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Track: Gulfstream Park

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BEST BET: Hidden to Win (8th race)

First Race

1. Bantu

2. Congruity

3. Tiznow Times Two

BANTU held own vs. much tougher in 3yo bow than he'll encounter dropping to today's level, earning career best Beyer in the process. Equipped with blinkers for the first time to boot. Need only repeat effort to get back on winning track for this tag. **CONGRUITY** in current form but stepping up with better moving into winner's ranks for first time off popular maiden win. Should sit stalking tri speed of Royal Holiday. **TIZNOW TIMES TWO** one of two in here for Pletcher barn exiting maiden claiming wins, eligible to in a race under his belt.

Second Race

1. Dino Three O Nine

2. Zig Zillion

3. Travy Boy

DINO THREE O NINE and **ZIG ZILLION** exit well graded Magnum Moon dash from which third place finisher Machismo ran from solid MSW bunch over the weekend. Former broke a step slow, took back to rear of pack, made a little middle run, may be more than that effort would indicate. Zig Z. also eased off after showing some early foot, did beat half the field and strictly the one to feature selling ranks. **TRAVY BOY** debuts off steady series of works, has shown enough promise to merit a look with Irad taking the call.

Third Race

1. Mind Your Biscuits

2. One Liner

3. Conquest Windycity

Short but select bunch in the main event. **MIND YOUR BISCUITS** training extremely well from all reports in preparation for return look past despite the brief hiatus and fact he's using this as a prep for the Dubai Golden Shaheen. **ONE LINER** away even longer getting high marks for recent works leading up to today's comeback try. May ultimately prove one to catch. **CONQUEST WINDYCITY** holding form extremely well at the present time, might be the sleeper on turn back to seven-eighths.

Fourth Race

1. My Country

2. She Takes Heart

3. Florida Fabulous

MY COUNTRY missed a neck under similar conditions returning locally, looks ready to take this condition if able to repeat the effort. **TAKES HEART** no match for in form Shar Ran, who returned with another big effort in 2018 bow. Fits well in this spot. **FLORIDA FABULOUS** the big question mark coming off dull showing as 8-5 choice with same kind to close out her 3yo campaign. May have the effort, continues to work well, expecting major improvement today.

Fifth Race

1. Cinderela El Crome

2. Salute With Honor

3. Social Roy

CINDERELA EL CROME ships down from N Y off the claim for high percentage barn, repeat of that \$50K starter win last fall would have him back in winner's circle here. **SALUTE WITH HONOR** certainly a question off the long layoff but work reports and not some of the horses in his running lines including Mo Cash and One Liner. Stakes placed 4yo one to beat if ready for best of bench. **SOCIAL ROY** in peak form but getting a real class check stepping into this company.

Sixth Race

1. Uncle Gio

2. Sport

3. Frontier Market

UNCLE GIO obviously knocking on the door after series of frustrating losses that includes near miss last time to red hot Arch Da came back to beat N1X allowance company with a 92 Beyer. Hard to look past with any kind of a trip from hedge. **SPORT** turned return from a year's layoff after breaking slow, putting in nice middle run before coming up a bit short at the end. stretch running s with Jose, will need some help up front. **FRONTIER MARKET** also exiting Arch Daddy race when hung wide in tough position second bend, flattened out late. Another who should move forward off first outing in quite some time and likely to relish the added

Seventh Race

1. Samara

2. Increased Scrutiny

3. Front Row Debbie

SAMARA dons shades, drops to more suitable spot after catching decent enough bunch under MSW conditions last time at Tampa stand some catching if showing improved speed with the shades. **INCREASED SCRUTINY** broke slow, saved some ground, hur showing some promise at first asking. Works have been good enough at PM to expect improvement at second asking. One to fear. **ROW DEBBIE** a good check getter and hard to leave out of the equation for at least a share along with improving Crave.

Eighth Race

1. Hidden to Win

2. Cindy's Candy

3. Ventina

HIDDEN TO WIN drops to weakest level yet, , reunites with Saez, need only repeat that try two back in main track debut behind Illusions to handle this group. **CINDY'S CANDY** an improving sort with blinkers, exits near miss with same kind. **VENTINA** dis odds on choice despite getting loose in last but has the speed to hang on for at least another chase if not burnt out in early duel with Lunita.

Ninth Race

1. Gold Lace

2. Luckbe Tanya

3. Conquest Dynasty

GOLD LACE had used early, paid price late against much tougher in 3yo finale. Gets necessary class relief to get back on track if similar fate. **LUCKBE TANYA** back against straight selling company off a couple of decent showings against better. **CONQUEST**

DYNASTY was hung wide, could not kick on when dropping to softest spot yet just 12 days earlier, makes quick turnaround off the track, is capable of grabbing at least a piece with these.

Tenth Race

1. McFly

2. Wild Good

3. Strong Composition

MCFLY overmatched in each of his last two starts, should relish the class relief here. **WILD GOOD** another who has been facing a tough class must avoid potential early conflict with the class dropping Visionary Ruler. **STRONG COMPOSITION** ran well enough despite the class jump to be tossed in for a share despite the class jump.

Eleventh Race

1. Gran Saman

2. Tres Huevos

3. Arpinella

GRAN SAMAN did not have the best of trips when dropped for this tag in seasonal bow, can make amends, run down the speed by sailing on turn back to five furlongs. **TRES HUEVOS** logical after proving second best with same kind on 1/24. **ARPINELLA** a sort who can't leave out of the equation while like the preferred choice also shortening up today.

Twelfth Race

1. The Moment Is Now

2. Shana Tova

3. Victor Lounge

THE MOMENT IS NOW ran winning race last time, having to check numerous times along the way and left with too much to do on Congruity opened long lead in early stretch. Was easily second best and ready to earn diploma of his own with a luckier trip. **SHANA TOVA** has shown promise in the a.m., drops, just a question of whether he can handle the turf. **VICTOR LOUNGE** adds blinkers connections off the claim. Disappointed as odds on choice for half the tag but expecting him to show a little more early foot, perhaps catching if able to shake loose in finale.