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Race Analysis

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

RACE 1: 1 – 6 – 4 – 7

RACE 2: 6 – 2 – 7 – 4

RACE 3: 5 – 1 – 4 – 7

RACE 4: 2 – 6 – 4 – 3

RACE 5: 4 – 1 – 7 – 8

RACE 6: 7 – 1 – 5 – 8

RACE 7: 3 – 1 – 5 – 2

RACE 8: 9 – 5 – 8 – 3

RACE 9: 9 – 5 – 6 – 7

RACE 10: 6 – 5 – 4 – 7

RACE 11: 2 – 3 – 1 – 6

RACE 12: 11 – 1 – 3 – 5

Fourth of July BBB: I'm hoping it's one of those "come and catch me" situations in Wednesday's 6th race with the Blewitt Best Bet, **Rainfall**. Not only does Rainfall possess that always-dangerous (and loved) early-speed attribute, but she enters race 6 (happy and safe Fourth of July, by the way) off a respectable placing to Flashing Diamond about three weeks ago. Flashing Diamond has been a remarkably steady 3yo filly claimer with six wins from just 13 starts. With all due respect to Wednesday's cast, I don't think any of Rainfall's seven foes match Flashing Diamond in the quality department. Then there's that early speed that Rainfall possesses. I'm thinking (actually, "hoping" might be the better word) that Rainfall needs only a clean and swift break beneath jockey Jeffrey Sanchez to seal the deal early in this one mile claimer. I also love that trainer Armando De la Cerda got on the board on Day 1 of the summer meet here (Sunday) with a 4-1 victory with Unexplained late in the day. So, I'm calling the Blewitt Best Bet, Rainfall, over **Silver Threads** (notable dip in class) and **Cotton Tooyah** in the 6th. Cotton Tooyah, while we're at it, is an easy root with her seemingly ageless trainer, Jerry Bozzo, calling the shots. Jerry is 97 – yes, you read that number correctly – and North America's oldest winning Thoroughbred trainer. He accomplished that feat last summer (at the tender age of 'only' 96) with Cotton Tooyah right here at Gulfstream Park. Again, I don't believe Cotton Tooyah will have a fast pace to attack (she is a deep closer and Rainfall is my best bet *because* this race lacks speed) but she's the sentimental pick for sure. Tyler Gaffalione, who wrapped up another GP riding title with his spring meet win Saturday, rides for Bozzo. Good luck boys!

Juvenile Maidens in R4: Three second-time starters will meet four first-time starters in Wednesday's 4th race, a 2yo Florida-bred maiden special at five furlongs. **Friendly Fella** looks the best of the experienced trio although I don't love the field he exits. I'm taking **Take Command**, a Field Commission firster trained by Terri Pompay. I really like the recent GP-based worktab of this colt and Pompay excels with speed horses. **Cyrus**, meanwhile, debuts for the white-hot Stanley Gold barn and has the crew's best pedigree in my eyes. This Arindel homebred is by Bodemeister and is the ninth foal from the Gone West dam, Clear in the West. There are a couple of 2yo winners in the immediate family and overall, Clear in the West has been a prolific producer of quality: there are six dirt winners among her foals and a few of them earned six figures on-track. Clear in the West, although 18 and far removed from her racing career, won four of eight starts for about 109k. All of her wins came in dirt sprints. Gold is nine for his last 28 (32%) here at GP.