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Race Analysis

Thursday, May 7, 2020

RACE 1: 6 – 2 – 7 – 4

RACE 2: 4 – 2 – 5 – 7

RACE 3: 7 – 1 – 5 – 3

RACE 4: 12 – 5 – 8 – 10

RACE 5: 2 – 3 – 6 – 4

RACE 6: 5 – 1 – 6 – 3

RACE 7: 5 – 6 – 4 – 7

RACE 8: 8 – 7 – 6 – 5

RACE 9: 3 – 7 – 2 – 5

RACE 10: 5 – 3 – 2 – 7

RACE 11: 9 – 5 – 6 – 10

Post Time 1:00 ET

Jackpot Rainbow: \$1.75 Million

Race 4: Caribbean Kitten checks a bunch of the right boxes as far as I am concerned in Thursday's turf-bound 4th race field. She's got top connections (Maker / Irad), respectable out-of-state turf form and early speed. On the red side of the ledger is her outside post of stall 12: that first turn arrives in a hurry and early position is paramount from out there. Aside from her obvious good turf form at Fair Grounds is the fact that Caribbean Kitten starts for a trainer in Mike Maker who owns excellent metrics with Gulfstream Park ship-ins, specifically in maiden claiming company. Over the last five years, Maker is 15/46 (33%) with GP (domestic) shippers racing in maiden claiming company: these are horses that likely either improved for Maker in South Florida, were dropping in class and/or just plain found an easier time racing at Gulfstream. As for the competition, the Todd Pletcher-trained Garner State Park is going to attract plenty of play. I think this is a better field – and more intriguing cast – than the race she exits last month but there's no denying her improvement between that debut and second start. It's reasonable to think a better effort is forthcoming here. Missandei took an almost unbelievable amount of money in her career debut and ran better than you might think looking at her pps. She definitely endured a "no real position" trip that saw her very wide on the second turn. Sure, she didn't crack the Tri at 8/5 odds but ran well despite significant ground loss. She's also going to be a far bigger price this time around.

Race 6: I'm not getting cute in this Florida-bred maiden special weight with a Victory Town – Celtic Brotherhood 1-2 finish. I usually would give the edge to a second-time starter like Celtic Brotherhood over an 0/4 runner like Victory Town but I think Victory Town has faced some pretty deep fields over his last couple of races for Mark Casse. He was also, in large part due to his one-run closing style, wired by Cajun Brother and Whiskey Sunrise in his last two races. Celtic Brotherhood, meanwhile, ran fine (with big early speed) in his career debut but I just don't particularly care for that Quick Step Ed race he exits; horses have gone 0/5 thus far off that Mar. 21 dirt sprint.

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