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Race Analysis

Friday, June 7, 2019

RACE 1: 1 – 4 – 3 – 5

RACE 2: 1 – 5 – 3 – 2

RACE 3: 2 – 4 – 5 – 3

RACE 4: 1 – 2 – 3 – 5

RACE 5: 5 – 1 – 4 – 2

RACE 6: 1 – 5 – 6 – 4

RACE 7: 2 – 4 – 7 – 6

RACE 8: 3 – 1 – 8 – 7

RACE 9: 10 – 1 – 11 – 6

Royal Squeeze Could Be Smile-bound After R2

Trainer Elizabeth Dobles is enjoying one of the best runs of her career here at Gulfstream Park. Entering Wednesday's program, Dobles ranked fourth in the meet's trainer standings at a gaudy 10 for 24. And the strike rate? An otherworldly 42%! Dobles, a native of upstate New York, had no GP-bound runners on Wednesday or Thursday, meaning that fat 42% could be even higher at the conclusion of Friday's 2nd race. There, Dobles sends out the razor-sharp Royal Squeeze, a recent acquisition of hers that looks nearly unbeatable on paper.

Assuming he wins, a \$4 mutuel looks way out of the question; expect \$3 at the most. Royal Squeeze was claimed out of a turf race (won by the ageless stakes winner, Pay Any Price) on February 8th for just \$25,000. Since moving back to the dirt and, more importantly into Dobles' shedrow, this Wildcat Heir gelding has rattled off three straight victories at ascending class levels. His last start 27 days ago was his best effort yet, a clear victory over a solid 8-horse cast in the Big Drama Stakes. The Big Drama has been both fruitful and noteworthy moving forward with its two next-out stakes winners: Garter and Tie (92 Beyer here last Saturday) and Hy Riverside, who won on Sunday. Friday's "Twilight Program" at Gulfstream Park is positioned 22 days out from the June 29th Summit of Speed card. I've got to believe another big effort by Royal Squeeze likely lands him in the starting gate for the Grade 3, \$250,000 Smile Sprint on Summit of Speed Day.

Twilight Friday First-Race Post: 2:15 ET

Jockey Jairo Rendon, who started the week fourth in the jockey standings with 30 victories, rides Royal Squeeze from the rail against five rivals.