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Race Analysis

Thursday, August 29, 2019

RACE 1: 6 – 5 – 4 – 1

RACE 2: 1 – 2 – 3

RACE 3: 2 – 6 – 1 – 5

RACE 4: 9 – 5 – 1 – 3

RACE 5: 6 – 2 – 1 – 4

RACE 6: 2 – 5 – 4 – 8

RACE 7: 8 – 4 – 3 – 7

RACE 8: 7 – 3 – 8 – 4

RACE 9: 2 – 1 – 7 – 6

RACE 10: 4 – 5 – 8 – 6

*Jackpot Rainbow 6 Carryover:
\$934,782

New Week, Hess Loaded: With its tropical clime and seemingly endless white sanded Atlantic coastline, South Florida's Gulfstream Park – and year-round racing product by extension – enjoys an almost never-ending summer. Many others, however, will be bidding farewell to the summer racing season this coming Monday, Labor Day. That said, please note that Gulfstream Park will host a *live* racing program this Monday, Labor Day, September 1st. The new racing week, however, begins with Thursday's 10-race program that commences at 1:20 ET; there are five turf races and five over the main track. SoCal-based veteran trainer Bob Hess Jr. appears loaded for both surfaces. And his first runner is the race 2-bound Just Kidding, an seemingly implacable seven-year-old gelding that sports an impressive 7-10-6 record from 46 lifetime starts. Just Kidding faces only four rivals in the 2nd race – two of whom he beat three weeks ago in a sharp victory – a starter / optional claimer at one mile over the dirt. I not only view that August 8th effort as a strong victory for Just Kidding but an important sign (even if a little obvious) that he is back on his game after two (somewhat perplexing) double-digit length losses in June and July. His versatility – a key and important trait due to the presence of big-time speedster Fundy's Tide – is an absolute asset for Just Kidding: this is a horse that adapts to any scenario *and* when on his game, fires big no matter the trip, pace or raceflow. As for Fundy's Tide, I'm not entirely sure where that jaw-dropping, powerhouse July 25th victory (capped by an otherworldly Beyer of 98) came from. Can he repeat in a longer race at a much higher level? Later on, Hess Jr. runs a dangerous-looking Our Independence in the turf-sprint nightcap. I like him.