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Race Analysis

Sunday, January 13, 2019

RACE 1: 7 – 5 – 6 – 1

RACE 2: 7 – 9 – 6 – 8

RACE 3: 3 – 5 – 6 – 1

RACE 4: 4 – 3 – 8 – 2

RACE 5: 4 – 5 – 7 – 8

RACE 6: 3 – 1 – 7 – 2

RACE 7: 10 – 9 – 1 – 3

RACE 8: 9 – 1 – 4 – 6

RACE 9: 8 – 9 – 2 – 5

RACE 10: 1 – 8 – 9 – 7

RACE 11: 9 – 2 – 11 – 4

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Sunday's Rundown: I'm definitely digging the trio of maiden special weight races offered Sunday at Gulfstream Park. Friendly reminder that first post on this 11-race program is a tad after 12:35 p.m. ET. Speaking of the Sunday opener, trainer Chad Brown appears well stocked for battle with his Malibu Moon first-time starting filly, Nasq. This \$350,000 weanling purchase is the second foal from her Galileo dam, Untoward. Although Nasq's half-sister has won just a couple of turf races, I would note that Eliza – winner of the 1992 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies at Gulfstream Park – is the family's second dam. Brown is three for his last 14 when debuting older horses on the turf. Race 6, meanwhile, features a couple of key first-time starters, including Todd Pletcher's Ready to Tango. This More Than Ready filly debuts off a steady string of Palm Beach Downs workouts with Hall of Fame jockey, Javier Castellano. Ready to Tango is the third foal in the family; both of her siblings have won in what's been a pretty diverse family on dirt, turf and synthetic. The dam, Tap Tap Tapping (Tapit) won a couple of races on-track; one over dirt, the other on synthetic. Trainer Brendan Walsh saddles Broken Oath, a pricey Broken Vow filly that worked a furlong in 9 4/5 seconds at OBS April – she sold for \$285,000. Broken Oath hails from a Street Cry dam that went 3/15 on turf (165k).

Race 8: Trainer Mark Casse and his Lady Grace should be legitimately favored in Sunday's 8th race, a 3yo filly maiden turf sprint. Note that Casse also saddles firster Catch a Thrill, who is by the late (great) City Zip. As for some of the race's other firsters, the Jeremiah Englehart-trained East and Union (Saratoga Springs, anyone?) might prove very 'live.' This Into Mischief filly was an original 100k yearling purchase, later pinhooked for double the price last March – she worked a furlong in that Fasig-Tipton sale (at GP) in 10 3/5 seconds. East and Union is the third foal from her Speightstown dam, You're Beingplayed – a five-time route winner on dirt. One of her siblings has raced and is 0/3 thus far. Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard has firster Lady Munnings – Munnings-Encore Saritta, by Consolidator. Dam Encore Saritta won three races (dirt and synth) and has foaled three winners from three starters. What's cooler is the fact Lady Munnings and her half-brother, Colonel Moorhead, compete in successive races here Sunday – races 8 and 9.