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Race Analysis

Friday, October 4, 2019

RACE 1: 9 – 1 – 7 – 4

RACE 2: 6 – 2 – 5 – 1

RACE 3: 5 – 9 – 2 – 7

RACE 4: 1 – 3 – 2 – 6

RACE 5: 3 – 1 – 8 – 4

RACE 6: 3 – 2 – 5 – 6

RACE 7: 5 – 3 – 4 – 1

RACE 8: 10 – 1 – 9 – 4

California Chrome's Little Brother In Town

Nice surprise coming across Fort McHenry, the two-year-old half-brother to former Horse of the Year California Chrome, midway through Friday's Gulfstream Park West program. Fort McHenry, purchased as a yearling for \$1.1 million by Coolmore, makes his GPW and SoFla debut Friday in the 5th, a one mile maiden special weight. Fort McHenry sports an awesome pedigree: Tapit-Love the Case, by Not For Love. He's raced just once to this point as a disappointing fifth-place finisher at Saratoga Race Course; only one horse, fourth-place finisher Leading West, has exited that field thus far. He finished second in a Monmouth Park maiden special weight at odds of 9/5. Since that rather forgettable debut, Fort McHenry has breezed three times, the last two of which were recorded at Pletcher's South Florida Palm Beach Downs base. I'd expect a better effort from this colt on Friday afternoon beneath jockey Edgard Zayas for a myriad of reasons. Gemo, however, is my top selection. I loved the way trainer Rohan Crichton finished up the summer at Gulfstream Park – consistent winning across the board – and like Gemo's only start for the barn back in August, a strong third-place finish behind (even-money chalk) Finalist and Tons of Gold. Although that field has yet to produce a real serious next-out effort – six horses have run back with no wins – I like that Gemo ran well at a demanding seven furlongs (off a two-month layoff) and the fact that Crichton is based at Gulfstream Park West. Dream d'Oro exits the best field of this group against Poe and Wickster's Dream and will try this one mile trip as a Congrats / Medaglia d'Oro colt.

Gulfstream Park West Day 3
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