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## Race Analysis

*Friday, May 3, 2019*

RACE 1: 7 – 1 – 2 – 3

RACE 2: 4 – 7 – 6 – 1

RACE 3: 1 – 7 – 2 – 6

RACE 4: 3 – 1 – 4 – 2

RACE 5: 6 – 2 – 3 – 4

RACE 6: 9 – 2 – 6 – 1

RACE 7: 3 – 5 – 4 – 2

RACE 8: 4 – 8 – 2 – 7

RACE 9: 3 – 6 – 5 – 4

RACE 10: 4 – 5 – 8 – 1

RACE 11: 6 – 8 – 9 – 2

### Serious Florida-Bred Firepower

Quality runs straight through Gulfstream Park's 5<sup>th</sup>-race feature this Friday, Kentucky Oaks Day. Note that first post on this 11-race program is a tad (or two) after 1:10 p.m. ET. The majority of horseplayers will likely whittle race 5's seven horse cast down to three major win candidates: Max K.O., Souper Jaguar and Extraordinary Jerry. In a neat twist of fate, all three barns among this trio will compete in Saturday's 144<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Derby from Churchill Downs. Max K.O.'s trainer, Kieran McLaughlin, saddles Gotham winner Haikal at 30-1. Souper Jaguar's Mark Casse trains 30-1 Derby bomber War of Will. Lastly, Todd Pletcher starts (So-Cal shipper) Extraordinary Jerry here Friday. Saturday, Pletcher aims for his third Kentucky Derby trophy (following Super Saver and Florida Derby champ Always Dreaming) with a one-two punch of Derby longshots in Spinoff and Cutting Humor. Max K.O. and Souper Jaguar share some history as the pair exits last month's Sophomore Turf at Tampa Bay Downs. In fact, this duo hooked up eye-to-eye mere strides from the gate in an adverse pace battle, a battle that took a toll: the Sophomore Turf's three early speed horses finished seventh, fourth and third. It was a good field, however, and winner Global Access has since returned with a strong placing in Woodbine's Wando Stakes. Race 5's pace / raceflow are key. As far as potential pace goes, the old class horse, My Point Exactly, might beat Souper Jaguar and Max K.O. to the lead. Pletcher's Extraordinary Jerry aims for his first win since late October of 2017 while making his first start outside California and first in 69 days.

*\*First-Race Post is 1:10 p.m. ET*

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