



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2008

**OAKLAWN PARK
WINNERS BY JOE KRISTUFEK**

TODAY'S SELECTIONS

Please check names and numbers!

RACE 1	#2 OUT OF ACES #7 GUSTIAMO #3 HELEN'S DESTINY #4 DUDOK
RACE 2	#5 KATIE'S KANDLES #3 MILWAUKEE HIGH #1 SUAVE PROVOCATEUR #6 LIL BIT JUMPY
RACE 3	#9 BAD DISTRICT #1 GREEN LIGHT GO #8 CLASSIC COWBOY #11 MOHAWK RED
RACE 4	#6 PLAY IT SAFE #8 JOVIAL MONARCH #3 LANGLEY LASS #1 SURELY JACKSON
RACE 5	#7 AILERON #1 REALLY REAL #4 GAME PLAY'S ICON #9 DREAMINGOFTHE SALE

RACE 6	#8 SOLICIT #7 RAPOSA #3 LILY'S JOY #5 TOOTIE MAMA
RACE 7	#2 INDEPENDENCE WAR #8 PURE GRANIT #5 RUSHTOGREATNESS #4 MAUI STORM
RACE 8	#3 SOUTH BRANCH STORM #9 SARATOGA SEVEN #7 HENSLEY #8 HADNOT
RACE 9	#8 DENIS OF CORK #2 HE'S EZE #7 ISABULL #6 SIERRA SUNSET
RACE 10	#1 BIG RED RANGER #10 TRUE WINK #3 KING A. J. #7 RANGER CREEK

\$1 LATE PICK 4 (races 7-10)

BIG TICKET

2-8-5-4 w 3-9-7-8-2
w 8-2-7-6-5 w 1 = \$100

LITTLE TICKET

2-8 w 3-9-7-8 w 8-2-7-6 w 1
= \$32

SPOTLIGHT -- RACE 9

THE GR. 3 SOUTHWEST STAKES

A deep and talented field of up and coming Kentucky Derby hopefuls are programmed for this one mile event, and nearly all of them would appear to have a legitimate shot to win it. Off his dead-heat score alongside Z Humor, the comebacking Turf War may be favored slightly by Joe Public, but he doesn't have to hit the board, let alone win. The horse with the highest ceiling may be Denis of Cork. He rallied from out of the clouds to break his maiden over 7F in Nov. at CD, and returned two months later to score a first-level allowance victory over FG slop in what was his first two-turn try. He's talented, and quite polished for a horse with only two races under his belt. Liberty Bull may have won the local Smarty Jones Stakes, but I think Isabull ran a better race. Leaving from post 12, he was very wide throughout, and only lost a neck decision. He's Eze has a chance to improve off his fourth place run in the Grade III LeComte at FG, and Cali invader Sierra Sunset may appreciate the return to a traditional dirt surface.



OP Track Bias Report

Date	Bias
Fri, 1-18	Slight Outside Closers
Sat, 1-19	Slight Outside Closers
Sun, 1-20	Fair
Mon, 1-21	Fair
Fri, 1-25	Cancelled
Sat, 1-26	Fair
Sun, 1-27	Fair/Slight Speed
Thurs, 1-31	Fair
Fri, 2-1	Slight Closers
Sat, 2-2	Fair
Sun, 2-3	Slight Closers
Thurs, 2-7	Slight Speed
Fri, 2-8	Fair
Sat, 2-9	Slight Speed
Sun, 2-10	Slight Speed

Oaklawn Horses to Watch

Feb. 7 to 10

Thursday, 2-7-08

Minimast – Checked start lost 2, 5-wide first turn, bumped stretch. Adventurous trip cost him.

Motel Princess – Checked hard rail, lost 5, willing finish wide. Right to improve off needed race for hot team.

Cigar Sam – Sharp move turn, finished with energy, galloped out well. Fits well at the same level.

Friday, 2-8-08

Racing Bran – 5-wide and bothered first turn, closed well into slow pace. Developing nicely and should break maiden soon.

So Busted – Off horribly lost 15, actually reached contention turning for home, flattened out. Remarkable effort considering.

Beauchamp Place – 5-wide first turn, quick early move, 3 wide turn, tired. Early efforts took too much out of him.

Scaramouche – Rail trip, raced evenly, not persevered with. Router needed the sprint. Look for better stretching out.

Esperamos – Wired impressively in a very fast time. Could be stakes caliber.

Harrow Land – Traffic stretch, finished willingly behind monster winner. Router needed the sprint. Look for better stretching out.

Stevie's Lil Sis – Checked early lost 4, finished well behind sharp winner. May be overlooked next time.

Honky Tonk Hopper – Held up rail, exploded stretch, much the best in what

was his first start in 10 months. Ceiling looks high for this guy.

Saturday, 2-9-08

I'm Bluffing – 6-wide first turn, wide throughout, not persevered with. Big time trouble both starts this meet.

Stone Bird – Rail press, strode away impressively. Keeps getting better.

Pure Granit – Off slow lost 3, very wide turn, bumped stretch, solid late bid behind sharp winner. Can score against similar next time.

Gouldings Green – Middle move rail, held up a bit, solid effort. Classy one rounding back into top form.

Sunday, 2-10-08

All About Us – In tight early, finished well rail. Can win at the same level.

Only Man in Town – Pinched break lost 5, rallied through traffic, took over, held firm. Easily the best effort of his career. Future looks bright.

Dimple Pinch – Finished well too late behind sharp winner. Improves next time off needed race.