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Race Analysis

Friday, October 12, 2018

RACE 1: 8 – 3 – 9 – 6

RACE 2: 1 – 5 – 3 – 6

RACE 3: 2 – 1 – 5 – 4

RACE 4: 4 – 6 – 3 – 2

RACE 5: 4 – 3 – 2 – 6

RACE 6: 1 – 4 – 6 – 5

RACE 7: 3 – 11 – 10 – 12

RACE 8: 3 – 7 – 6 – 4

RACE 9: 2 – 6 – 8 – 5

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GPW, Day 9 / Stronach 5 Chatter: It's time for another Gulfstream Park West Friday card and a new weekend in sunny, beautiful, Miami Gardens. There are nine races in all this Friday, October 12th; GPW sports a first-race post time of about 1:20 p.m. ET. Please take note that Friday also marks the third week of the newly-minted (and buzzworthy) Stronach 5 wager. The Stronach 5 is a \$1 minimum Pick 5 wager, which features an insanely-low 12% takeout. It's a non-stop, runaway freight train of action that last about 60 minutes. Last week's Stronach 5 paid proved a very form-full sequence (the highest-priced winner paid \$12) but it still paid over \$1,100, easily five times the \$1 win parlay. That to me is what "value" is all about. This week's Stronach 5 – free past performances are available at gulfstreampark.com – features a GPW doubleheader along with a pair of races from Santa Anita Park (races 3 and 4) and race 9 up north at Laurel Park. GPW's 8th race is the opening leg of the wager and it shapes up as a worthy handicapping test! Eleven runners entered this one-mile turf claiming race. Good luck attempting to suss out the winner! Trainers David Fawkes and Danny Gargan entered two horses apiece and appear the race's logical starting point. **The Great Scatsby** is the stronger-looking Fawkes runner in my opinion, as this one-time pricey son of the late Scat Daddy enters a claiming race for the first time. I'm anxious to see the in-race tactics for the Gargan pair of **Congruity** and **Victor Lounge**; both have serious early route speed and might simply be the fastest in those crucial opening stages.

Some (Potentially) Key Trip-Notes: Friday's 4th race kicks off the GPW Rainbow 6. It also appears a rematch showdown between **Heidi Ho** and **Queen of Credit**, a pair of fillies that exit the same GP turf 19 days ago. Both horses had excellent trips. I'm giving a very slight edge to Queen of Credit in this rematch because she'll be a better price, is based at GPW (no shipping needed) and has started fewer times – 0/3 versus Heidi Ho's 0/6 lifetime record. Here's what I wrote after I watched that potentially pivotal GP turf race nearly three weeks ago. Both horses received excellent rides.

Heidi Ho: perfect spot while stalking a duel between two big longshots; 3-4 wide move, no bid.

Queen of Credit: way farther back than Heidi Ho was early; saved ground with an inside trip; inside stretch with no punch.