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Race Analysis

Sunday, April 26, 2020

RACE 1: 7 – 3 – 1 – 9

RACE 2: 6 – 7 – 3 – 5

RACE 3: 8 – 6 – 7 – 5

RACE 4: 10 – 1 – 6 – 12

RACE 5: 4 – 7 – 6 – 5

RACE 6: 1 – 7 – 5 – 4

RACE 7: 8 – 7 – 1 – 3

RACE 8: 6 – 3 – 8 – 2

RACE 9: 11 – 9 – 12 – 1

RACE 10: 8 – 4 – 2 – 6

RACE 11: 10 – 9 – 8 – 4

Post Time: 12:55 ET

Race 8: I'm in the camp of Sneer, who easily owns the last-out effort among this cast of three-year-old filly maidens. Sneer, by Into Mischieff, exits a good-try placing – she absolutely left everything out there on the track – to 7/5 favorite (trained by Barclay Tagg) Pleasant Orb. True, Sneer is the first filly to return from that Mar. 22 race, so there isn't a true gauge or barometer just yet but I believe that field had a decent amount of depth to it and view it as a potential key race. Sneer will absolutely start favored here for Christophe Clement and Luis Saez as she battles from post 6. Feeling Funny, meanwhile, looks like a second wagering choice to my eyes for trainer Mark Casse and Irad Ortiz Jr. By Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, Feeling Funny returns to action (99 day layoff) with a couple of obvious but key changes in tow. The first is the switch back to dirt. Her off-the-turf career debut in late December was decent as a whole. Fair effort is a succinct description. What I really like, however, is the stretchout in distance Sunday from five-to-seven furlongs. Funny Feeling looks like a one-paced sprinter to me and I believe 5/8ths was probably a little too short for her as far as racing is concerned. Casse also sends out Second Grace, a Summer Front filly who is a complete question mark on the dirt. In sticking with A-level barns along the lines for Clement and Casse, Bill Mott sends out a firster named Paris Lights. Sporting a pedigree of Curlin-Paris Bikini, by Bernardini, Paris Lights is the first foal from an unraced dam. Her worktab up north at Payson Park looks decent enough and she strikes me as a filly that's going to run well, even if her Hall of Fame trainer is mostly known for improving horses / maidens that have already raced once or twice. Lastly, the Victor Barboza Jr. trained You're the Best exits one of the winter meet's most productive maiden fields from Mar. 15. That "Boerne race" has had three next-out winners thus far from the eight fillies that have returned. You're the Best (cue the tournament montage from *Karate Kid*, please) is likely to improve off that first start from post 2 with Hector Berrios riding.