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Race Analysis

Friday, May 17, 2019

RACE 1: 4 – 1 – 2 – 5

RACE 2: 8 – 2 – 5 – 1

RACE 3: 4 – 2 – 1

RACE 4: 5 – 3 – 2 – 6

RACE 5: 2 – 3 – 1 – 6

RACE 6: 2 – 5 – 7 – 6

RACE 7: 3 – 7 – 5 – 8

RACE 8: 3 – 9 – 6 – 7

RACE 9: 5 – 6 – 4 – 2

RACE 10: 5 – 1 – 3 – 4

RACE 11: 7 – 3 – 9 – 5

Gulfstream Friday Sports Three Allowance Races

Quantity and quality seemingly rule Friday's 11-race card at Gulfstream Park. What, with three individual allowance / optional claiming fields, a handful of turf races and a two-year-old dirt sprint, the May 17th offering seemingly has something for everyone. The GP action, by the way, begins with its regular Friday start of about 1:20 p.m. ET. In addition to the local action from Hallandale Beach, Friday afternoon also features a \$100,000 guaranteed (12% takeout) Stronach 5 – the Stronach 5 will surely make a stop (or two) at Baltimore's Pimlico Racecourse, given its traditional stakes-laden Black Eyed Susan program. I like Always Shopping as she aims for her third consecutive stakes win. As for Friday's higher-level Gulfstream races, well, keep reading:

Race 3 – Leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. obviously holds a strong hand thanks to his two-fifths-of-the-field punch of So Long Chuck and Guy Caballero. That said, I like Winking At Thedude off a career-best 36-1 upset victory – with a fast speed figure to boot – here late last month. Two things: this gelding has to prove his latest win was not a fluke. Plus, he has got to run as well – if not a little better here – around two turns on the dirt. His only two-turn race to date was on the grass.

Race 5 – Give me Vincero, a speedy, sharp and game gelding trained by Joseph. If I like Winking At Thedude in race 3, don't I have to feel confident in Vincero, considering he lost by a nose to 'the Dude' last out?

Race 9 – This 5.5 furlong dash features a terrific match-up between Santiamen, Fully Loaded and Cautious Giant. I've got Fully Loaded, the field's lone three-year-old, as he debuts off a trainer change to Ralph Nicks.

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