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Race Analysis

Sunday, June 3, 2018

RACE 1: 4 – 3 – 1 – 6

RACE 2: 9 – 5 – 6 – 3

RACE 3: 8 – 7 – 5 – 3

RACE 4: 4 – 1 – 2 – 6

RACE 5: 6 – 2 – 3 – 4

RACE 6: 8 – 2 – 7 – 6

RACE 7: 3 – 5 – 7 – 4

RACE 8: 1 – 8 – 7 – 3

RACE 9: 5 – 2 – 3 – 1

RACE 10: 1 – 8 – 2 – 9

RACE 11: 5 – 6 – 2 – 8

RACE 12: 4 – 7 – 8 – 1

Two-Stakes GP Sunday: There is a definite elitist vibe – in a good way, of course – Sunday at Gulfstream Park due to the presence of **Pay Any Price** and **Curlin's Approval**. Pay Any Price has been, at least in my eyes, the best year-round South Florida turf sprinter over the last couple of seasons and has been nothing short of a win-machine. He sports a terrific, wickedly impressive lifetime record of 12-3-0 from 21 starts. Pay Any Price rolls Sunday in the co-featured 4th race at GP, the 75k Crystal River. This now 8yo gelding by the late Wildcat Heir (huge, huge fan of his offspring here in South Florida), is most certainly prepping for a title defense in the June 30th Bob Umphrey Turf Sprint. Pay Any Price paid \$2.10 (I loved him) in winning the 2017 Umphrey Turf Sprint. Friendly reminder: the Bob Umphrey Sprint will be one of five stakes on a powerhouse Summit of Speed program here on Saturday, June 30th. Pay Any Price owns uncanny gate speed and will look to clear off of chief rival **Focus On Me** early in the Crystal River. Trainer Ralph Ziadie has enjoyed a fine spring meet – the current stand runs through Summit of Speed Day – and entered Friday's card in a three-way tie for first in the standings (12 wins) with Oscar Gonzalez and Armando De la Cerda. Speaking of Gonzalez and De la Cerda, both trainers have the herculean task of facing a fresh Curlin's Approval in the second Sunday stakes, the 75k Ana T. Curlin's Approval has been right at home here at GP – just check out her career-topping, defining score in last summer's Princess of Rooney – and has also staked her claim as South Florida's leading filly / mare. She hasn't raced since President's Day, a poor fifth in the Royal Delta on February 19th, but returns fresh (104 days) and at her best distance of 7F here Sunday.

Curlin's Approval Anchors Sunday's Late P5: The early Pick 5 could very well chalk out Sunday thanks to Pay Any Price and likely odds-on winning favorite **Transitive** in race 1. I love a \$3 winner as much as the next chalk-eating weasel, but would rather take a shot at the late Pick 5. The sequence, thanks to a 12-race Sunday affair at GP, begins in race 8. And like many, I expect Curlin's Approval to win off her 104-day freshening in the co-featured Ana T. The classy mare will anchor a \$27 late Pick 5 play for 50-cent increments.

R8: 1,7,8 -Solid Florida-bred turf race to start; prefer the bookending 3yo fillies

R9: 5 -Tailed off in the Royal Delta, but classy gal returns fresh and at her best trip

R10: 1,2,8 -Thinking Tiger Paw takes a swat forward for new barn; two other logicals here

R11: 5,6 -Pretty soft crew for Gran Aventura second out; legit excuses for Spirited Tale?

R12: 4,7,8 -Competitive two-life turf claimer to cash; using three logical players; good luck!