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Race Analysis

Thursday, July 25, 2019

RACE 1: 3 – 2 – 5 – 1

RACE 2: 3 – 2 – 4 – 7

RACE 3: 1 – 6 – 4 – 5

RACE 4: 2 – 1 – 9 – 4

RACE 5: 6 – 8 – 5 – 2

RACE 6: 4 – 8 – 1 – 2

RACE 7: 5 – 7 – 6 – 1

RACE 8: 8 – 7 – 6 – 1

RACE 9: 6 – 5 – 3 – 4

RACE 10: 5 – 8 – 3 – 4

First-Race Post: 1:15 ET

'On Board' With a Major Race 7 Makeover

Big speed, sharp connections and a confident boost in claiming price point to race 7's Elzabe's On Board as a likely winning favorite this Thursday at Gulfstream Park. GP hosts 10 races, led by the venerable cast of battle-hardened geldings in the first – I'm definitely looking at you, 10-year-old Blings Express and nine-year-old Delta Bluesman. Good luck, boys. As for Elzabe's On Board, this gelding starts off-the-claim for trainer Georgina Baxter and Averill Racing (the same connections of Blings Express in the opener, by the way.) Rich Averill operates a shrewd and sharp stable and is very, very good at picking out potential claiming prospects. Want proof? Just look at his stable's classiest runners Pay Any Price and Lady's Island, a pair of multiple GP stakes winners that Averill originally claimed for very little money. Time will tell if Elzabe's On Board will be half the claim of a Pay Any Price or Lady's Island but I definitely like this horse as he returns fresh for Baxter off a 110-day layoff (this gelding was claimed off a 5% outfit in early April upstate at Tampa Bay Downs.) I'll look for jockey Reyly Gutierrez to roll early – Elzabe's On Board will race with blinkers and Gutierrez for the first time here late Thursday – and hopefully wire the field over fellow speed, Unpublished. Unpublished is the field's most experienced member at 0-0-3 from five starts (I tend to shy away from maidens that have racked up repeated losses) but he is, at the very least, taking a dip in class to maiden-40. Meanwhile, firster Michigan Sunset starts for the spring meet title holders in trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. and jockey Edgard Zayas.