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Track: Gulfstream Park

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BEST BET: Beautiful Wife (4th race)

First Race

1. Knucklehead	2. Particularity	3. Prive
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KNUCKLEHEAD strictly a pedigree play by Elusive Quality out of a Forest Wildcat mare who won twice, was second twice in four starts on sod. Has some speed, might get loose, not look back at a square price. **PARTICULARITY** has been gelded for new connections since losing all chance at the break in lone main track out. Back to preferred surface today. **PRIVE** drops, switches to grass, should improve off decent enough bow vs. MSW types.

Second Race

1. Snowdust	2. Commissioned	3. Grace B
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SNOWDUST gets ample class relief and worked well enough on the dirt from the gate last week at PM to merit consideration as a value play against logical **COMMISSIONED** who comes off career best effort in latest but still winless after 13 tries. **GRACE B** no match for Commissioned in their previous encounter but could have a pace edge in this, can hold for at least a share.

Third Race

1. Murray's Girl	2. Cashless Society	3. Mojo's Queen
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MURRAY'S GIRL returns to the grass after breaking slow, showing little in dull '18 debut. Has worked well since on the main, might have pace advantage if aggressively handled from the outset. **CASHLESS SOCIETY** got fanned extremely wide turning for home, rallied willingly behind 9/5 winner last time. Gets edge over recent nemesis **MOJO'S QUEEN** in rematch.

Fourth Race

1. Beautiful Wife	2. Flashing Diamond	3. Galileo's Affair
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BEAUTIFUL WIFE, the day's best, gets major rider change to Ortiz, working well since changing barns. Should not look back if getting her head in front early as expected. **FLASHING DIAMOND** stays put off the claim, stretches to a mile, figures forwardly place throughout from the rail. **GALILEO'S AFFAIR** beat up on a poor bunch as 1-9 favorite on 1/26, steps up vs. better off nice confidence boosting win.

Fifth Race

1. Appealing Lalibela	2. Devuelta	3. Soldat the Top
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APPEALING LALIBELA no match for in form La Nena de Papa who flattered race by winning an open \$12,500 claimer by two lengths in next start. Key race also yielded recent bottom level maiden winner Lil Bay Corvette. Need only repeat last to graduate in this very weak spot.**DEVUELTA** back to a mile, should come running late although no match for preferred choice, this distance, two back. **SOLDAT THE TOP** hasn't shown much in two previous starts on grass, switches to turf for high percentage barn. Certainly cannot ignore with these.

Sixth Race

1. Fast Girl

2. Vitaemi

3. You Flatter Me

FAST GIRL seems to be showing improvement of late in the a.m. and wouldn't have to be much to make successful bow with this group. **VITAEMI** looks best of the experienced ones and the one to catch if away running from the fence. **YOU FLATTER ME** drops, turns back, could be ready for best yet at this level.

Seventh Race

1. Immunity

2. Son of Oahu

3. Di Maestro

IMMUNITY dropped back off slow pace, passed more than half the field when not badly beaten in first try for this tag. Gets big weight shift with apprentice rider taking the call. Might be along with a little more pace help today. **SON OF OAHU** drops to cheapest level yet, back to the grass, one to beat with repeat of those last two turf tries in N Y.**DI MAESTRO** has the speed to be forwardly placed, can prove major threat if duplicating 1/21 try.

Eighth Race

1. Mechuda

2. Sara's Day

3. Dudacity

MECHUDA had little chance breaking from post 14 last time vs. MSW foes, making mild middle run before flattening out late as one might expect. Gets ample class relief, Ortiz stays, ready for best yet in this spot. **SARA'S DAY** knocking on the door with this kind. Hard to ignore. **DUDACITY** has the speed and right post to be dangerous with one under her belt on sod.

Ninth Race

1. Attyia

2. Kasuga

3. Goldwood

ATTYIA ran Morticia to a close decision after pace long pace duel here last winter, the latter having gone on to win 4 stakes including a G3 in her last start. Need only repeat that try to prove formidable returning with N2L's here. **KASUGA** didn't run her race after breaking slowly in the claiming crown. One to fear/catch if away running from inside post. **GOLDWOOD** comes off best yet with addition of blinkers. Steps up, the beneficiary if top pair hook early.

Tenth Race

1. Indygita

2. Bonita Springs

3. Farcical Feline

INDYGITA might have been best of the also-rans in this spot who chased home runaway winner Madame Uno under similar conditions on 1/28 after getting fanned very wide turning for home. Shaky nod over logicals **BONITA SPRINGS** and **FARCICAL FELINE**, the latter sitting a perfect trip to be runner-up in aforementioned contest.

Eleventh Race

1. Sonido**2. Coco Is Loco****3. Sailer's Companion**

SONIDO had to ignore dropping to the bottom off a couple of competitive tries vs. better earlier in the session. **COCO IS LOCO** sheds the blinkers, back to dirt for only the second time. Working well enough to consider with these. **SAILER'S COMPANION** comes off best yet. Can grab minor share again. Yes Darlin a question mark dropping off claim after finishing a pole behind preferred choice on 1/11. Works have been good subsequent to that start.