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Race Analysis

Saturday, September 21, 2019

- RACE 1: 7 – 2 – 5 – 3
- RACE 2: 5 – 3 – 2 – 1
- RACE 3: 3 – 1 – 7 – 4
- RACE 4: 5 – 9 – 4 – 7
- RACE 5: 3 – 7 – 6 – 2
- RACE 6: 2 – 6 – 5 – 7
- RACE 7: 5 – 2 – 3 – 4
- RACE 8: 1 – 12 – 5 – 9
- RACE 9: 8 – 1 – 5 – 9
- RACE 10: 3 – 7 – 6 – 10
- RACE 11: 1 – 7 – 2 – 8
- RACE 12: 1 – 7 – 6 – 10

Khozan's Valentine Returns: I loved everything I saw from Khozan's Valentine during a sharp career debut victory back in mid-June. Saturday, this Florida-bred colt returns for trainer Scott Becker in the 2nd race, prepping for the autumn racing season at Gulfstream Park West in the process. Khozan's Valentine may have missed a little bit of training time over the course of six weeks or so – he won June 15th and didn't resurface on the worktab till July 23rd – but given the talent of divisional leaders Chance It and Liam's Lucky Charm it's probably a blessing this colt bypassed this year's Florida Sire Stakes. Closing round of the FSS, by the way, is next Saturday, September 28th. Khozan's Valentine easily defeated a slow-starting Jettin Out in that aforementioned victory 98 days ago and should pull a pretty good trip in that stalking spot behind Iberico and Let's Be Honest. Iberico should be pretty happy to be back in SoFla after a big-priced seventh-place finish in the Grade 2 Saratoga Special. Prior, Iberico looked like an interesting prospect among the friendly confines of Hallandale Beach with a third, second and win from three starts. I'll be curious to see who is favored between Iberico and the Saffie Joseph Jr. trained Island Commish. Island Commish won big first out with a big number to boot and might simply be returning to his best game: sprinting on dirt. He exits a decent try third-place finish in the two-turn turf Proud Man Stakes while reuniting with leading jockey Edgard Zayas. Later on, I like Art G Is Back in the featured Bear's Den Stakes. He's got talent, stability and versatility and has enjoyed a terrific summer at Gulfstream Park for trainer Ron Spatz.