Quality Turf Feature: Nice surprise flipping to Friday’s 5th race to find a very solid field among the cast of six in the $60,000 James H. Kyle. Scheduled post time for the Kyle, which goes at 1 1/16 miles over the Gulfstream Park turf course, is approximately 4:25 ET. Note there’s a very high probability that the $1 million jackpot Rainbow 6 carryover remained intact here Thursday; the sequence begins in race 4, which is one of four events carded over the main track.

Let’s call first-race post on this “Twilight Friday” 2:20 ET. The James Kyle – Kyle served on the U.S. Senate in the late 1800s and passed away in 1901 – presents horseplayers with a very solid cast. And in my estimation, the betting will likely come down to Cowboy’s Hero and Galleon Mast in the battle for race-time favorite. Both six-year-old geldings are tough, sharp and willing to fight for every inch in those crucial deep stretch yards. I like Galleon Mast for the victory as his last race – as tough a loss as it was – proves / proved he is back in peak condition. After all, this is a decorated, stakes winning Florida-bred that was inexplicably absent from last winter’s turf scene at Gulfstream, mainly the Sunshine Millions. Sure, Galleon Mast did not show all that much in his late June return – his first start since mid-November I might add – but he improved drastically versus a stakes caliber field here last month when second, beaten in the last jump, by the razor-sharp and much improved Grand Journey. In fact, Galleon Mast may have moved a touch too soon with his powerful but short closing punch. Friday, trainer David Fawkes, who has done excellent work with the nine-time winning Galleon Mast over the years, tabs jockey Emisael Jaramillo to ride. I like the entire crew.