

**OAKLAWN PARK - January 3, 2026 - Race 10**

STAKES Smarty Jones S. Listed - Thoroughbred

THREE YEAR OLDS. By subscription of \$100 for The Smarty Jones or by subscription of \$750 on Thursday, December 18, 2025 for The Smarty Jones, The Southwest, The Rebel and The Arkansas Derby. \$1,000 to pass the entry box and \$1,500 additional to start. Supplementary nominations may be made by the closing time of entries at a fee of \$3,500 which qualifies to start. \$250,000 Guaranteed. After paying 2.5% of original purse to the owners of horses finishing 6th through last, 60% of the remaining purse will be paid to the owner of the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth and 4% to fifth. Weights: 122 lbs. Non-winners of \$60,000 twice allowed 3 lbs.; \$60,000 once 5 lbs. (Maiden and Claiming races not considered in allowances.) In Allowance Stakes starting preference will be given to horses that have accumulated the highest earnings. Starters to be named through the entry box by the usual time of closing. Certain finishing positions in this race will earn points to qualify for the 2026 Kentucky Derby, pursuant to the official rules for the Road to the Kentucky Derby published by Churchill Downs Incorporated. The Owner of the winner to receive a trophy. Closed Thursday, December 18, 2025 with 69 nominations.

**Distance:** One And One Sixteenth Miles On The Dirt **Current Track Record:** (Heatherthen - 1:40.20 - April 18, 1984)

**Purse:** \$250,000 Guaranteed

**Available Money:** \$250,000

**Value of Race:** \$250,000 1st \$138,750, 2nd \$46,250, 3rd \$23,125, 4th \$13,875, 5th \$9,250, 6th \$6,250, 7th \$6,250, 8th \$6,250

**Weather:** Cloudy, 53° **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 4:36 **Start:** Good for all **Timing Method:** Electronic



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Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
29Nov25 <sup>10</sup> GP <sup>1</sup>	7	Strategic Risk (Castellano, Javier)	119	--	6	5	2 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>4 1/2</sup>	2.50	soft pace, took over
2Nov25 <sup>7</sup> WO <sup>2</sup>	4	Silent Tactic (Torres, Jaime)	117	b	3	6	6 <sup>Head</sup>	8	6 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>3/4</sup>	14.10	pulled,4w 1/4,up 2nd
23Oct25 <sup>7</sup> KEE <sup>7</sup>	2	Baytown Dreamer (Bocachica, Orlando)	117	bf	2	4	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>	84.30	pulled 2p,not enuf 2nd
22Nov25 <sup>11</sup> CD <sup>1</sup>	9	Sleepingonfreedom (Hernandez, Jr., Brian)	118	--	8	2	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>1</sup>	4.60	4w 1st,3w 2nd,evenly
11Oct25 <sup>3</sup> KEE <sup>1</sup>	5	Rancho Santa Fe (Geroux, Florent)	119	b	4	7	8	7 <sup>Head</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup>	7 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>3/4</sup>	2.90	4w 1st,4-5w 2nd,mildly
13Dec25 <sup>8</sup> FG <sup>2</sup>	8	Scar Ship (Vazquez, Ramon)	117	b	7	1	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>Neck</sup>	51.50	soft pace,headed,fade
29Nov25 <sup>10</sup> CD <sup>2</sup>	1	Universe (Rosario, Joel)	117	--	1	8	7 <sup>1</sup>	6 <sup>Head</sup>	8	8	7 <sup>3 1/4</sup>	2.30*	last away, outrun rail
26Nov25 <sup>7</sup> DED <sup>1</sup>	6	Oscar's Hope (Santana, Jr., Ricardo)	122	--	5	3	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>Head</sup>	5 <sup>Head</sup>	8	8.50	backed up inside

