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Race Analysis

Thursday, July 4, 2019

GP's Sizzling 12-race 4th of July

- RACE 1: 1 – 4 – 5 – 6
- RACE 2: 4 – 3 – 1 – 5
- RACE 3: 1 – 5 – 2 – 4
- RACE 4: 4 – 5 – 2 – 1
- RACE 5: 6 – 1 – 5 – 2
- RACE 6: 1 – 5 – 6 – 3
- RACE 7: 3 – 5 – 6 – 4
- RACE 8: 1 – 2 – 4 – 7
- RACE 9: 10 – 1 – 7 – 2
- RACE 10: 5 – 1 – 3 – 7
- RACE 11: 6 – 3 – 7 – 2
- RACE 12: 6 – 8 – 4 – 2

The fireworks, as far as I am concerned, start early this 4th of July Thursday at Gulfstream Park. What with a 12:45 ET first-race post time, a dozen races and a three-turn turf marathon feature, this 4th of July program has a little something for everyone. In fact, I really like the 4th-race bound L'Americana, as she makes her second career start – and her first here in South Florida – for trainer Wesley Ward. This British-bred filly will try and break free from five colts (and one gelding) as she exits a disappointing eighth-place finish (of eight) at Churchill Downs in late May. It's definitely worth noting that L'Americana and her two pace foes set that turf sprint up for the closers / finishers: the three speeds, L'Americana included, finished eighth, seventh and sixth. L'Americana also steadied in mid-stretch while tiring. Here's to a fleet-footed start, less taxing pace scenario and a wire-to-wire victory beneath jockey Albin Jimenez. Trainer Mark Casse sends out a John Oxley-owned Bernardini firster in Oil Colony. Oil Colony will be ridden by apprentice jockey Cristian Torres, who did an excellent job over the spring meet (which ended Sunday) with 31 wins. Oil Colony hails from an Awesome Again dam (Dattts Awesome) that won three of 15 starts on turf for 100k. This colt is the sixth foal in the family. It's more of an immediate dirt pedigree for sure but Oil Colony's oldest brother scored three turf wins. Freshman sire Carpe Diem is in the mix with Monforte, an Antonio Sano-trained colt winless in two starts on dirt. Monforte does have a Rahy dam (She's a Ketch) that adds some serious turf influence: she won five grass races for nearly \$90,000. Monforte is the third foal in the family; he's got an older half-bro by Stormy Atlantic that won one of eight on the turf.