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Race Analysis

Saturday, July 7, 2018

RACE 1: 9 – 5 – 6 – 2

RACE 2: 7 – 6 – 8 – 2

RACE 3: 4 – 3 – 5 – 6

RACE 4: 4 – 6 – 1 – 2

RACE 5: 1 – 7 – 9 – 5

RACE 6: 8 – 7 – 9 – 2

RACE 7: 8 – 3 – 2 – 9

RACE 8: 1 – 5 – 3 – 8

RACE 9: 2 – 4 – 7 – 6

RACE 10: 4 – 5 – 7 – 3

RACE 11: 1 – 10 – 4 – 2

RACE 12: 11 – 1 – 4 – 5

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Two-Stake Saturday: Three-year-old turf horses get their day in the spotlight on this 12-pack Saturday at GP. First post is about 12:50 p.m. Eastern. The gals, nine of them to be precise, are up first in the 75k Martha Washington Stakes as race 6. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez, who entered two in the Martha W., has been on a giant run recently. In fact, this Venezuelan native split GP's spring meet training title in three ways last weekend with Todd Pletcher and Victor Barboza Jr. Gonzalez's biggest short-term victory undoubtedly came with War Giant, a son of Data Link who has been, well, giant in his three main track races this season. War Giant earned a solid 94 Beyer Speed Figure last Saturday with a sharp score in the Carry Back – I'd be taking a serious look at Saratoga's Amsterdam and H. Allen Jerkens this summer. Fast-forward to the Martha Washington, and Gonzalez is almost assured a big beginning to the summer meet with **Camila Princess**. Thanks to her May 5th Honey Ryder score and recent foray into Grade 3 waters in the Wonder Again (boy, she was such a good turf horse for Jimmy Toner), I am expecting Camila Princess to be in the neighborhood of 1/2 or 3/5 odds. Race 12, the Not Surprising (another one of my favorite horses as a young student of the game in the mid-1990s...he was a powerhouse sprinter from a very modest background) appears a more contentious affair with 14 horses. I did not get cute (obviously) taking the Todd Pletcher-trained **Coltandmississippi** on top for the 'w'. He's improved and superior on the turf. **Silent Citizen** drew the rail (as opposed to 'Colt' in post 11) and has been on a roll of late. In fact, the stock of his recent win in last month's Stanton at Delaware Park went up on Independence Day after the horse he beat, Up the Ante, returned to win NY's Manila.

Juvenile Filly Maidens in R4: I love the consistent number of 2yo maiden races (and allowance races for that matter on Thursday and Friday) Gulfstream Park has been hosting these last few weeks. Six 2yo fillies entered race 4 Saturday. **Capriati** is the lone filly with experience, having debuted just two weeks ago on June 23rd. She lost by more than 10 lengths but ran well enough to finish second over an extremely sloppy track. The winner of that heat, Catherinethegreat, earned a big 80 Beyer for the score and is the best South Florida 2yo I have seen (thus far of course) this summer. Of the five firsters, **Equifox** figures the shortest price. This Oxbow filly debuts for Todd Pletcher (four for nine this season with his Gulfstream 2yos) and his the fourth foal from a 10yo, unraced, Storm Cat dam. Two siblings have raced. They own a combined winless in four starts record. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. has been white-hot lately – eight for his last 16 at GP – and sends out an Orb filly, **Final Adventure**. When is the last time you saw a dam by Wavering Monarch?