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Race Analysis

Friday, August 2, 2019

RACE 1: 6 – 1 – 7 – 5

RACE 2: 7 – 4 – 3 – 2

RACE 3: 6 – 3 – 1 – 2

RACE 4: 4 – 7 – 5 – 6

RACE 5: 7 – 5 – 6 – 3

RACE 6: 7 – 2 – 1 – 3

RACE 7: 1 – 7 – 4 – 8

RACE 8: 4 – 3 – 6 – 7

RACE 9: 8 – 7 – 4 – 5

Majestic Luna Searches for His 2nd Straight 'W'

Turf racing is a huge part of the game throughout Friday's nine-race program at Gulfstream Park – the action will begin by 2:20 ET thanks to GP's summertime Twilight Friday racing series. And there is certainly a bit of recent history spread among one-third of the cast (nine runners in total) entered in race 7, a \$20,000 claiming turf race at one mile. Majestic Luna, King Leonardo and Gran Greyfrost completed the Trifecta (in that order) here three weeks ago. It's a pretty good rematch involving three pretty distinct last-out trips. Here's how I saw things unfold in that July 12th turf heat.

Majestic Luna: trailed the field early with no speed, inside run while still far back during the second turn, four-wide move top stretch, very nice kick and excellent ride.

King Leo: nearly rank under restraint (very hard held) during the first turn run), three-wide bid above the quarter pole, led most of the stretch but was no match late for Majestic Luna.

Gran Greyfrost: had an excellent trip throughout while positioned in the pocket, angled three-to-four wide off the far turn and was briefly 'blindswitched' by the winner, finished with no real punch or impact on the top pair.

I believe that Majestic Luna ran the best race and prefer him of the July 12th crew. However, the top spot in my analysis belongs to Rudiger, the "other" Victor Barboza Jr.-trained runner in the field alongside stablemate Gran Greyfrost – Rudiger is running first off-the-claim with jockey Edgard Zayas with a brief layoff of 56 days in tow.

First-Race Post: 2:15 ET