



Thought Process, home team's best in Juvenile Fillies Turf?

THOUGHT PROCESS has been visually most impressive in winning important stakes races over a mile at Del Mar and Santa Anita, where he cruised home by 4 1/2 lengths in the Surfer Girl Stakes on October 6. The daughter of Collected had the race wrapped up a long way out, and she could have beaten Casalu and Tigerish by a much wider margin had her rider, Hector Berrios, asked her to extend fully. She looked really special but Thought Process beat little in the Surfer Girl, so it's hard to assess her form. Casalu was fourth to her in the Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Turf, while Tigerish was coming off a seventh place finish at Kentucky Downs, beaten 7 1/4 lengths behind May Day Ready. Kentucky Downs is totally different to Santa Anita, so let's not read too much into that result, but it would have helped us so much more if Thought Process had met better fillies in her B Cup prep. That said, no horse can beat more than what's put in front of it and she was so much the best. She had previously won the Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Stakes, over the BC Juvenile Fillies Turf trip, comfortably by 2 lengths from previous maiden winner Supa Speed, who was 2 1/4 lengths in front of Sea Runner. Sea Runner went on to win a Santa Anita maiden on her next start, beating Lee's Baby Girl, who was a well beaten second when Thought Process broke her maiden at Del Mar back in August. These formlines suggest that Thought Process beat talented rivals at Del Mar but those she trounced at Santa Anita have little to write home about thus far. That might change on Friday (Oct 25), when Casalu, who was second in the Surfer Girl, goes for the five-runner Anokaia Stakes at Santa Anita.

Whichever way you look at her form, it is essential to watch the replays of Thought Process's wins; there's no doubt that she is classy, nor that she can run much faster than what has been required of her thus far, and she is probably the home team's best chance of winning this race.

Surfer Girl Stakes

