

TWINSPIRES TIPSHEET



SMARTY JONES STAKES

1 Mile
PURSE \$150,000

POST	HORSE	ML ODDS
1	Lykan	20-1
2	Silver Prospector	5-2
3	Shared Sense	12-1
4	Nucky	10-1
5	Jungle Runner	20-1
6	Gold Street	5-1
7	Shoplifted	3-1
8	Lynn's Map	6-1
9	Three Technique	9-2

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\$5 EXACTA	
8 with 2	

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The \$150,000 Smarty Jones Stakes (G3) will be run Friday at Oaklawn Park for 3-year-olds going a two-turn mile on the main track. Hall of Fame trainer Steve Asmussen has four of the nine entries.

#1 Lykan took him five starts to break his maiden but the first four came on Polytrack at Arlington Park. He ran evenly in his next two starts going short on the dirt at Churchill Downs and now stretches out to two turns from the rail. He does have a little bit of gate speed and could be part of the early pace.

#2 Silver Prospector did little in his first three career starts which came on the turf. He romped at Keeneland going 6 ½ furlongs on the dirt then came back with a terrific effort going a one-turn mile at Churchill where he battled for the lead every step and only succumbed in the final yards. Last out, he won the Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes (G2) going two turns on a sloppy track when he came from off the pace. Son of Declaration of War has been training well and gets Ricardo Santana, Jr. back aboard – 23% riding for Asmussen.

#3 Shared Sense ran one-paced in his career debut going 6 ½ furlongs at Keeneland behind Silver Prospector. He came back at Churchill Downs next out going a one-turn mile and just missed as the lukewarm favorite. After those two starts, I'm not sure why they wanted to try turf next out but the race was rained off and he was a disappointing second as the odds-on favorite. Now, he tries stakes company as a maiden but he certainly has a stout, dirt pedigree.

#4 Nucky was exposed to a \$75,000 price tag in his second start and there were no takers. Two starts later, he broke his maiden at Del Mar for \$100,000 but was able to handle the move up in class when he won the Futurity (G1) there going seven furlongs. He was awful next out on the deepish Santa Anita main track then tired badly going seven furlongs at Laurel last out. Well-bred son of Ghostzapper looks like a toss but Peter Miller can be very dangerous when you least suspect it.

#5 Jungle Runner broke his maiden at Remington Park in his two-turn debut third time out then won a stakes race there going seven furlongs. He lost all chance there in the Springboard Mile when he was caught in early traffic and now tries to make amends. Son of Candy Ride just doesn't seem to be as good as the other Asmussen trainees.

#6 Gold Street did nothing in his career debut then improved enough to break his maiden on a sloppy track in his fourth career start. He came back at the Fair Grounds last out and won a sprint stakes race there and now stretches out to two turns for the first time. The son of Street Boss should be the first to get through the clubhouse turn with Martin Garcia aboard for the first time.

#7 Shoplifted looked fantastic when he broke his maiden first time out in fast time going 5 ½ furlongs at Saratoga. From there, he was on the fast track but could not break through in three straight starts against Grade-1 stakes company. Last out, he won the Springboard Mile at Remington Park in a very professional performance and will be a stretch factor.

#8 Lynn's Map ran third in his career debut going seven furlongs then broke his maiden going a one-turn mile at Churchill. He was a game winner last out when he overcame a rough start and ran down the leader over a sloppy track at the Fair Grounds. The horse he caught, Mr. Monomoy, came back and ran well in the Lecomte Stakes (G3) last week when he earned a BRIS Speed Rating of 92. Instead of running in the Lecomte from post 14, trainer Mark Casse scratched him that day and shows up here instead.

#9 Three Technique has been favored in all four career starts for Bill Parcells' August Dawn Farm. Second in his first two career starts, he broke his maiden at Saratoga going seven furlongs in time faster than the Hopeful Stakes (G1) run a few days later then he beat allowance foes easily at Aqueduct. Jeremiah Englehart got here early and he shows four works over the track.