**Fractional Times:** 24.48 49.72 1:14.99 1:39.04

**Final Time:** 1:45.06 **Time from Gate:** 1:46.91

**Split Times:** (25:24) (25:27) (24:05) (6:02)

**Run-Up:** 60 feet

**Winner:** Strategic Risk, Bay Colt, by Noble Bird out of Strategize, by Afleet Alex. Foaled Feb 25, 2023 in Florida.

**Breeder:** John Oxley Living Trust

**Owner:** John C. Oxley

**Trainer:** Casse, Mark

**Scratched Horse(s):** Boca Beach Club (Stakes Scratch)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$575,266

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
7	Strategic Risk	7.00	4.40	3.40	\$1.00 Exacta	7-4	48.40	313,705
4	Silent Tactic		11.20	7.40	\$0.50 Trifecta	7-4-2	478.85	171,061
2	Baytown Dreamer			17.00	\$1.00 Pick 3	6/13/14-6-7 (3 correct)	208.70	43,057
					\$1.00 Daily Double	6-7	55.30	83,694
					\$0.10 Superfecta	7-4-2-9	726.60	124,937

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
7	Strategic Risk	5	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>4 1/2</sup>
4	Silent Tactic	6	6 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	8 <sup>4 1/4</sup>	6 <sup>3 3/4</sup>	4 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>4 1/2</sup>
2	Baytown Dreamer	4	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>2 1/4</sup>	3 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>5 1/4</sup>
9	Sleepingonfreedom	2	5 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	6 <sup>5 1/4</sup>	4 <sup>9 1/4</sup>
5	Rancho Santa Fe	7	8 <sup>3 3/4</sup>	7 <sup>4 1/4</sup>	7 <sup>3 3/4</sup>	7 <sup>8 1/4</sup>	5 <sup>10 1/4</sup>
8	Scar Ship	1	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	2 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>11</sup>
1	Universe	8	7 <sup>2 3/4</sup>	6 <sup>4</sup>	8 <sup>4 3/4</sup>	8 <sup>9 1/4</sup>	7 <sup>11 1/4</sup>
6	Oscar's Hope	3	3 <sup>1</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	5 <sup>5</sup>	8 <sup>14 1/2</sup>

**Trainers:** 7 - Casse, Mark; 4 - Casse, Mark; 2 - McEntee, Paul; 9 - McPeek, Kenneth; 5 - Cox, Brad; 8 - Courville, Ricky; 1 - McPeek, Kenneth; 6 - Amoss, Thomas

**Owners:** 7 -John C. Oxley; 4 -John C. Oxley; 2 - Baytown Partnerships; 9 - Dream Big Racing, LLC and Magdalena Racing; 5 - Gary and Mary West; 8 - Rebecca Farms LLC; 1 - 4 G Racing LLC, Day, Gregg, Crain, Steven and Magdalena Racing; 6 -Michael McLoughlin;

**Footnotes | [View Glossary Of Terms](#)**

STRATEGIC RISK broke with the field, prompted the pace setter in the three path through some soft fractions, eased up to that one while continuing in the three path midway on the final turn, put a head in front entering the stretch, drew under pressure past the furlong marker and continued to widen to the wire under a firm hand ride. SILENT TACTIC off the pace and the inside under stout restraint, continued in hand backstretch, angled out four wide turning for home after being let out notch, rallied well out in the strip to gain the place, not a threat to the winner. BAYTOWN DREAMER in mid pack through the first turn while also under firm restraint, remained under patient handling the middle half mile, raced in the two path and between rivals into the stretch, also proved no match for the winner while outfinished for the place late. SLEEPINGONFREEDOM four wide through the first turn when mid pack, continued off the inside, three wide through the second bend, went one paced through the lane in lacking a closing response. RANCHO SANTA FE fell back to trail after the start, raced four wide through the first turn, four to five wide late in the second bend, improved position with some mild interest. SCAR SHIP broke out but on top, set a soft set of fractions in the two path, briefly responded when the winner came alongside in the second turn, gave way when headed by that one entering the stretch. UNIVERSE last away, remained back while saving ground through the first turn, continued to race inside through the second bend, never a factor. OSCAR'S HOPE within striking distance while along the inside, remained forwardly placed in the final turn, backed up steadily through the stretch.

