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Race Analysis

Friday, September 20, 2019

RACE 1: 3 – 1 – 5 – 8

RACE 2: 5 – 1 – 4 – 2

RACE 3: 4 – 8 – 3 – 12

RACE 4: 4 – 2 – 5 – 3

RACE 5: 9 – 2 – 7 – 10

RACE 6: 6 – 8 – 2 – 10

RACE 7: 4 – 1 – 11 – 6

RACE 8: 1 – 2 – 5 – 6

RACE 9: 8 – 1 – 2 – 7

'All' For a Major Rebound: Friday's weather forecast for Hallandale Beach is sunny and clear. Naturally, that's excellent news, not only for the nine-race program (let's call first post 2:20 ET on a Twilight card that includes the 12% takeout, \$100k guaranteed Stronach 5) but for the 7th-race bound Allurstra as well. Allurstra appeared to hate the sloppy / sealed main track conditions in his most recent start and, assuming Gulfstream Park is dry n' fast on this Twilight Friday, I expect Allurstra to get back on his best game for trainer Terri Pompay. Just like stablemates Heiresall, Squeezadios and Winking at Thedude, Allurstra has improved his overall game in leaps and bounds (giant strides works, too) these last few tropical-like months in South Florida; he appears more than good enough to earn the top prize in this Florida-bred entry-level allowance / optional claimer at six furlongs thanks to a trio of successive efforts in May and June. Meanwhile, Awesome Action, Gnarly and the enigmatic Spectre Bond are all worth at least a glance and comprise the toughest crew of competitors for Allurstra in my opinion. Spectre Bond is easily the wildcard of the field as this one-time big talent – he is equally as fragile I should add – makes his second start back off a 20-month layoff for trainer Mark Casse. This is a pivotal race for this Trappe Shot gelding considering his August 25th return – his first start in 607 days – was pretty lackluster as a well-beaten fourth-place finish behind the Pompay-trained Squeezadios and Gnarly, who's back Friday from post 11. Spectre Bond looked like a potential Grade 1 star in the making in June of 2017 – his debut win over Mr. Crow was that good.

Twilight Friday Post: 2:15 ET