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Race Analysis

Friday, October 5, 2018

RACE 1: 5 – 7 – 3 – 2

RACE 2: 1 – 4 – 3 – 2

RACE 3: 4 – 5 – 2 – 7

RACE 4: 7 – 1 – 3 – 4

RACE 5: 4 – 5 – 1 – 2

RACE 6: 7 – 5 – 4 – 1

RACE 7: 6 – 3 – 2 – 4

RACE 8: 3 – 1 – 4 – 2

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GPW, Day 3: Opening Friday of the Gulfstream Park West Fall Meeting features eight races, a first post of about 1:20 p.m. ET and good-looking feature for the gals. Indeed, horseplayer opinions figure to vary a great deal after past performances are studied and devoured. Six fillies and mares have entered the Friday feature, a six furlong allowance / optional claimer worth \$47,000. There's variety among the cast of a half dozen, including the stake-faced likes of **Luzmimi Princess** and **Silver Bay**. I respect both fillies a great deal but am looking for **Whip Me Into Shape** to continue her recent top-form ascension for trainer Yvon Belsoeur. Belsoeur has done an outstanding job with this 4yo Yes It's True-Nickel Candy, by Silver Deputy filly. Simply take a look at where White Me Into Shape was back in May: a tried and true maiden (with all due respect and peace and love that is not a great group to be associated with) who owned losses in 13 consecutive races; she was also a complete unknown over the dirt, having been defeated – soundly most of the time – on turf and synthetic. Yet, May 18th would prove a monumental date for Whip Me Into Shape after she obliterated a 35k maiden claiming field over the Gulfstream Park main track. Sure, she didn't beat that much in terms of talent or ability on the day, but Whip Me Into Shape has proved a pretty good dirt sprinter in the months since. Her last race, a tough and narrow placing to Lady's Island, was her best effort yet. I'm calling race 7 Friday a Whip Me Into Shape over Silver Bay (she likes this track but this is also a pivotal race for her.)

Stronach 5, GPW's 8th: Good luck coming up with a single, concrete opinion in Friday's finale, which also plays part in week 2 of the Stronach 5. Race 8, a 2yo filly maiden claimer over turf, drew a field of 11 – 10 are entered in the body. It's one of those races with very (very) little turf form: only two fillies, **Spiced Rum Punch** and **Feature Creature**, have raced over the grass. Neither filly has factored thus far. Don't forget the presence of four first-time starters. Confused yet? I'm going to try and wake up **Miss Sassy's Back** because of her pedigree. It's pretty shocking at how much money this Treasure Beach filly took in her debut: she went off at 2-1 in an August 3rd dirt sprint! She was also beaten 35 lengths in that race. As far as turf goes, I way prefer offspring of Treasure Beach on the grass and love seeing that this filly's dam is by Stormy Atlantic. It seems like there are fewer and fewer Stormy Atlantics' around these days, but he is one of my favorite turf influences of all time! Best of luck and don't forget to play the 12% takeout Stronach 5!