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Race Analysis

Thursday, October 4, 2018

RACE 1: 6 – 4 – 2 – 3

RACE 2: 5 – 1 – 7 – 2

RACE 3: 6 – 3 – 2 – 7

RACE 4: 6 – 4 – 1 – 7

RACE 5: 3 – 5 – 4 – 1

RACE 6: 3 – 5 – 6 – 8

RACE 7: 1 – 8 – 9 – 5

RACE 8: 4 – 9 – 3 – 1

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Day 2, GPW: Let me go on the record here: I was an unabashed supporter of **Polygram**, in all his glory as an overwhelming favorite, early last month. From where I stood, it looked like Polygram would make quick work of his five overmatched (and very unfortunate) foes. A \$3.40 win mutuel looked so darn easy. Yet, Polygram was nowhere near the winners' circle at the end of that September 7th heat 27 days ago; he trudged home fifth of six, beaten nearly 20 lengths by the winner, Good and Proper...at 70 cents to the dollar. It was a reminder that this game is not for the faint of heart and one never knows what to expect each and every time that starting gate rumbles open. Come Thursday, however, we fast forward to a new venue (GPW), a new month (October) and a better forecast (sunny and clear.) I'm giving the race 2-bound Polygram another shot off a blunt, obvious premise: this gelding loathed the (very) sloppy track conditions of his last race. I still believe this son of Pollard's Vision (he was tough as nails and famously blind in one eye) competed admirably from June through August, losing narrowly to South Florida toughies like Off Duty, Indian Scout and Tea and Cricket. Here's hoping (translates to wishing in this space) that Polygram has redemption on his mind early Thursday at Gulfstream Park West. Speedster **Tiger Blood**, with newly minted 'single bug' Romero Maragh aboard, will start favored for trainer Juan Arriagada. I'm a fan of this barn, especially their work with outstanding So-Flo claim, Conquest Sandman.

Thursday Early P5 Action: I obviously like Polygram a lot (assuming he catches dry dirt) in race 2 Thursday. Here's budget-minded Pick 5 play totaling \$16 (50 cents.) I toyed with singling Polygram, but in the end opted to use Tiger Blood, too. Race 5, however, features my single, **Susikin**. She's trained by Gilberto Zerpa, who has won with eight of his last 11 starters (73%). Her debut was solid and I like that Susikin rebounded quickly after a bad traffic jam near the run for home.

R1: 4,6 -Believe this duo owns a talent edge on the field; good barns, too
R2: 1,5 -Nearly singled Polygram but can't argue with speedy Tiger Blood's recent race
R3: 3,6 -Spring Joy keeps getting close; Blasphemy is the new face for a sharp outfit
R4: 1,4,6,7 -Trickiest puzzle early Thursday at GPW; coverage is needed IMO
R5: 3 -Way more good than bad occurred in her debut but she looked very professional