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## Race Analysis

Monday, October 8, 2018

RACE 1: 5 – 2 – 7 – 4

RACE 2: 2 – 3 – 5 – 6

RACE 3: 6 – 3 – 4 – 1

RACE 4: 6 – 5 – 2 – 9

RACE 5: 6 – 5 – 2 – 1

RACE 6: 5 – 6 – 9 – 2

RACE 7: 7 – 8 – 1 – 2

RACE 8: 5 – 4 – 3 – 2

RACE 9: 6 – 4 – 5 – 9

RACE 10: 2 – 4 – 6 – 8

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**GPW, Day 6:** It's a rare Monday afternoon of live, South Florida Thoroughbred racing at Gulfstream Park West. Hope this special Columbus Day program (10 races and a regular start time of about 1:20 p.m. ET) is profitable for you.

R1: **Mister Storm** owns way fewer races (translates to losses) than his six foes in the GPW opener. He's got a lighter lifetime resume and is realistically likely to move forward in his second start back off a 9 ½-month layoff. Lastly, I like the work of trainer Francisco D' Angelo. Post 5 for Mister Storm and a maiden diploma third-time out.

R2: Yes, **Sunfest** has had seemingly a gazillion chances to score a maiden victory. And I know you have likely heard me in the past say something like this regarding this now winless in 17 starts Union Rags filly: "today is finally the day for Sunfest! This is the field she's been waiting for! How could she lose?!" Well, here we go again. I'm calling a Sunfest record that looks like 1-3-3 from 18 after race 2 Monday is in the books. This is *the* spot!

R3: The card definitely takes a significant bump in terms of talent and quality (and purse money) in this Florida-bred optional claimer for fillies and mares. I like the post draw (stall 6 of 7), the switch back to dirt and bigtime early speed of **Heavens Pulpit**. Here's hoping she puts away a dangerous, speedy, **Princess Knoll**, early and holds off the closers in one of the GPW Monday highlights.

**Hard-Hitting 8k Turf Sprinters:** Monday's 6<sup>th</sup> race won't receive the "feature spotlight" in the traditional sense of metrics, but it does own a solid field of older \$8,000 claiming runners. And one of my old pals here in South Florida, the 9yo **Texas Rustler**, should be poised to score his sixth lifetime win with hot-riding Samy Camacho (46 wins and excellent third in the recently concluded GP summer standings.) I really like the work trainer Mickey Kroger has done with this Put It Back gelding over the last couple of seasons (laying him up for a rest during the very deep and difficult championship meet at GP) and have confidence Texas Rustler is at his best over this GPW turf course: his record is 4-2-0 from 11 starts. He's also run well in all three starts since returning to battle in June. Meanwhile, **Giant's Voice** and **Igo Forgiveness** are a bit erratic, and at times, maddeningly inconsistent, but are more than good enough on their best (or close to it at this stage of the game) to make a serious run at the victory.