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Race Analysis

Friday, November 9, 2018

RACE 1: 1 – 11 – 5 – 9

RACE 2: 7 – 6 – 1 – 4

RACE 3: 7 – 5 – 3 – 6

RACE 4: 3 – 8 – 7 – 6

RACE 5: 2 – 7 – 4 – 3

RACE 6: 2 – 7 – 1 – 6

RACE 7: 6 – 4 – 3 – 1

RACE 8: 5 – 4 – 1 – 7

RACE 9: 8 – 6 – 12 – 11

GPW, Day 29: How fast did that week go? Geez, it's hard to believe that day 1 of the Breeders' Cup – and how good were Jaywalk and Newspaperofrecord in their respective BC Juvy Filly triumphs? – occurred seven days ago! There might not be any Grade 1 races on the simulcast schedule this Friday afternoon, but there will definitely be a big old pile of money that is up for grabs. Indeed, this 7th week of the ever-popular, 12% Stronach 5 takeout will feature a guaranteed pool of \$100,000. That's pretty awesome. Gulfstream Park West has two races in the Stronach 5 sequence this go-round: race 8, a 2yo filly optional claimer on dirt and the turf-bound 9th, which sports an overflow field of 14. **Sky Run** is my play in race 8 for one reason: trainer Gilberto Zerpa off-the-claim. This is nothing new or earth shattering to South Florida horseplayers, but Zerpa has been unbelievably outstanding with his new claims. In fact, he's batted an otherworldly 64% in the win-column over the last six months right out of the claim box. His record, which I obviously hope Sky Run improves upon late Friday afternoon, is 14 for 22 (again, first off the claim) over the last 180 days. Sky Run, an Adios Charlie filly, goes from post 5 with jockey Emisael Jaramillo.

Performance Bonus for Servis: Well, Gulfstream Park's championship meet kicks off just 22 days from now. And although the best horses in the barn of trainer Jason Servis are undoubtedly waiting for the "primetime racing season," the race 6-bound, Servis-trained **Performance Bonus** appears very well spotted Friday afternoon. Servis, who has had a big year with top-class runners like World of Trouble and Firenze Fire (both of those Breeders' Cup runners arrived in South Florida this week to point for the action at GP) has won 14 races Gulfstream Park West over the last five years. As far as his GPW ship-ins go, Servis has won with nine of 32 starters (28%) right off the van. Performance Bonus has the rail in Friday's 6th race with jockey Nik Juarez.