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Race Analysis

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Lil Commissioner Can Sit "The Trip"

Jorge Navarro, fresh off his first Gulfstream Park wintertime training title late last month, appears to have found a terrific spot for his Lil Commissioner in Sunday's 9th race. This Florida-bred restricted entry-level allowance / \$16,000 optional claimer attracted nine runners to its 1 1/16 miles conditions over the GP turf course. I like that Lil Commissioner, so far one-for-three off a December trainer change to Navarro, can pull a tactically-kind and up-close trip off of longshot speedster Squadron. Raceflow and early position are always paramount and Lil Commissioner owns enough of a first gear to get a coveted spot right off the lead. Not only that but jockey Emisael Jaramillo is one of the country's – reads: not just here in South Florida – leading pace / early speed riders. Speaking of high-level jockeys, Edgard Zayas has assumed "first call status" with trainer Todd Pletcher's potent South Florida string. That is abundantly clear in Sunday's 10th race feature with favorite, You're to Blame. You're to Blame has consistently strung together big races and lofty speed figures throughout his career; he is 5-4-4 from 19 starts as he gears up for his five-year-old debut. By Distorted Humor, You're to Blame began to really (really) thrive last summer when stretched out in distance. He beat Navarro's super-game Flowers for Lisa (a major Claiming Crown winner of yore) in a high-level Saratoga allowance score just weeks before a 12-furlong victory in Parx's Grade 3 Greenwood Cup. He ended his four-year-old season in one of the nation's lengthiest dirt races, the 13-furlong Temperance Hill at Belmont Park. Although You're to Blame lost narrowly while placing, the colt that beat him, Rocketry, returned to win what was essentially the Breeders' Cup Marathon at Churchill Downs in November.

RACE 1: 9 – 6 – 7 – 1

RACE 2: 4 – 2 – 6 – 7

RACE 3: 4 – 1 – 2 – 6

RACE 4: 8 – 5 – 4 – 6

RACE 5: 5 – 3 – 2 – 6

RACE 6: 3 – 4 – 8 – 7

RACE 7: 6 – 3 – 8 – 7

RACE 8: 1 – 4 – 3 – 10

RACE 9: 6 – 1 – 5 – 4

RACE 10: 6 – 8 – 1 – 7

RACE 11: 1 – 3 – 5 – 10

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