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Race Analysis

Friday, July 5, 2019

RACE 1: 3 – 1 – 6 – 5

RACE 2: 4 – 7 – 1 – 3

RACE 3: 4 – 1 – 2 – 6

RACE 4: 6 – 1 – 9 – 5

RACE 5: 4 – 1 – 7 – 2

RACE 6: 1 – 6 – 5 – 7

RACE 7: 7 – 4 – 3 – 9

RACE 8: 2 – 9 – 7 – 3

RACE 9: 9 – 6 – 3 – 5

*Twilight Friday First-Race Post:
2:15 ET*

Joseph, Gaffalione Try to Stay Hot in the 3rd

So Long Chuck displayed a blatant disdain for the sloppy / sealed track condition he caught in his last race 27 days ago. Friday, he'll try to make amends for that distant sixth-place finish when he starts – against a strong field of older runners I might add – in race 3 for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. and jockey Tyler Gaffalione. So Long Chuck, 6-6-5 from 29 career starts, should relish the wise / quasi-aggressive placement – he's dropping from a \$100,000 Florida-bred stakes into a \$40,000 claiming event – as well as the clear Hallandale Beach forecast for this Twilight Friday program; let's call first-race post time 2:20 ET. Gaffalione rode just two days at Gulfstream last weekend and enjoyed a terrific GP homecoming at that with a total of five victories. Gaffalione had not ridden at Gulfstream since Sunday, March 30th, as he left South Florida to ride at Keeneland and later on, Churchill Downs. May proved to be a memorable month for Gaffalione as he scored his first American classic victory aboard War of Will in the Preakness Stakes. Over the next few days, however, Gaffalione will add his talents to an already deep Gulfstream Park jockey colony that includes Edgard Zayas (fresh off a spring meet riding title with 70 wins), Emisael Jaramillo, Miguel Vasquez and Jairo Rendon. Starting next week, Gaffalione will ride daily at the prestigious Saratoga Race Course. This two week Gulfstream Park return, however, made sense from a logistical standpoint: "it's great coming back to Gulfstream," Gaffalione told me. "Churchill closed and Ellis Park is about two hours away from my home in Kentucky. I wanted to come back to Florida, see my family and head to Saratoga fresh and ready to ride."