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Race Analysis

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Squeezadios is Raging for Pompay

It's been a good few months for trainer Terri Pompay and her crew of Gulfstream Park-based colts and geldings. Her Winking At Thedude has been better than ever and so has Allurstra; both have recently racked up gaudy speed figures while in career form. Friday, Pompay's Squeezadios will attempt to join them. Riding two sharp efforts in May and July (while sporting the always fashionable ascending Beyer Speed Figure line of 80 and 90) Allurstra faces five rivals in race 7, a Florida-bred restricted entry-level allowance / optional claimer at one mile over the dirt. The five-year-old Manolete, a six-time winner in his own right, is the oldest and most experienced horse in the field. He's also the only runner entered for the optional \$12,500 claiming tag. Squeezadios raced just 15 days ago. In fact, he exits the same Independence Day optional claimer as the Antonio Sano-trained Glory of Florida; that was a very deep field for the condition and no one was going to beat the strongly-bet Mary Eppler-trained Ice Tea, who might be bound for some Florida-bred stakes after a dominant and crushing effort. I like that Squeezadios has early speed, ran well back in May at Friday's eight-furlong distance (he finished second that day behind repeat winner Vincero) and may ultimately track Frenchmen Street after he breaks from the inside post. Pompay's first-call rider, Miguel Vasquez, has the mount. Frenchmen Street is only 1-4-4 from 17 career starts but sits as this race's "wildcard" because he starts off a barn change for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. Frenchmen Street last raced 111 days ago; he was a well-beaten fourth behind top Florida-bred Jalen Journey.

RACE 1: 1 – 6 – 7 – 4

RACE 2: 5 – 4 – 1 – 3

RACE 3: 5 – 1 – 7 – 6

RACE 4: 6 – 2 – 7 – 5

RACE 5: 3 – 7 – 2 – 4

RACE 6: 7 – 4 – 6 – 1

RACE 7: 1 – 6 – 3 – 5

RACE 8: 2 – 1 – 5 – 8

RACE 9: 4 – 7 – 1 – 3

RACE 10: 1 – 2 – 4 – 10

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