

## Today's Oaklawn Park Hot List races to watch

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### Hot List Key:

**A** : A preferred horse to watch

**B**: Secondary horse to watch

**\*C**: Went down 2 or more betting notches in the final 3 minutes and finished 1st through 3rd

**\*D**: Went down 2 or more betting notches and finished 4<sup>th</sup> or worse

\* - 4 or more betting notches if 11-1 or more.

**5th race – (3) Honduras (C)** just missed in last and stays in the same level for another try. McKnight will add the blinkers while Mjoica picks up the mount. That's not a positive rider change but the two have fared well together. (5) I'm Busy runs for the M and M barn so he looks like the favorite. Makes a big drop as the stable is snatching purses at an alarming rate and he should be right there. (4) Soul Ready gets Rosario in the irons and that's a big plus for the first-time gelding from the Asmussen barn. One to watch. (1) Storm Rider drops and ships in from Churchill, both good omens. **Betting Strategy:** 3 to win and place. Exacta and trifecta boxes: 1-3-4-5.

**6th race – (4) Honey Bunny (B)** in a real good spot dropping out of 80K claiming ranks after a good effort at Fair Grounds. Won last start right here at Oaklawn and is 2-for-2 lifetime on the strip. Gets Cabrera back and has faced better. (9) Council Rules nearly captured last start against a decent runner and is an eye-catching 4-for-6 at Oaklawn. (6) J P's Gladys is ultra consistent and the Beyers say she'll be in the fray. (2) Gemini Journey would boost the exotics if she can get a piece but the connections are tepid. **Betting Strategy:** 4 to win and place. Exacta and trifecta boxes: 2-4-6-9.

**7th race – (4) St. Louie Guy (D)** morning line says he's overmatched but he needed a run two starts back at this condition and went off the favorite. Then he moved up in class and quit after falling behind some real good ones. Late's take a shot at a rebound here at a price. (1) Secret House will be the favorite and has shown an affinity to Hot Springs. One to beat if the top choice doesn't fire. (6) Discreetness drops and makes second start after shipping in from Oaklawn and should be sharp. Very poor out of the gate. (7) Where's the Widget runs for the M and M barn and has solid McKnight-Cohen combo. Will give an honest effort. **Betting Strategy:** 4 to win and place. Exacta and trifecta boxes: 1-4-6-7.

**9th race – (3) Fareeq (C)** if you're asking how a barn could win 50 races in the meet look no further than this entry. M and M enters this one back in for the price of the claim and Broberg gets Cohen aboard. Just missed in last should be ultra-tough here. (10) I'm River won his debut in last start and gets in another soft spot. One to catch. (7) Nicky Numbers certainly figures at this level but Sanjur has had a miserable meet. (5) Air Power made a sweeping move in last start and should be able to improve the Beyer figures again. **Betting Strategy:** 3 to win and place. Exacta and trifecta boxes 3-5-7-10.

**Best Bet:** Fareeq (9th). **Best Value:** St. Louie Guy (7th).

No.		Letter/Last race	Today's race	Comment
(3)	Honduras	C on 2/2	5	Adds blinkers
(4)	Honey Bunny	B on 3/5	6	2-for-2 at Oaklawn
(4)	St. LouieGuy	D on 2/23	7	At a price
(3)	Fareeq	C on 3/1	9	M and M runner

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