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Race Analysis

Thursday, July 12, 2018

RACE 1: 7 – 3 – 2 – 5

RACE 2: 2 – 3 – 1 – 6

RACE 3: 4 – 5 – 1 – 3

RACE 4: 2 – 4 – 5 – 3

RACE 5: 9 – 5 – 3 – 2

RACE 6: 5 – 6 – 4 – 8

RACE 7: 6 – 8 – 3 – 1

RACE 8: 5 – 3 – 4 – 1

RACE 9: 2 – 11 – 9 – 1

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Thursday's BBB: Back class, a blazing pace and a good dose of R&R help make **Padilla** Thursday's Blewitt Best Bet (BBB) at Gulfstream Park. Friendly reminder that Thursday kicks off a new GP racing week with successive twilight programs – first post today and tomorrow is 2:20 p.m. Eastern. As for the 7th-race bound Padilla, I believe this tough 8yo gelding has landed in the *perfect* spot to notch his 11th lifetime victory. Of course, win, lose or draw, I tip my hat to this With Distinction gelding for his solid lifetime resume of 10-10-8 from 50 starts. Padilla should get a screaming pace to attack in this 5F turf sprint because of run n' gun speeds like **Go Gone Gone**, **Noble Venezuela** and **Starship Apollo**. And after tangling and sometimes tackling a few of South Florida's leading turf sprinters – think grass powerhouses Pay Any Price and Starship Wildcat – Thursday's 7th shakes out as a prime spot for Padilla. Miguel Vasquez has been riding lights out (already six wins this meet) and pilots Padilla for new trainer (because of a claim) Ruben Gracida. I think Padilla will prove best when it's all said and done, but Gracida – looking at the full picture of a shorter-priced favorite – is just two for his last 25 with new claims.

Marco Mischief Ready: Trainer Leo Gabriel Jr. got off to a solid start to the GP summer meet last week with two wins from just three starters. Here's hoping Gabriel is three for four by about 2:25 p.m. Thursday. Gabriel's Marco Mischief should appreciate the drop in class and return to the turf in race 1. I know Marco Mischief is just one for eight over turf, but he has spent his career facing significantly better fields on the grass. Also, Gabriel owns excellent first-time tag numbers.

Rainbow Six Breakdown: I love playing GP Picks 5s. But I've got to call a slight audible. I closed last week's Gulfstream action with consecutive late Pick 5 consolation payoffs (four winners instead of five) for four straight days Thursday – Sunday. So, switching to the Rainbow 6 – just 20 cents gets you in the pool – might be the small change I need for a major GP score! This ticket costs \$28.80 with my best bet, Padilla, singled in race7. The carryover is \$163,000. Good luck!

- R4: 2,4 -Almost singled Dancing Donut but Rethinkme's June 9 effort will win this
- R5: 5,9 -Race centers on Greely Is Back – he replicates his last run he takes this easily
- R6: 4,5,6 -Solid 2-race win streaks collide with Tea and Cricket and African Chief; good race
- R7: 6 -Barn doesn't really win with new claims, but have a serious old pro in Padilla
- R8: 3,4,5 -Prefer fillies that are exiting the Ana T behind Curlin's Approval; Magalie solid on dirt
- R9: 1,2,9,11 -Very difficult race with a lot of speed and closers that enter off poor efforts