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Track: Gulfstream Park

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BEST BET: Inverted (3rd race)

First Race

1. Ours Again

2. Prue

3. Abbot

OURS AGAIN gets tepid nod coming off near miss vs. same kind two weeks earlier after getting knocked back badly at the b run to contention leaving backstretch. Was still good enough to sustain bid right to wire when outfinished by even money Perf Trip the key again as always in this spot. **PRUE** drew well clear, could not resist class dropping Appa in latest but cycling bac and perhaps better suited on turn back in distance. Hey **ABBOT** also deserves a look after another good showing vs. same kin beaten favorite in both previous tries at this level.

Second Race

1. Head Hunter

2. Dance Around

3. Luminary Flight

HEAD HUNTER drops to more suitable spot after turning in credible effort in local bow despite trouble a couple of times al benefit from the outing, his first in nearly four months. **DANCE AROUND** outfinished Tea and Cricket two back, the latter fl runaway tally for twice the tag in a race this one had to take up early on Feb. 1. Best puts him right in this mix. **LUMINARY** weakest level yet after also proving no match for Tea and Cricket last time.

Third Race

1. Inverted

2. No Drinking Rules

3. Steve's Sonata

INVERTED, the day's best, hard used early before fading to third while taking lots of action debuting for twice this tag. Drop pretty decent half-mile move subsequent to latest try, looks long gone with these despite the added distance. **NO DRINKING** in distance after steady diet of longer races, drops, should come rolling at the end. **STEVE'S SONATA** got involved in early in local bow now drops, shortens up, ready for best yet making third start of his form cycle.

Fourth Race

1. Roraima

2. First Distinction

3. Coquivacoa

RORAIMA hung wide, ran credibly in each of last two starts at a mile now shortens up in distance and could catch enough sp at a little price. Familiar rivals **FIRST DISTINCTION** and **COQUIVACOA** meet again after having finished one-two in rev 14. Must avoid potential duel while each a bit of a question on stretch to 6 1/2.

Fifth Race

1. You're to Blame

2. Carlino

3. Fayeq

YOU'RE TO BLAME outdueled to wire under similar conditions here earlier in the meet, the race flattered after winner Jay's win Sunshine Millions Classic with 95 Beyer in his next start. Gets a chance to make amends while nicely drawn on the rail. **C** local bow a winning one rallying to clear cut N1X allowance victory and eligible to move forward off the effort. **FAYEQ** a qu long layoff but unquestionably talented enough to win here if not needed a race off the bench.

Sixth Race

1. Funny Duck

2. Preacher Power

3. Divide

FUNNY DUCK knocking on the door with this kind after having been nailed late in both previous starts including by impress Hawkish in local bow. Continues to improve with blinkers. **PREACHER POWER** looks like a horse eligible to make big lone start. Working well subsequent to that outing. **DIVIDE** by average turf sire Flattter but kin to SW turf runners Peace Pres Milton. Will tab board for further hints.

Seventh Race

1. Vamp

2. Supercommittee

3. Amazing Belle

Looks like the experienced ones in here just average so stabbing at a couple of new faces beginning with **VAMP**, a half to G sprinter Morticia. Work tab has been good including one in company with graded stakes caliber Cash Out. **SUPERCOMMIT** promise in the a.m. over PM main since arriving in South Fla and a half to a couple of previous turf winners. Barn certainly ca bench. **AMAZING BELLE** logical if able to repeat lone turf outing last spring in N Y.

Eighth Race

1. Big Dollar Bill

2. Iconic

3. Hedge Fund

BIG DOLLAR BILL left with too much to do, fell just short with his bid off sluggish pace going a mile in 3yo finale and per this two turn event. Gets slight nod in another race loaded with contenders. **ICONIC** fell a length shy of talented Carlino while 2nd money under similar conditions three weeks earlier and dangerous if able to repeat the outing coming back on relatively s **FUND** already multiple graded stakes placed but away a long time which usually means little from this barn.

Ninth Race

1. Christmas Treat

2. Paco Ensaco

3. America's Simmard

CHRISTMAS TREAT shows similar work pattern as Cash Call Kitten who won debut off series of Turfway works for same winter. Kin to seven time grass winner Glenstall Abbey. **PACO ENSACO** took a big run at aforementioned, odds on Cash Ca match in promising two turn bow. One to beat if preferred choice not up to snuff. **AMERICA'S SIMMARD** drops off game e meet, figures forwardly placed throughout.

Tenth Race

1. Lucullan

2. Rocketry

3. Bern' James Bern

LUCULLAN proved he has a big future with huge effort in 3yo finale when necked by highly regarded Yoshida in the Hill Prince. He has enough under his belt in preparation for return to win his N2L condition off the layoff. **ROCKETRY** no match for Lucu in the Hill Prince. Re-unites with Ortiz, work reports have been positive of late from PM. **BERN' JAMES BERN** maybe a no these class wise but could prove controlling speed in relatively paceless affair. Might get brave at square price if able to shake on the lead.

Eleventh Race

1. Brass Compass

2. Ring Weekend

3. Hieroglyphics

BRASS COMPASS entered Saturday at Tampa against no less a rival than World Approval, would make more sense if he stands solid but still easier bunch of N3X allowance types. Exits perhaps his best yet when a troubled fourth under similar conditions less than 2 lengths after steadying several times on final turn and through early stretch. **RING WEEKEND** the class of this fall Nov. of '16 and perhaps in need of one off the bench. Still cannot discount for top J/T connections. **HIEROGLYPHICS** has been hanging late in N Y finale. Best puts him right in this mix with a trip.

Twelfth Race

1. Cosmic Thunder

2. Wannabeaplayer

3. Mr. Pinocchio

COSMIC THUNDER made perhaps a bit of a premature run while hung very wide around final bend, faded late returning on wheels back quickly again but good enough to make amends with properly judged move. **WANNABEAPLAYER** a beaten favorite same kind and saddled with tough post but should have enough speed to clear first turn in winning position. Cannot ignore. **MR PINOCCHIO** outfinished preferred choice in their previous meeting and has been gelded since the outing. Logical if able to run