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Race Analysis

Saturday, March 28, 2020

RACE 1: 8 – 5 – 1 – 10

RACE 2: 6 – 5 – 11 – 2

RACE 3: 3 – 8 – 5 – 6

RACE 4: 6 – 10 – 3 – 9

RACE 5: 3 – 9 – 11 – 10

RACE 6: 6 – 2 – 10 – 3

RACE 7: 11 – 7 – 5 – 8

RACE 8: 3 – 8 – 7 – 10

RACE 9: 5 – 7 – 2 – 6

RACE 10: 6 – 1 – 12 – 7

RACE 11: 5 – 9 – 4 – 7

RACE 12: 9 – 1 – 10 – 2

RACE 13: 7 – 3 – 10 – 1

RACE 14: 7 – 9 – 12 – 5

Curlin Florida Derby: Well, it's come to this. Gulfstream's most famous race, the Curlin Florida Derby, will be run late Saturday for the 69th time while also playing a fitting final call of sorts in the day's massive \$5 million guaranteed (and mandatory payout) Rainbow 6. It's also a perfect capper to GP's famed winter meet as a whole. Changing the game in a big way, of course, is the fact that this 2020 Florida Derby won't play as a springboard sendoff to the Kentucky Derby as it has done for nearly 70 years – the Kentucky Derby is postponed till Sept. 5. Still, I'm happy to see that interest in this year's Florida Derby reached a fever pitch among owners' and trainers', evident by an overflow cast of 13 runners; 12 will be permitted to start while maiden Rogue Element sits as an also eligible. Tiz the Law is the star of this year's Florida Derby as he starts as a massive favorite for veteran trainer Barclay Tagg, Sacketoga Stable and jockey Manny Franco. There is much to like with this New York-bred colt by Constitution, what with his near-perfect record of 3-0-1 from four starts and blazing victory in Gulfstream's Feb. 1 Holy Bull Stakes. His Holy Bull was particularly impressive and important for a couple of key reasons: firstly, it was Tiz the Law's 2020 debut and first race in two months. Secondly, he displayed push button agility in a race he was asked to make multiple moves in. Tiz the Law drew exceptionally well in stall 7 and is likely to pull that stalking trip Franco wanted so badly in the Holy Bull. Speaking of the Holy Bull, it's hard to argue with just how strongly Ete Indien, runner-up in the Bull, has come on this winter for trainer Patrick Biancone. And there was some flattery for Tiz the Law on hand late last month when Ete Indien eviscerated the Fasig-Tipton Fountain of Youth field. Sure, the FOY might not have lived up to the pre-race hype with big favorite Dennis' Moment throwing such a clunker and Chance It scratching but Ete Indien ran exceptionally well and he did from a wickedly tough outside post (10 of 10.) In a déjà vu move, Ete Indien drew the shortest straw from post 12 here Saturday (there's a slightly longer run into the first turn than in the FOY) so he will likely try to clear and bottom out the field beneath Florent Geroux, who rode the colt flawlessly four weeks ago. Here's to an outstanding and safe day of racing at Gulfstream! Thank you for playing GP!

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