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Race Analysis

Sunday, April 7, 2019

RACE 1: 8 – 6 – 3 – 9

RACE 2: 5 – 4 – 8 – 1

RACE 3: 8 – 5 – 1 – 3

RACE 4: 7 – 5 – 6 – 8

RACE 5: 3 – 1 – 6 – 9

RACE 6: 6 – 7 – 3 – 8

RACE 7: 5 – 3 – 2 – 9

RACE 8: 2 – 7 – 6 – 1

RACE 9: 5 – 4 – 7 – 2

RACE 10: 5 – 8 – 7 – 9

Sunday's Turf-Bound Maidens

Sunday's 10-race program wraps up the first week of action this April at Gulfstream Park. After a once over, race 5 definitely sits as one of the day's highlights. In fact, here's a brief synopsis of the field's biggest players, starting with the inside-posted Style Icon.

Style Icon – Artie Schiller filly starts for trainer H. Graham Motion off a near 10-month layoff. She exits a Delaware Park loss last June against a \$55 upset winner; that field has produced three next-out winners.

Premium Motion – This John Servis-trained filly is one of two Uncle Mo fillies (very cool) exiting the same GP turf race 29 days ago. She was a no-impact third (behind winning 6/5 favorite Panther Hit) but I believe ran a sneakily-good race, an effort that is likely to springboard her forward Sunday afternoon. My trip note: "inside trip, angled 3-wide top stretch, taken between foes and finished with some intent inside."

Mezcalita – This is the "pedigree filly" among the race 5 cast. By the late Pioneer of the Nile, Mezcalita hails from the talented (translates to very fleet and fast) New York-bred stakes winner, Agave Kiss. Mezcalita didn't really get bet all that strongly in her debut (5-1 odds in a field of nine) and tired badly after an up-close trip.

Her lineage is flashy, but it's mostly a "dirt pedigree" in my opinion. Note, Mezcalita is the second of two Agave Kiss foals; there is a 4-year-old Tapit filly who is winless in five starts, including three races over the turf. **Sunniva** – Weakened slightly in her GP debut and first for trainer Kathleen O'Connell 17 days back.

Appreciate her consistency – 0-2-4 from 8 – but she strikes me as the kind of filly that will break her maiden down the line a bit, as in later this spring / early summer after this condition thins out every so slightly.

First-Race Post Time is 1:15 p.m. ET

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