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Race Analysis

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

RACE 1: 6 – 7 – 5 – 3

RACE 2: 9 – 3 – 7 – 6

RACE 3: 5 – 7 – 4 – 6

RACE 4: 8 – 6 – 3 – 4

RACE 5: 9 – 5 – 3 – 4

RACE 6: 7 – 1 – 4 – 5

RACE 7: 4 – 9 – 6 – 5

RACE 8: 9 – 4 – 8 – 10

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Day 1, GPW: Well, it's back on over to Gulfstream Park West this Wednesday afternoon. Opening day (the first of 40 cards) features eight races (a newly minted Rainbow 6 begins in race 3) and a first post of about 1:20 p.m. ET. Race 7 undoubtedly anchors things. Up for grabs is a \$47,000 purse in a deep-looking 16k optional claimer. One major change – arguably for the better in many respects – is the fact that GPW's one mile dirt races run at two turns; Gulfstream Park, of course, owns a lengthy backstretch chute, meaning the 8F contests resemble elongated, one-turn sprints. Anyway, 10 runners have entered Wednesday's feature event. Many trip handicappers are undoubtedly anxious to see **Pass the Butter** (yes, please) in the mix. This Oxbow colt is stepping up (significantly, I think) in class but ran unbelievably well in a much-the-best claiming victory recently; his slim margin doesn't even begin to tell how lopsided a score it was. All was going well for Pass the Butter until the top of the far turn run. Tracking the leaders inside, Pass the Butter steadied, checked and shuffled back abruptly after his coveted rail spot evaporated. Somehow he got himself back into the race, angled widest and stormed home an eventual one-length winner. **Apostle**, meanwhile, scored a very workman-like maiden victory at 3/5 in late August. This pricey son of Medaglia d'Oro flashed a little promise last winter and is an intriguing sort in his GPW debut; I believe he'll relish the switch to two turns.

Late Pick 5 Play on Day 1: Here's to a quick, profitable start to the new 40-day GPW meet. Race 7 is easily the best race on the card although the 4th presents a nice little handicapping puzzle as well. As a friendly reminder, the Rainbow 6 begins in race 3 and late Pick 5 in race 4; this is South Florida racing's version of an "early bird special!" Anyway, this ticket has the clear race 6 favorite, **R Secret Life**, singled and clocks in at \$18 for 50 cents. Get tied on!

R4: 3,6,8 -Tricky opening leg; love Emisael taking the call on Seeking It All; 3 deep
R5: 5,9 -Sizable dip in class that makes a lot of sense for Scorched Earth; is she too fast?
R6: 7 -Layoff and a plummet, but good outfit, speed and Paco
R7: 4,6,9 -Like this diverse cast in Wednesday's feature; feel Rupp is sitting on a big one
R8: 4,9 -Race = dropdown Risky Risky Risky versus the sizable rematch crew from Sept. 20