-year-olds and up on May 3, and the \$250,000 Oaklawn Invitational for three-year-olds at 1 1/8 miles on May 4.

"We couldn't be more excited about our new stakes and racing schedule," Cella said. "We are now able to present some of our best racing during the best time of the year weather-wise in Arkansas. While the Racing Festival of the South will remain the focal point of the season, we look forward to growing the new stakes races and providing our fans with world-class racing into May."



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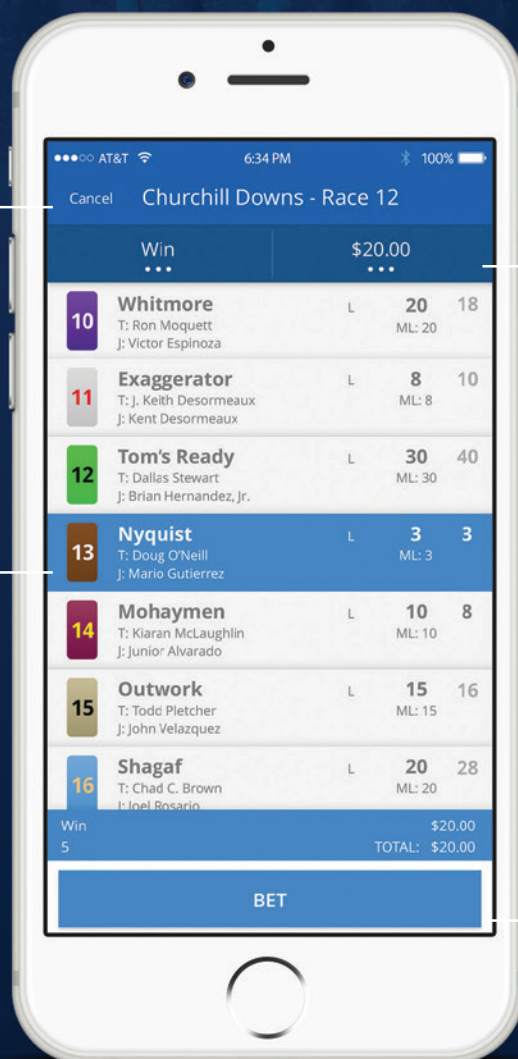
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