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Race Analysis

Friday, March 8, 2019

- RACE 1: 8 – 4 – 3 – 1
- RACE 2: 6 – 4 – 5 – 1
- RACE 3: 3 – 2 – 4
- RACE 4: 2 – 5 – 4 – 6
- RACE 5: 3 – 1 – 5 – 7
- RACE 6: 3 – 2 – 7 – 6
- RACE 7: 4 – 2 – 5 – 6
- RACE 8: 7 – 5 – 3 – 2
- RACE 9: 5 – 4 – 2 – 6
- RACE 10: 5 – 6 – 4 – 3
- RACE 11: 1 – 5 – 2 – 6

**First-Race Post is 12:35 p.m. ET*

Potential GP Oaks Prep in the Works

Graceful Princess has the pedigree and look of a massively-short odds-on favorite in Friday's 3rd race at Gulfstream Park. This one-mile allowance / optional claimer may also serve as a springboard to the Grade 2, \$250,000 Gulfstream Parks Oaks on Florida Derby Day, Saturday, March 30th. Given Jaywalk's shockingly lackluster fourth-place finish in last Saturday's Davona Dale, Florida's 3-year-old filly scene most definitely has room toward the top. Graceful Princess may have the goods and she certainly sports some classically royal bloodlines: Tapit-Havre de Grace, by Saint Liam. Tapit, of course, is one of the world's most coveted stallions. Havre de Grace won multiple titles a few years back, including Horse of the Year in 2011. IN terms of metrics, Graceful Princess did everything but win her GP debut 36 days ago when second – it was a strong placing I might add – behind the talented Queen of Beas. I'm a big fan of Queen of Beas (I stamped her as potential Kentucky Oaks caliber filly back in early January) and it's worth noting that Graceful Princess spotted serious conditioning to Queen of Beas when they met on January 31st. Graceful Princess had not started since a convincing debut victory around Labor Day at Saratoga and met Queen of Beas at a very demanding one-turn mile off that layoff. Trainer Ralph Nicks says that return run from his Graceful Princess did wonders for her: "she wasn't one-hundred percent cranked heading into that race," Nicks said. "I could see a difference in her as soon as she got back to the barn. She needed that race mentally."