

GLOBEFORM ANALYSIS - MORENO

MORENO has enjoyed a lucrative season, winning the Whitney Handicap (G1) and running second both in the Suburban Handicap (G2) and Woodward Stakes (G1). After having run second, beaten 3 lengths by Zivo, in the 10-furlong Suburban at Belmont, Moreno dropped down to 9 furlongs in the Whitney at Saratoga, where he led every step of the way and kept on well at the finish to beat Itsmuluckyday by just over a length. Itsmuluckyday turned the tables on him when these two filled the exacta also in the Woodward, another top notch race over nine panels. Moreo went down by half a length. Moreno carried 2lb more than Itsmuluckyday in the Woodward, while in the Whitney he was receiving 2lb from his arch rival. The four-year-old son of BC Classic winner Ghostzapper came back to Belmont, and contested the Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) in September. Ten furlongs is a bit too far for him, but he ran a sound enough race to pass the post in fourth, 7 lengths behind Tonalist. Moreno had interfered with Wicked Strong, who almost went down and unshipped his rider at the halfway stage, and was therefore disqualified and placed last by the stewards.

His running style is all about speed, and that's okay at Santa Anita, but how far can he carry it over this distance?

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