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Race Analysis

Friday, August 23, 2019

RACE 1: 1 – 2 – 7 – 3

RACE 2: 3 – 5 – 4

RACE 3: 3 – 4 – 1 – 6

RACE 4: 5 – 1 – 4 – 6

RACE 5: 2 – 7 – 6 – 4

RACE 6: 4 – 8 – 2 – 3

RACE 7: 6 – 9 – 3 – 8

RACE 8: 6 – 1 – 2 – 7

RACE 9: 5 – 4 – 3 – 1

RACE 10: 10 – 6 – 9 – 4

Third Time's the Charm: Belladonna is poised to exit the Gulfstream Park maiden ranks early this Friday afternoon. I'll use "early" somewhat liberally because GP hosts another 10-race "Twilight Friday" program this August 23rd, clad with a start time of about 2:05 ET. Belladonna, meanwhile, is almost a surefire favorite thanks to her presence (it's imposing to say the least) in race 2, a Florida-bred two-year-old filly maiden special weight. Belladonna, by freshman sire Bayern, faces just four foes in this 5.5 furlong dash. And she'll likely score at a pretty paltry price unless first-time starters Arctica and/or Big Affair can really motor. That's because Belladonna has run exceptionally well in her two races to date for trainer Ralph Nicks, both runner-up placings. At this juncture, Belladonna has been exceptionally quick with a wicked dose of sprint speed. Off that, it's easy to envision (in potentially odds-on territory mind you) Belladonna wiring this field. Moreover, I've noticed this Bayern filly breaks from the gate like a shifty, seasoned-old-pro. She's obviously a legit chalk beneath Cristian Torres although firsters Arctica and Big Affair both bare mention for excellent connections. Arctica – Trainer Juan Alvarado has done exceptionally well for Arindel (he entered the week a whopping 8/20) as he saddles this Brethren homebred off an extensive worktab (her most recent breeze was conducted at GP; the others Arindel Farm). She is the first foal from an 0/2 dam. Her second dam, Sara's Success, won eight races for nearly \$425k. Big Affair – By first-crop sire The Big Beast, Big Affair worked a furlong at OBS April in 10 seconds; he's the fourth foal from dam Mitasunkie; his three siblings are winners – two, in fact, won as juveniles.