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Race Analysis

Friday, May 24, 2019

RACE 1: 1 – 7 – 5 – 8

RACE 2: 5 – 4 – 1 – 2

RACE 3: 3 – 8 – 4 – 2

RACE 4: 6 – 4 – 2 – 3

RACE 5: 6 – 5 – 1 – 7

RACE 6: 2 – 4 – 7 – 6

RACE 7: 1 – 3 – 7 – 8

RACE 8: 7 – 6 – 5 – 8

RACE 9: 4 – 8 – 12 – 6

New Barns Collide in a Strong 8th Race Field
Gulfstream Park's late May holiday weekend begins in earnest Friday, thanks to a diverse nine-race card led by five turf races. Four go over the main track. Also, please note Gulfstream Park runs live racing straight through this coming Monday, Memorial Day. As for Friday's action, count me in as a fan of race 8, a \$12,500 main track claiming sprint. Nearly two-thirds of the eight-horse cast is changing hands – be it a trainer change or first off the claim situation – while the majority of handicappers are likely to focus in on Mr. Kisses, Forman the Foreman, I Idolize You and Doc Kane. After a lengthy deliberation, I have landed on I Idolize You for the win. I believe this gelding is going to pull a terrific trip beneath leading rider Edgard Zayas (I Idolize You, by the way, also runs first off a new claim for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr.) as his stalk-and-pounce style should compliment the raceflow perfectly. Indeed, a potentially fast and adverse pace battle looms (on paper, it's nearly impossible to not predict an all-out war of speed) between Mr. Kisses and Forman the Foreman. Moreover, I Idolize You gets to break outside this fleet duo, as Mr. Kisses – off a trainer change to Georgina Baxter – and Forman the Foreman – a new claim for Jorge Navarro – roll from posts 5 and 6. Doc Kane, by the way, is the fourth and final “in new hands” move among this key quartet. By Into Mischief, Doc Kane heads into this race in lackluster form at just one for his last 14 but has a 35% barn in his corner thanks for Jorge Delgado. Into Mischief began the week in the headlines thanks to a record-setting Fasig-Tipton Midlantic filly of his that sold for \$1.8 million!

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