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Race Analysis

Saturday, August 24, 2019

RACE 1: 3 – 8 – 1 – 5

RACE 2: 1 – 2 – 5 – 7

RACE 3: 6 – 5 – 2 – 3

RACE 4: 7 – 3 – 2 – 6

RACE 5: 7 – 1 – 2 – 8

RACE 6: 2 – 6 – 1 – 5

RACE 7: 1 – 2 – 7 – 5

RACE 8: 4 – 3 – 7 – 8

RACE 9: 9 – 2 – 8 – 5

RACE 10: 8 – 6 – 1 – 2

RACE 11: 6 – 2 – 7 – 3

RACE 12: 8 – 11 – 6 – 1

Loaded Benny the Bull: There is definitely incentive to stick around till the conclusion of Saturday's 12-race Gulfstream Park program for a couple of great reasons. Obviously, Saratoga's Travers and stakes-heavy undercard is one reason for fans of simulcast action (although I'm bummed Florida Derby winner Maximum Security is sitting it out.) But Gulfstream Park undoubtedly hosts one of the best stakes fields of the summer in this part of the country in race 12, the Florida-bred restricted Benny the Bull. Benny the Bull, an Eclipse Award winning sprinter 11 years ago, would be proud of the 12-horse cast entered in his namesake. Ice Tea will be favored as he aims for his fourth consecutive victory for trainer Mary Eppler. This Florida-bred gelding by Adios Charlie has been so good in his two recent GP appearances, both blowout wins with fast speed figures. Looking at his current form and just how dominant he's been, it's wild to think he was claimed back in December of '17 for just \$16,000, seemingly pennies on the dollar. His toughest foe, at least as far as handicapping the race on paper, is the imposing Royal Squeeze. Royal Squeeze is another monster claim, a stakes caliber runner picked up in February for just \$25,000 by Imaginary Stables and trainer Elizabeth Dobles. Simply put, Royal Squeeze has evolved into a sprinting powerhouse this year while ascending in class at mostly six and seven furlongs. He absolutely loves the Benny the Bull's 7/8ths trip. Anyway, distilled to its purest form, this rendition of the Benny the Bull is a terrific match-up between two Florida-breds at the top of their game. Get tied on!

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