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Race Analysis

Friday, August 16, 2019

RACE 1: 8 – 6 – 5 – 7

RACE 2: 6 – 3 – 4 – 1

RACE 3: 4 – 3 – 2 – 1

RACE 4: 1 – 3 – 7 – 4

RACE 5: 2 – 8 – 7 – 5

RACE 6: 2 – 9 – 8 – 1

RACE 7: 5 – 6 – 7 – 8

RACE 8: 4 – 10 – 11 – 2

RACE 9: 6 – 8 – 4 – 5

RACE 10: 10 – 3 – 6 – 5

I'll Take All of the 'Scraps': Race 4 is undoubtedly a highlight on this 10-race Twilight Friday – first-race post time is approximately 2:05 ET. There's quality, a plethora of sharp, in-form runners and, oh yeah, a lot of high-cruising, run n' gun types. Indeed, the opening half mile should be swift thanks to the likes of Sir Seamus (in off a pretty remarkable 81-1 upset debut victory, from post 12 over the turf I might add), Notorious Nick (he's improving in the talent department for GP's leading connections) and Souper Jaguar (the Mark Casse-trained, regally-bred Live Oak production of Quality Road-Giant Cats Eye, by Giant's Causeway.) Longshot Luis Two Guns, in off a daylight maiden win at Tampa Bay Downs six weeks ago, may also add fuel to a blazing inferno pace scenario. Scraps, meanwhile, is the field's key one-run closer for trainer Stanley Gold and jockey Jairo Rendon. This son of Brethren should get the right kind of race flow: a very honest, even rapid-fire pace that can adversely affect a good chunk of the field, mainly major foes Notorious Nick and Souper Jaguar. As a whole, Scraps has improved this year and he exits a slightly less-than-perfect fourth-place finish in the July 6th Not Surprising. Basically, the field bunched together in mid-stretch and Scraps, for a stride or two, raced a bit awkwardly after he brushed Forever Mo – note Forever Mo easily had the worst trip of anyone in the Not Surprising and was very unlucky not to win; he promptly returned to score next in an off-the-turf dirt race for Antonio Sano. Speaking of next-out-winners, Not Surprising runner-up Art G is Back displayed his fondness for the dirt with a romping, 94 Beyer Speed Figure win for trainer Ron Spatz.