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Race Analysis

Friday, March 29, 2019

RACE 1: 1 – 5 – 4 – 3

RACE 2: 1 – 6 – 2 – 7

RACE 3: 6 – 4 – 7 – 1

RACE 4: 7 – 1 – 3 – 4

RACE 5: 1 – 5 – 7 – 8

RACE 6: 5 – 8 – 2 – 3

RACE 7: 1 – 5 – 2 – 3

RACE 8: 7 – 3 – 1 – 4

RACE 9: 2 – 5 – 4 – 9

RACE 10: 9 – 5 – 3 – 1

RACE 11: 1 – 8 – 4 – 2

Set for a 3-Stake Florida Derby Eve

Hope you're ready to roll on this 11-race Friday card as the pendulum swings at Gulfstream Park. Friday, of course, isn't just the third to final day of this primetime winter meet: it's the perfect prelude for Saturday's blockbuster Xpressbet.com Florida Derby program. Also, there's a very good chance the single ticket jackpot Rainbow 6 went untouched Thursday afternoon – the carryover entered Thursday's 11-race program a whopping, life-altering \$2.4 million(!) – meaning the pool could swell Friday in excess of \$3 million. Friendly reminder that Florida Derby Day not only features one of the nation's most important Triple Crown prep races, it will have a mandatory payout in GP's frenetically popular Rainbow 6. Good luck taking that down! As for Friday's stakes action, you can count me in as supporter of Centennial Farms' Rocketry, the multiple stakes winning son of Hard Spun who will start as a clear-cut favorite in race 8, the \$100,000 Skip Away. By the way, looking back in the more than two decades that have since passed, I have nothing but admiration and an almost wide-eyed kind of respect for Skip Away. He remains one of the toughest, most old-school type racehorses I have had the pleasure of watching compete. Rocketry, meanwhile, shares a number of parallels to another legendary Hall of Famer: Cigar. Like Cigar, Rocketry made the first 14 starts of his career on turf - with respectable if somewhat modest results on the grass – but really blasted off (yes, I went for the obvious pun) when switched to dirt racing last fall by trainer Jimmy Jerkens. He'll look to make it three straight main track stakes wins in the Skip Away.

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