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Race Analysis

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

RACE 1: 6 – 4 – 5 – 2

RACE 2: 1 – 7 – 4 – 6

RACE 3: 6 – 5 – 3 – 2

RACE 4: 2 – 7 – 5 – 1

RACE 5: 5 – 2 – 6 – 4

RACE 6: 4 – 6 – 1 – 8

RACE 7: 6 – 1 – 4 – 7

RACE 8: 1 – 4 – 8 – 6

Rainbow 6 Carryover: \$356,444

First-Race Post: 1:15 ET

GP Comes Alive on This Final Day of July

Short and sweet is the order of the day on a special eight-race Wednesday at Gulfstream Park. As a whole, the card features some really solid, quality turf action in races 2, 4 and 8. It certainly begins on a classy and stylish note as well given the fact that the race 1-bound Fast Pass exits a strong third-place finish behind Diamond Oops in last month's Grade 3 Smile Sprint. Of course, the stock of that June 29th Smile Sprint rests firmly in the "black" thanks to Diamond Oops' big 29-1 placing in Saturday's Grade 1 Alfred G. Vanderbilt at Saratoga Race Course. And while we're at it, let's point out another former Smile Sprint winner, Florida-bred Imperial Hint from 2017, won Saturday's Vanderbilt in track record time. Moving forward, here's hoping the 2020 Smile Sprint receives a rightful Grade 2 title. Anyway, Fast Pass was undoubtedly helped by a very swift Smile Sprint pace – that same pace adversely affected runner-up Jalen Journey, who ran the best race of anyone in the field with a near-impossible under-attack-inside-speed-trip. Sizing up the competition, there are obviously no horses in the league or "class" of a Diamond Oops or Jalen Journey in this Wednesday first race field. However, the deep-closing Fast Pass is still very much dependent on an honest pace to attack. One would imagine trainer Peter Walder, who has done excellent work with Fast Pass off a late '18 West Coast ship-in and trainer change – Walder, by the way, is 2-2-3 from eight starts with Fast Pass – hopes someone hooks or attempts to run with the speedy Small Fortune early on. I like Fast Pass as a racehorse but pick Small Fortune to wire the field.

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