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Race Analysis

Friday, August 30, 2019

RACE 1: 5 – 8 – 7 – 1

RACE 2: 3 – 2 – 7 – 6

RACE 3: 2 – 5 – 8 – 3

RACE 4: 2 – 6 – 5 – 1

RACE 5: 10 – 3 – 4 – 2

RACE 6: 2 – 6 – 1 – 3

RACE 7: 2 – 3 – 6 – 8

RACE 8: 5 – 3 – 4 – 7

RACE 9: 3 – 10 – 1 – 11

Welcome Back, Trophy Chaser: It's been an odd 53 weeks give or take since Trophy Chaser scorched the earned beneath Gulfstream Park in one of 2018's biggest two-year-old victories. And no, I'm not simply referring to the action at Gulfstream Park. Trophy Chaser's August of '18 maiden score was that good. Friday, this seemingly star-crossed and somewhat fragile son of Twirling Candy will get back to business at GP when he starts in race 6, an entry-level allowance over the dirt. Trophy Chaser, unraced since a narrow and tough-beat neck loss in the January 5th Mucho Macho Man Stakes (recent Travers winner Code of Honor finished off-the-board in the Mucho Macho Man as a matter of fact), faces five rivals for trainer Juan Avila. Race 6 is certainly a personal highlight as we kick off an extended holiday weekend at Gulfstream Park – note there will be live racing here Monday, Labor Day, September 1st. In the meantime, take a hike back out to sea, Dorian. As for Trophy Chaser, he created a ton of buzz here last August 25th when he scored a sloppy track maiden win by nearly 16 lengths, good for a searing Beyer Figure of 96 to boot. Although he failed to win his next three starts, all of them stakes, Trophy Chaser ran well enough to Improbable in Churchill's Street Sense and was good, if a tad unlucky, versus Mihos in GP's Mucho Macho Man. Trophy Chaser, who drew stall 2 of 6 beneath jockey Emisael Jaramillo, has been breezing regularly over GP's main track since June 29th. Seven furlongs is a wickedly difficult and taxing distance to win at off a lengthy layoff like this – 237 days to be precise – but Trophy Chaser is fast early (lone speed) and talented.

First-Race Post: 2:15 ET

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