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Race Analysis

Friday, May 1, 2020

RACE 1: 10 – 5 – 3 – 4

RACE 2: 8 – 2 – 1 – 5

RACE 3: 5 – 10 – 6 – 9

RACE 4: 11 – 2 – 6 – 1

RACE 5: 1 – 8 – 9 – 10

RACE 6: 1 – 6 – 3 – 2

RACE 7: 3 – 1 – 7 – 4

RACE 8: 1 – 4 – 2 – 3

RACE 9: 1 – 3 – 8 – 4

RACE 10: 3 – 9 – 4 – 10

RACE 11: 1 – 4 – 5 – 2

Post Time: 1:00 ET

Race 6: It's all about "angles" in Friday's 6th race at Gulfstream. And yes, as an aside, it's pretty remarkable the first Friday in May has arrived. Here's to a big day – and a positive month – as this 11-race program commences at 1:05 ET. As for the 6th, which do you prefer: a monstrously impactful last-out key race or strong '20 debut despite a bad luck trip? We'll get the answer to that question and more in race 6 when an eight-horse cast of Florida-bred females battles 8.5 furlongs over the turf. Mo of the West, Love Ranger and By His Grace faced each other in that key race back on Mar. 6. In the seven weeks since, that field has proved fertile ground for next-out winners with a total of three from only four to return. I like Mo of the West for the win here, not only because of her debut field's quality but the fact she is a Christophe Clement-trained second-time starter. True, Mo of the West never really kicked into high gear in that two-turn turf debut of hers but that may have been a result of the 3-4 wide trip during both turns. That effort, combined with Clement's patient, pragmatic approach to training, indicates a big move forward Friday as far as I am concerned. Key Biscayne, on the other hand, was unlucky to lose her 2020 debut here on Mar. 29. This Arindel homebred daughter of Brethren encountered major traffic during a roughly run opening quarter mile dash. Yet, despite a "bumper cars-like" journey into the clubhouse turn, Key Biscayne rallied strongly to finish a narrow third to Urban Fairytale and Renata in a blanket finish. I believe that is Key Biscayne's best effort to date – she ran four times during her juvenile season – and don't think further improvement is out of the realm from post 6. Trained by Juan Alvarado, Key Biscayne reunites with Emisael Jaramillo in her second race of 2020. Two fillies, meanwhile, make up a "new face section" in this field: Awesome Ella, in from SoCal, and Amadora, a first-time turf filly for Brendan Walsh. Awesome Ella will easily be the shorter price of the two – in fact, I see her vying for favoritism here – as she makes her first start since Dec. 1 for Bob Hess Jr. and Irad Ortiz Jr. I'm unsure how long she's been in Florida with Hess as Awesome Ella was training as of late March at Santa Anita but it appears she ran in some respectable west coast races last season. Awesome Ella exits a Del Mar field that has produced two next-out winners thus far. Hess, however, is just 2-for-48 with his "domestic shippers" at Gulfstream, a good chunk of those shipped east from California.