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Race Analysis

Sunday, August 25, 2019

RACE 1: 6 – 3 – 5 – 2

RACE 2: 2 – 4 – 6 – 5

RACE 3: 4 – 7 – 8 – 5

RACE 4: 7 – 2 – 1 – 3

RACE 5: 7 – 4 – 2 – 8

RACE 6: 8 – 3 – 2 – 4

RACE 7: 2 – 8 – 7 – 3

RACE 8: 2 – 6 – 5 – 3

RACE 9: 4 – 1 – 2 – 7

RACE 10: 1 – 3 – 5 – 2

RACE 11: 5 – 7 – 4 – 3

Sunday's Are for GP Maidens: Count me in as fan of the 6th race cast (big surprise, I know) this Sunday at Gulfstream Park. GP, by the way, hosts an 11-race program that begins at 1:20 ET. There's a ton going on within the 6th race borders – a dozen two-year-olds entered this 5F main track sprint – so here's a brief breakdown of some key players beginning with an August 3rd rematch of Ricki Ticki Taffi and Nine Point Five.

Ricki Ticki Taffi – Sports top connections of trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. and jockey Edgard Zayas; impressed me with his gate speed / gate sharpness 22 days ago in his career debut. Ultimately, this Field Commission colt had no real response off the far turn but it's worth mentioning he chased / vied for the lead while three-wide (not an easy trip to pull) prior to beating his pace rivals (who finished 5th and 9th.)

Nine Point Five – This Antonio Sano-trained Orb colt had a markedly different trip than that of Ricki Ticki Taffi as a powerful mid-race mover. His far turn run was strong, bold and big as he rolled from the back third of the field to challenge for the lead in a mere few strides. I was impressed with that eye-catching bid – even if it was a tad premature – and the fact that he battled bravely between foes till the end of the race. He's very dangerous here for leading trainer Sano.

Easy Day – First-time starting colt by Daaher debuts for trainer Juan Arriagada off a spirited-looking GP worktab (note the 'bullet' gate breeze 11 days ago). Easy Day worked two furlongs at OBS June in 21 4/5 seconds and was purchased for \$30k, significantly more than his \$9k yearling price.

Night to Shine – Debuts for trainer Carlo Vaccarezza; original \$32k weanling; :10 3/5 move at OBS April.