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Race Analysis

Friday, May 10, 2019

RACE 1: 4 – 6 – 5 – 1

RACE 2: 6 – 2 – 1 – 7

RACE 3: 3 – 2 – 6 – 5

RACE 4: 5 – 3 – 6 – 4

RACE 5: 2 – 9 – 10 – 3

RACE 6: 3 – 7 – 5 – 2

RACE 7: 3 – 5 – 9 – 7

RACE 8: 3 – 2 – 1 – 6

RACE 9: 11 – 12 – 2 – 4

RACE 10: 1 – 8 – 7 – 11

Myriad of Angles, Variables in Friday's 4th

Little separated Elusive Ro, Luckytobeinamerica and Free Flayme when they met here last month. Well, its rematch time as Friday's 4th race pits this trio against one another; it also features two well-connected layoff dropdowns in Captain Ron and Reorganize. The various plotlines and ever-changing elements make for a very interesting \$20,000 maiden claiming five furlong turf sprint. Friday also marks the latest round of the popular 100k guaranteed (12% takeout to boot) Stronach 5. I'm taking Free Flayme for the 4th race victory, due to the two biggest weapons in his arsenal: serious early speed and a blazing-hot barn. Indeed, trainer Joe Orseno has consistently logged leading trainer-type numbers this spring at Gulfstream Park. In fact, Orseno entered Thursday's program tied for the top spot in the GP standings alongside Saffie Joseph Jr. with eight wins. Here's hoping Free Flayme can jump to a quick early lead, especially over the So-Cal 15-month layoff runner, Captain Ron. Captain Ron debuts here Friday for trainer Ron Spatz, who just like Orseno, has been on a strong recent run (five wins this meet and counting.) In the meantime, here are my personal trip notes from that all-important three-horse rematch from April 19th:
Elusive Ro – Outrun till top stretch, opted to shift outside, game finish while second best. I feel he ran the best race but prefer Free Flayme's speed.
Luckytobeinamerica – chased comfortably in the pocket while in-hand, 3-wide angle, no punch.
Free Flayme – hustled to the lead, set pace inside, collared by winner (2-1 outside speed Frankie Apps) stretch, weakened inside. Time to make amends!

**First-Race Post is 1:15 p.m. ET*