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Race Analysis

Friday, April 12, 2019

RACE 1: 8 – 6 – 1 – 5

RACE 2: 7 – 6 – 5 – 3

RACE 3: 3 – 8 – 5 – 4

RACE 4: 7 – 5 – 1 – 3

RACE 5: 4 – 3 – 2 – 8

RACE 6: 4 – 1 – 7 – 8

RACE 7: 5 – 9 – 3 – 4

RACE 8: 4 – 7 – 3 – 8

RACE 9: 2 – 4 – 10 – 8

RACE 10: 11 – 6 – 5 – 10

Juvenile Colts Roll in Race 5

Get tied on for a 10-race Friday program at Gulfstream Park, a program that seemingly offers something for everyone. Two major highlights in my book: South Florida's opening two-year-old maiden dash for colts – that goes as race 5 – and a graded stakes caliber turf sprint feature – carded as race 9. Eight juvenile colts (nine entered in total) will be permitted to start in Friday's 5th race, a \$65,000 maiden special at 4 ½-furlongs over the main track. Considering April is barely two weeks old, it's no surprise that every horse is a first-time starter. Positively Awesome, a Florida-bred colt by Awesome of Course, appears the right starting point. This Jacks of Better Farm's homebred has some serious pedigree punch on his female lineage thanks to older brother Jackson Bend. Jackson Bend won nine races, well over \$1 million and proved best in New York's Grade 1 Carter back in 2012. Positively Awesome sports two recent Gulfstream Park-based workouts for trainer Ralph Nicks – no stranger himself to success in South Florida's early-season baby races – and top jockey, Edgard Zayas. As far as first-crop stallions go, I am very interested in watching Khozan's offspring the next few months. Khozan has his first starter at stud in Rebelde, who is trained by Angel Rodriguez. Khozan was an early-season Kentucky Derby favorite back in 2015 – of course, American Pharoah would win the Triple Crown later that spring – and had a ridiculous amount of raw talent. Unfortunately, Khozan only raced twice before a premature retirement. He won both his races by a combined 16 ½-lengths with blazing speed figures to boot.

**First-Race Post is 1:15 p.m. ET*

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