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Race Analysis

Saturday, November 11, 2017

RACE 1: 6 – 3 – 8 – 7

RACE 2: 2 – 6 – 1 – 3

RACE 3: 7 – 6 – 1 – 3

RACE 4: 3 – 2 – 5 – 4

RACE 5: 4 – 3 – 5 – 1

RACE 6: 1 – 4 – 2 – 6

RACE 7: 5 – 8 – 1 – 12

RACE 8: 7 – 5 – 10 – 9

RACE 9: 7 – 6 – 5 – 1

RACE 10: 7 – 2 – 5 – 1

RACE 11: 7 – 6 – 9 – 8

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GPW, Day 30: Wow. Forget any post Breeders' Cup doldrums. Eight stakes, yep, you read that correctly, eight, will be contested at Gulfstream West Saturday. Every one of Saturday's stakes is restricted to Florida-breds and therefore, features a familiar cast of faces and names. That is most definitely a good thing. The Florida breeding and racing program and the thousands of people (and horses) that keep the big machine running are certainly riding high these days. When the sun set way out west at Del Mar late last Saturday, two Thoroughbreds, born and raised in the sunshine state, had been crowned Breeders' Cup winners: Caledonia Road in the Juvenile Fillies and World Approval in the Mile. Another star-in-the-making Florida-bred, Blonde Bomber, finished third in the Juvy Fillies as a huge longshot. So, with momentum and spirits high, Florida-breds take center stage here in Miami Gardens Saturday. The card serves as a major prep and practice run so-to-speak, for the January 20th Sunshine Millions at Gulfstream Park. Note with 11 races carded, first-race post time at GPW Saturday is **NOON**.

Classic Preview: *Mr. Jordan* is the defending winner of race 10, the 75k Millions Classic Preview. He will be favored for a successful title defense. Personally, I think the biggest question with Mr. Jordan is whether or not he is as sharp as he was a year ago. After leaving Florida in early April of this year, Mr. Jordan went on to start just three times, winning a Parx allowance as a big favorite, finishing third (*of four*) in the Iselin at Monmouth and most recently, a well-beaten eighth in a Parx stakes race. The good news surrounding this 5yo gelding is that he is dropping in class Saturday – not that this race is a slam dunk (pun intended) by any means – and he is 3/3 at GPW. His key competition includes **Richard the Great** and **Zipping**. Boy, I am anxious to see what Richard the Great can do stretching out to 1 1/16 miles for Arindel and Stanley Gold. I honestly thought this son of Distorted Humor was a top sprinter in the making for '18 when he eviscerated the August 12th Trinniberg Handicap at GP. He lost his next two races. Zipping, meanwhile, seemingly came from nowhere this summer, earning fast speed figures in three straight dirt races. He was absolutely giant and dominant winning in August and October, but took a major step back last Saturday, when put back on the turf. Let's see how he does pairing up races just seven days apart.

Rolling to the Wire: With three-quarters of this 40-day GPW Fall Meet in the books (after Saturday's 11-race card) I feel the action is definitely a window into the upcoming Championship Meeting at Gulfstream Park (opening day is December 2nd). Saturday is all about talented horses doing what fast and talented horses do: competing against one another at a high level. I'm aiming for a nice and tidy late Pick 5 hit with the following ticket. Remember, the sequence begins in race 7, a 2yo turf maiden claimer. Like many, I'm going to single Christophe Clement's dropping **Accolade** to start; hard to believe this is the same colt that was a monstrous 7/5 favorite in a 12-horse field! Anyway, this ticket clocks in at \$18 for 50 cents. Because of cost – it's always about the cost and bankroll in the multis, right? – I trimmed **Unstablenthemornin** in race 9. Mike Maker's barn is white-hot and his **Homemade Salsa** is bred to love the turf.

Race 7: 5 -Pretty incredible that Accolade was 7/5 first-out in a 12-horse field; drops in for 20k here
Race 8: 5,7,10 -Nicks and Gold are back at it here, 7 days after finishing 1-3 in the BC Juvy Fillies
Race 9: 7 -I guess Homemade Salsa's 7-length loss to Blonde Bomber looks pretty good now ☺
Race 10: 2,5,7 -Plenty to like about all 3; to me, it really depends how well Mr. Jordan runs
Race 11: 6,7,8,9 -Trip and racing luck are going to be so paramount in this cash-out; coverage needed!!