



Steam's Play of the Day

Gulfstream Park: Saturday, December 1, 2018

Race: 7

Post Time: 2:52 P.M. (Eastern)

With the betting public expected to gravitate toward two horses—**(#1) PERU (GB)** and **(#12) STARSHIP JUBILEE**—**(#9) VALEDICTORIAN**, a winner of three of her past four starts, is an intriguing play in this year's renewal of the \$125,000 Claiming Crown Tiara, a \$25,000 starter stakes for fillies and mares three-years-old and upward going eight and one half-furlongs on Gulfstream Park's newly refurbished turf course. This four-year-old daughter of Temple City has effective tactical speed, is coming off a front-running score in the \$150,000 All Along Stakes over "yielding" ground at Laurel back in September, and has won her past three starts off a layoff for trainer Kelly Breen, whose outfit sports a 21% win clip year to date. Her 7-2 morning line installment seems reasonable, and her public work tab is razor-sharp. I'll pass on the gimmicks and play **(#9) VALEDICTORIAN** to win and place at odds of 5-2 or greater. —**JG**