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Track: Gulfstream Park

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BEST BET: Most Privileged (6th race)

First Race

1. Surely Temple

2. Katie's Champ

3. Trip the Queen

Rain in the forecast muddles the picture of the scheduled turf races at press time. **SURELY TEMPLE** improved with the addition stretch back around two turns last time, chasing wire to wire winner Momenta Kat throughout. Could be ready to graduate if this o scheduled on the grass. **KATIE'S CHAMP** overcame tough post to just miss under similar conditions on 6/5 in a race which did c Hard to ignore. **TRIP THE QUEEN** may improve if able to get back on sod for new barn but a beaten favorite 3 times with simila Taken for minor share at best.

Second Race

1. Charlie the Greek

2. Cheech Thunder

3. The Money Train

CHARLIE THE GREEK and **CHEECH THUNDER** get some class relief and could vie for major prize. Former should get first having that victory flattered two back when runner-up Archvillain returned to beat similar with an 80 Beyer next out. Cheech Thur chance when taken far back off slow pace last time. Has not missed a beat in a.m. since 5/25. Will be coming best at end. **THE M TRAIN** comes off career best showing while benefitting from perfect trip vs. lesser but could be major pace factor from rail despit open company.

Third Race

1. Kroy

2. Deland

3. Durocher

Turf or dirt **KROY** looks too fast and too classy for these. **DELAND** no match for preferred choice in their previous meeting but l hands since and likely to narrow that gap if he goes. **DUROCHER** has tailed off since big win in the Tropical Park Derby but was slow pace last time and seems to be working well for return if this one stays on grass.

Fourth Race

1. Catherinethegreat

2. Paula Andrea

3. Lady Dude

CATHERINETHEGREAT has the experience edge in this spot after chasing 4/5 winner gate to wire in her bow. A half to SW K respect all those bullet works on resume' of **PAULA ANDREA** although barn does have very low win percentage with debut type: **DUDE** has shown promise in the a.m. locally and looks to have a turn of foot to prove dangerous at first asking with a clean begin

Fifth Race

1. Lady and Me**2. Rigel's Halo****3. Venezuelan Spirit**

LADY AND ME second best as even money favorite when dropped to this level for the first time earlier this month, gets tepid no one goes as scheduled on grass. **RIGEL'S HALO** disappointed switching to main track last time but showed enough vs. better on to beat, again if this one stays on turf. **VENEZUELAN SPIRIT** beat half her field or more in both sprint tries, looks ready to stret turns today.

Sixth Race

1. Most Privileged**2. Two Timing Girl****3. Violent Wave**

MOST PRIVILEGED, the day's best, well spotted to get back on winning track after being totally overmatched last time. **TWO GIRL** drops to bottom, returns to dirt, may ultimately prove one to catch. **VIOLENT WAVE** no match for top one in their previous taking serious class plunge right to the bottom after testing stakes company in last.

Seventh Race

1. Kintra**2. One Wild Chic****3. Girl At War**

KINTRA gets call primarily for turf having been schooled extensively on the sod prepping for bow at Bridlewood. Her mate **ONE CHIC** may prove one to beat should this one remain on grass even though she had little excuse at first asking. **GIRL AT WAR** on the gate on resume' since shipping in to Palm Meadows and is out of a G3 placed mare. Tab board there for clues. Not much turf b Bimini but she has shown speed on a couple of occasions in the a.m. for hot barn.

Eighth Race

1. Reservenotattained**2. Garter and Tie****3. King Leo**

RESERVENOTATTAINED has shown promise in the a.m. and is out of a G2 winning, G1 placed mare. Barn having good meet faces. Shaky call in wide open looking 2yo dash. **GARTER AND TIE** should improve off much needed bow when racing a bit gr even try. **KING LEO** exits big 5/8's move but once again for a barn that is not known for early success with young runners. Rybolt some sneaky promise in the a.m. but must overcome tough post for beginners.

Ninth Race

1. Two Step Blues**2. Dixieland Dudes****3. Sister Drama**

Once again turf or dirt the issue at press time but **TWO STEP BLUES** does seem capable of handling both surfaces, especially a v things wind up that way. Did not have the best of trips last time in key race won by subsequent SW Bitacoara. Repeat of previous t these. **DIXIELAND DUDES** has been victimized by tough trips in last pair but ran well coming off extended vacation last time. SI for improved showing today. **SISTER DRAMA** steps up a notch off the claim and a strong effort albeit with a pretty good trip las

Tenth Race

1. Northern

2. Florida Cotton

3. Briny Marlin

NORTHERN in new hands for 2018 bow. Speedy sort training forwardly, may not look back if able to clear off early as expected **COTTON** a bit of a hanging sort of late but knocking on the door with these and did lure Panici off of the fast working **BRINY M** he's been aboard in the a.m. for recent trials. Briny M. looked good beating MSW company earlier this season and as noted training return to local soil. Could offer some value here.

Eleventh Race

1. Competitive Player

2. Pop's Irish Rose

3. Midnight Soiree

COMPETITIVE PLAYER from a barn which has much success with main track only runners over the years. Could return quick this one switched to dirt. **POP'S IRISH ROSE** beat recent SW Bitacora two back, may have bounced off the big effort next time. **SOIREE** comes off far and away her best yet when returning to turf for just the second time. Capable on turf or dirt.

Twelfth Race

1. Gran Alegria

2. Kittian Hill

3. Miss Marisol

GRAN ALEGRIA appears to have shown enough in the a.m. to warrant respect launching career against bottom level maidens in have one ready off the bench. **KITTIAN HILL** second best in both previous starts vs. similar. Third could be the charm. **MISS M** all sorts of troubles last time after solid bow going seven furlongs several weeks earlier. Worked bullet for new connections off the