



3/14/2015 - Oaklawn Park Late Pick 4 Analysis (Races 8 – 11) – Begins 5:57pm ET

Leg 1) Race #8 – Razorback H. (Gr III; 250k) – 1 1/16 Miles (Dirt)

A number of 'name' horses are signed on for the Razorback, but we're only going to focus our wager on two of them - #1 TAPITURE and #5 RACE DAY. TAPITURE really came into his own last summer and fall, and while this is his first start of the year, he has proven he can fire fresh. Todd Pletcher's RACE DAY has improved with nearly every start and simply ran into a buzzsaw last out in Valid. We'll try to beat a number of these, including #2 GOLDEN TICKET, who we don't think is as effective around two turns, #3 MIDNIGHT HAWK, who hasn't won a stakes race in over a year, and #7 RIDE ON CURLIN, who has never won a stakes race.

Leg 2) Race #9 – Maiden Special Weight (64k) – 1 1/16 Miles (Dirt)

It's 'buyer beware' on #3 HOTTAP, who has failed as the favorite in 3 of 5 starts and simply doesn't pack any punch down the lane. He'll be well backed (again), but we don't recommend banking on him. #7 DREAMSDOCOMETRUE has run well twice now at Oaklawn, while #10 STAR OF SKY is a well-bred Mark Casse-trainee that lost all chance in his debut when he was cut off at the start. We're not afraid to go a little deeper here as we're cutting things short in the stakes races, so #5 DR ANDERSON and #1 SUMMER CHASE are also on our radar.

Leg 3) Race #10 – Rebel S. (Gr II; 750k) – 1 1/16 Miles (Dirt)

Simply put, if #4 AMERICAN PHAROAH brings his A-game, all of his rivals are running for second money. 'PHAROAH won a pair of Gr I races last year and should be the controlling speed of this race. He has been working magnificently for Bob Baffert and we'd be surprised if he's defeated. #2 MADEFROMLUCKY is a clear second-choice, but he'd need to improve significantly to knock off the fave.

Leg 4) Race #11 – Maiden Special Weight (64k) – 6 Furlongs (Dirt)

If we single American Pharoah and go 'light' in the Razorback, we can again dig a little deeper here to try to find a price horse to add some sizzle to our payout. And with four first-time starters among the twelve signed on here, we've got some options. Of the firsters, both #7 MALIBU MAN and #6 G G'S SECONDCHANCE are well-bred and come from barns that do well with debut runners. We're using both of them. #4 ALLIED AIR RAID came running both late and greenly in his debut for underrated trainer, Brad Cox, and may be ready to graduate. #11 NOBLE HUSTLE was well-backed in his Saratoga debut, but had a tough trip there and has been on the bench since.

The Play: 1, 5 / 1, 3, 5, 7, 10 / 4 / 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11 = \$30

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