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Race Analysis

Thursday, April 16, 2020

RACE 1: 4 – 6 – 8 – 5

RACE 2: 2 – 1 – 8 – 7

RACE 3: 4 – 9 – 7 – 5

RACE 4: 7 – 9 – 1 – 10

RACE 5: 6 – 11 – 5 – 4

RACE 6: 6 – 2 – 5 – 4

RACE 7: 10 – 7 – 2 – 3

RACE 8: 8 – 1 – 3 – 2

RACE 9: 9 – 5 – 1 – 3

RACE 10: 7 – 9 – 11 – 4

RACE 11: 7 – 6 – 1 – 2

Race 2: Happy to have the first two-year-old maiden race of 2020 here at Gulfstream with this cast of eight fillies. Wesley Ward's Lime obviously takes center stage off the bat – it's probably a safe assumption this filly was rerouted from Keeneland's spring meet given her Kentucky-based worktab in March. By Iqbaal (I'm not sure I've ever seen a single trainer other than Ward with a horse by this stallion), Lime goes as the fourth foal from a five-time winning dam named Home Alona; she did win as a two-year-old. All three older siblings have raced and are winners; there is a two-year-old winner in there as well (from two that started as juveniles.)

Race 5: A third of the crew in this \$50k turf maiden claimer rematches off the 5th race back on Mar. 15. I'm not a big proponent or supporter of that field as a whole as I just don't perceive a lot of depth (even for the level) among Wicked Mercury, Our Fantasy, Toastnjam and Delancey's Philly. If I wanted anyone off this list, however, it would be Wicked Mercury simply because of her 3-wide tracking trip (she gave up sufficient ground on both turns) in that third-place finish for Jane Cibelli and Paco. Todd Pletcher also saddles two horses in this race, the first-time turfing Kahiko and dropdown stretchout, Summer in the City. Kahiko, by First Samurai, has a non-descript female family as the fourth foal from an unraced Dixie Union dam in Hula Skirt; none of her three older siblings has won a race. Summer in the City, meanwhile, is very likely to improve off an even-effort debut at five furlongs. She drops from special weight company here on Thursday and although one-paced in that Mar. 4 debut, gave me the impression of a filly that would likely appreciate a longer race.

Race 6: I like Lookin At Roses in this turf claimer (he's a third choice, 9/2 shot on the morning line) and think he starts favored over Bourbon Currency for a couple of reasons. Firstly, trainer Guadalupe Preciado picked up a major form reversal turf winner here last Sunday in Zippy, giving me an inkling this barn is worth keeping tabs on as the meet progresses. Secondly (and most important) is the solid last-out effort by Lookin At Roses on Mar. 22, a narrow defeat behind the 7/5 winning Noble Hope. I'm putting a lot of stock in that solid recent race, especially considering John Kimmel's Bourbon Currency has raced so sparingly (two races since Christmas of '18) and has never really been an effective turf router around two turns.

*\$1.5 Million Rainbow 6
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