

## The Wizard's Spotlight Plays

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**

### **GULFSTREAM PARK GRADE 2 FORWARD GAL (RACE 6)**

**FROLIC'S DREAM (Forward Gal Race 6)** Makes her 2nd start off a layoff following a solid 3rd Jan 4 in her 3 year old debut off a 2 month layoff. Beaten a head by Gemswick Park in the Grade 3 Old Hat 26 days ago. In Friday's Grade 2 Forward Gal, I feel she can turn the tables on that rival. One reason, is that Gemswick Park has to break from post 1, after sitting a good stalking trip from an outside post previously. The rail slot is always difficult to overcome at the 7 furlong distance, especially with a horse who has early speed, like Gemswick Park has. You either have to be hard used to get the lead, or take back, which could result in your horse getting shuffled back early. Frolic's Dream draws a much better post (5), which will allow regular rider Bridgmohan to sit a perfect stalking relaxed trip early on. When the two faced off, Frolic's Dream hit the gate hard, but still managed to recover, and only get beat a head. As a 2 year old, she won all 3 starts, 2 in stakes races. Since the old Hat, she has worked 3 times over the deeper Calder strip, and as a result, should be dead fit for this stake. Trainer Marty Wolfson has had a quiet meet so far, but he is a 30% trainer, who is tremendous pointing horses to stakes events.

### **BONUS PLAY**

### **GULFSTREAM GRADE 2 HUTCHESON (RACE 8)**

**HELLO BROADWAY (Race 8)** Makes his 3 year old debut off nearly a 3 month layoff. Very impressive win in his debut at Saratoga. I watched him "live" galloping to the gate, and all I can tell you was that it's been a long time since I have seen a 2 year old look as good as this one. Big jump up in class in his next start from a MSW to the Grade 1 Champagne. He was a well beaten 5th that day, but I excuse this effort after being bumped hard at the start. Solid 2nd in his final start last year after losing all his momentum when shuffled back on the far turn. Hello Broadway also may have been over raced at that point as he had 3 races, 2 in stakes, in a span of 2 months which is a lot to ask for a young horse. He has been given time to mature. Shows 5 workouts at Gulfstream. Only 1 other horse, Break Water Edison, has a work over the track (only 1). Obviously Hello Broadway is being pointed to the Kentucky Derby, and this stake is a stepping stone towards that ultimate goal. Since he won his debut at a shorter distance, 7 furlongs should be right up his alley. Gets what I feel is a positive rider change to Edgar Prado for excellent horseman Barclay Tagg, who know what it takes to get a

horse ready for the "Run For The Roses".

## **SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 FAIR GROUNDS (RACE 5)**

**TEMPLAR'S CUP (Race 5)** The gray 6yo appeared well placed in his first start off the Tom Amoss claim on Nov. 30. He was narrowly beaten by another tough nut named Antrim County in a race that was rained off the grass. Theriot made a quick but premature move on the turn to take a late lead but was unable to hold off the winner. Last time out he was the victim of an extremely slow pace. He was 4 lengths off the lead after 6 furlongs in 1:16 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub>. Despite a final quarter in :23 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub> on a yielding course he came up a neck short. The winner sat a dream trip, just off the walking fractions. There is not a lot of pace in this field either, but the gray has tactical speed and all Theriot needs is to use some of it. Amoss gives him 7 weeks to reload and Templar's Cup continues to train sharply.