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LOUISIANA DERBY: WELLS BAYOU 8-1

The Louisiana Derby looks an open affair on paper and it has drawn a full field. Like with Basin in the Rebel, when I recommended a loser, I am going against my own advise here, namely to be careful with Kentucky Derby preps. That was a bit of a speculative bet, as it was so tempting to go against the hyped Nadal. This is different, however, in more ways than one. Firstly, **Wells Bayou** is my clear top rated horse in the race, having run to a provisional **Globeform 112p** when failing by just a length in his attempt at giving the more experienced Silver Prospector 3lbs in the Southwest Stakes last month. Secondly, this is a million dollar prep, so every horse will be ridden to win (not experimented with), and thirdly, are these valuable local Derby races really 'Kentucky Derby preps' now – with the Run for The Roses moved to September? I think they have just become races offering 'make hay while the tracks are open' opportunities.

Wells Bayou ran a big race in the Southwest, where he set out to make all and fought back really gamely – without being given too hard a race – when challenged through the final furlong. He looked a horse that will stay, and he has drawn nicely in post three here. He should get a similar trip, and he should improve. If he does move forward by a few lengths, well, then he will be very hard to beat. Second best on ratings is Enforcer (GF 108), who is getting exposed now, followed by Modernist (GF 105p), who is open to improvement, and Silver State (GF 105 – GF 104 last two starts).

Morning line 8-1 may not be close to what Wells Bayou will be at post time, and if you can bet with Ladbrokes or Coral, go and get their **7-1** offered this morning.

NOTEBOOK RUNNER: SHARECROPPER 33-1

Sharecropper is in the same race, and he will be a big price as he takes step up in class. That said, Wells Bayou apart, this race does not seem too deep, and Sharecropper is worth an each-way bet (33-1 Ladbrokes and Coral). Sharecropper ran to **Globeform 98p** when he won at Churchill Downs last year (impressed in a race that has produced three subsequent winners, including the Rebel runner-up Excession). Sharecropper was not up to that level when making his 3yo debut but he raced too freely and had a bit of a troubled trip that day. I was expecting to see him in allowance company again, but Albert Stall Jr. goes for a million-dollar event instead. One useful betting rule: when a good trainer does something that seems a bit strange with a horse, back it. Albert Stall Jr. is a good trainer.

Good luck to us!

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