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Race Analysis

Friday, June 1, 2018

RACE 1: 3 – 5 – 6 – 4

RACE 2: 4 – 3 – 5 – 6

RACE 3: 3 – 7 – 4 – 2

RACE 4: 7 – 2 – 3 – 1

RACE 5: 5 – 4 – 7 – 3

RACE 6: 1 – 5 – 8 – 4

RACE 7: 7 – 10 – 5 – 8

RACE 8: 6 – 1 – 2 – 3

RACE 9: 7 – 1 – 5 – 4

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It's the Drop: Full disclosure on this first day of June 2018: I've always had a thing for 8th race contender and Blewitt Best Bet (BBB) **French Quarter**. I was a fan from afar during my days in the Big Apple – speaking of watching GP racing off-track, here is a friendly reminder: you can catch every second of every single Gulfstream Park program in crystal-clear 1080p HD at gulfstreampark.com – and I certainly rooted for French Quarter as a rookie Floridian from April of '17 on. Come to think of it, maybe that explains why this now 7yo Shakespeare gelding has gone winless in nine starts since March 10th, 2017! All kidding aside, French Quarter is poised for a big effort – here's to that pesky winless streak taking a hike while I'm at it – in race 8 Friday at GP. First-race post time is 2:15 p.m. Eastern as Gulfstream kicks off another summertime Friday twilight racing series. Friday also marks a major change with the David Fawkes-trained French Quarter: a significant drop in class to \$40,000. French Quarter is making his third start off a 7.5 month layoff here Friday. Yes, his two recent races off of that lengthy layoff have been extremely lackluster, but they were against better horses. Oh yeah, you are probably wondering why I've rooted for French Quarter in the first place. It's simple. I loved his sire, Shakespeare. And I still marvel that Shakespeare, Kitten's Joy and Artie Schiller (major, domestic Grade 1 winners) were all foaled in 2001. Shakespeare endured numerous setbacks in his days competing on-track and perhaps that's the reason he hasn't had the kind of support the other two have had as stallions. Whatever the case, Shakespeare's tiny foal crop hasn't stopped from rooting for his sons and daughters. He is pensioned, but my memories of his brilliance will last forever.

Happy Hour Late P5 Play: I'm obviously a big fan of the 40k drop by French Quarter in Friday's 8th race (check out the space above if you haven't already) and definitely plan on playing the late Pick 5 Friday. This ticket is built around French Quarter and clocks in at \$18 for 50 cents. Also note that Gulfstream hosts its first 2yo turf race of '18 Friday in race 9. Good luck working your way through the 11-horse cast! Time to get tied on and best of luck!

R5: 4,5,7 -Toyed with singling Motivate but opted for some coverage; difficult turf opener
R6: 1,5 -Paden plummets, but should like his freshening; big drop too with Twenty & Four
R7: 7,10 -I'll be surprised if Outrun is not favored; cool story and live contender in Mr Stark
R8: 6 -Here's to French Quarter waking up with the dip in class; have to beat Early Entry
R9: 1,5,7 -Most, like me, will probably use Casse and Thomas; I love Tizway as a turf stallion