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Race Analysis

Sunday, September 8, 2019

RACE 1: 7 – 5 – 2 – 3

RACE 2: 4 – 3 – 2 – 6

RACE 3: 5 – 4 – 1 – 3

RACE 4: 8 – 3 – 5 – 6

RACE 5: 4 – 3 – 5 – 1

RACE 6: 3 – 5 – 6 – 2

RACE 7: 5 – 1 – 7 – 2

RACE 8: 5 – 8 – 1 – 4

RACE 9: 8 – 4 – 6 – 2

RACE 10: 9 – 7 – 11 – 4

RACE 11: 5 – 7 – 4 – 2

Sunday Maidens: Gulfstream Park caps its first full week of September racing with an 11-race Sunday card. Let's call first-race post time here in Hallandale Beach at 1:20 ET. The finale, despite a general lack of form among of the cast of eight two-year-old filly maidens, is a personal highlight. Here's a rundown of the field's biggest players, beginning with my top selection, Karakontie Flyer.

Karakontie Flyer: This filly's sire, Karakontie, upset the 2014 Breeders' Cup Mile at 30-1 odds. He's had a nice run thus far as a freshman stallion in 2019 – somewhat surprising in my opinion given his turf prowess – with four winners from 16 runners. Dam Pretty City, by Carson City, is seemingly up there in age at 21 but she's been a prolific producer at times thanks to a pair of Grade 1 winning daughters in Lear's Princess and Pretty City Dancer. Pretty City Dancer, like Karakontie Flyer, is trained by Mark Casse. I love the presence of leading rider Edgard Zayas and a spirited worktab at Palm Meadows.

Honesta: By freshman sire Honor Code, this Armando De La Cerda-trained filly hails from a dam that won one race over synthetic a few years back. Honesta was an original \$85k yearling RNA in September of '18 but sold a month later for the same price. She's the second foal from her Salt Lake dam; her older brother is 7/22 with six dirt wins. Honor Code has three winners from his first 17 runners at stud.

Greater Plan: This filly is by first-crop sire Secret Circle, who is one-for-nine at stud thus far. He sold for \$90k at OBS June after working a furlong in 10 1/5 seconds. He really gets some class from his dam Tough Tiz's Sis: she won eight of 20 starts for \$900k.