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Race Analysis

Saturday, June 22, 2019

RACE 1: 6 – 2 – 1 – 3

RACE 2: 7 – 1 – 6 – 3

RACE 3: 3 – 4 – 6 – 1

RACE 4: 7 – 9 – 5 – 6

RACE 5: 8 – 6 – 3 – 1

RACE 6: 7 – 6 – 1 – 9

RACE 7: 3 – 5 – 7 – 1

RACE 8: 5 – 9 – 8 – 1

RACE 9: 5 – 7 – 6 – 1

RACE 10: 3 – 4 – 7 – 2

RACE 11: 4 – 1 – 9 – 5

RACE 12: 2 – 3 – 10 – 9

Two-Turns for the Turf-bound Two-Year-Olds

Sunset Promise and Classic Girl pulled similar trips and both ran well in their respective turf debuts late last month. Four weeks have passed since then and on Saturday, these two fillies will have a score to settle when they square off in race 8, a \$65,000 maiden special weight at 7.5 furlongs on the turf. This is South Florida's first two-year-old race this summer around two turns. And both Sunset Promise and Classic Girl are likely to relish the stretchout in distance. For the record, Gulfstream Park's first-race post this Saturday, June 22nd, is about 12:50 ET. Race 8, meanwhile, jumpstarts the late Pick 5. Sunset Promise nearly scored a win in her May 25th turf debut, which also marked her first start off the claim for trainer Mike Maker. Jockey Jairo Rendon rode her perfectly with an inside-to-outside trip and she simply ran out of ground in deep stretch in a narrow loss to Champagne Humor. Being a Broken Vow-Destine, by War Front filly, it seems reasonable to expect a better performance this go-round and also a filly that will enjoy a longer turf race than the "rush hour-type" vibe of those five-furlong sprints. Mark Casse, fresh off a 2/3rd sweep in this year's Triple Crown with War of Will and Sir Winston, sends out the pricey Classic Girl, a \$775,000 Candy Ride filly. Casse has already had success with the female family, as he won Champion Two-Year-Old honors in 2016 with Classic Girl's older half-brother, Classic Empire. Here's my summation of Classic Girl's career debut 28 days ago: "inside trip behind Sunset Promise, angled outside off the far turn, finished with good interest late while never threatening the top three." I'm anxious to see which filly takes the bigger step forward here Saturday in race 8. Lastly, that May 25th field has already produced a next-out winner in Let's Be Honest, who scored over the dirt for trainer Larry Pilotti.