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Race Analysis

Thursday, March 28, 2019

RACE 1: 5 – 3 – 6 – 4

RACE 2: 3 – 6 – 4 – 1

RACE 3: 4 – 8 – 3 – 2

RACE 4: 3 – 6 – 2 – 1

RACE 5: 5 – 1 – 4 – 6

RACE 6: 4 – 6 – 8 – 2

RACE 7: 2 – 4 – 5 – 6

RACE 8: 6 – 8 – 9 – 7

RACE 9: 7 – 5 – 1 – 6

RACE 10: 5 – 2 – 1 – 3

RACE 11: 1 – 5 – 7 – 8

Off n' Running This Florida Derby Week

March is nearly complete, Saturday's Xpressbet.com Florida Derby field is assembled and Gulfstream Park embarks on the fourth to final program of the winter meet on Thursday afternoon. First-race post time on this getaway Thursday is a "relaxed" 1:15 p.m. ET. Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott has enjoyed a solid winter season here in South Florida, a season that could in fact conclude with a victorious Hidden Scroll in Saturday's Florida Derby. Personally, I would love to witness a Mott Florida Derby triumph with Hidden Scroll – Mott is obviously a legendary, class act horseman, one of the best trainers of my lifetime and then some. This South Dakotan native, however, has some business to take care of prior to Saturday's monster race with a 1-2 punch of Tapin Through Life and Saffira in race 8 Thursday. Tapin Through Life has talent and ran giant here back in January but she has had major issues from the starting gate. If she breaks more fluidly and shows a little more early interest, Tapin Through Life could prove tough to fend off at crunch time with a powerful quarter mile close. This Tapit mare undoubtedly wound up on many trip handicappers bet-back lists here in January but she broke sluggishly a few weeks later, costing herself vital early position on February 3rd. In fact, I was almost shocked with just how far back Tapin Through Life raced off the leaders during the first quarter mile as I re-watched the replay a couple of days ago; it's tough to win like that anywhere but especially difficult Gulfstream. Saffira is a Don Alberto Stable homebred daughter of the late Street Cry. She's a first-time Euro shipper, unraced since two allowance-level tries last Sept.

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