



JASON BLEWITT'S

Race Analysis

Friday, July 13, 2018

RACE 1: 2 – 9 – 7 – 6

RACE 2: 4 – 2 – 6 – 3

RACE 3: 6 – 1 – 3 – 2

RACE 4: 6 – 3 – 1 – 8

RACE 5: 2 – 5 – 4 – 3

RACE 6: 1 – 10 – 4 – 7

RACE 7: 7 – 1 – 4 – 5

RACE 8: 6 – 1 – 2 – 4

RACE 9: 10 – 6 – 11 – 12

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Twilight Friday / Feature, BBB: I have got plenty of Jason for you on this Friday the 13th at GP. Just don't expect me to emulate the "other" Jason. You know, the one that runs around like a crazed maniac clad in an old-school hockey mask (think Bernie Parent from those Stanley Cup years with the Philadelphia Flyers). That just wouldn't be a good look for me. I'm way more interested in coming up with a few winners throughout this Twilight Friday card! As for the Blewitt Best Bet – boy, the pressure is on given the date – the tough, honest **Cautious Giant** has received the nod in race 8. Cautious Giant is a seriously good sprinter in a seriously good field Friday. I'd have to imagine that if powerhouse sprinter X Y Jet did not make the trek south from Oceanport NJ late last month, Cautious Giant would have taken his shot in the Grade 3 Smile Sprint. Of course, X Y Jet did ship into town and brought his best; he's one of the nation's leading sprinters, of course. He also had little trouble nor issue turning a respectable group of runners in the Smile into a fairly ordinary bunch. This is what I call prudent handling with Cautious Giant. Friday's 8th race features an accomplished cast – take a look at **Mo Cash**, **Diamond Oops**, **Harryhee** and **Splash Rules** – so a B-level effort from Cautious Giant won't be good enough for the top spot. But Cautious Giant has been so sharp and consistently good for trainer Victor Barboza Jr. that I can't see him not bringing his best. So, it is Cautious Giant over speedster Harryhee (solid horse) and Splash Rules (a GP stakes winner last summer) for the victory in a very good race. Diamond Oops has not started since Clasico Day here last December 9th and picked a very, very salty spot to make his 3yo debut.

Turfing 2YOs at Two Turns: Friday's Rainbow 6 (the carryover sat at 160k heading into yesterday's card) begins with a very tricky but intriguing cast of 2yos in race 4. It's a 7.5F, two-turn grass maiden special dominated (in numbers) by first-time starters. **Riley Rules** and **Scraps** have already tried the grass and both ran well in the same race on June 1st. **Joe Di Baggio**, meanwhile, interests me for a myriad of reasons. And yes, he's awesomely named. This Arindel homebred (by Brethren) finished fourth in a well-bet debut on June 16th over the dirt. Note that was a day absolutely controlled by pace / early speeds over the main track; Joe Di Baggio was against the track in my opinion. Secondly, this colt is a younger half-brother to Archer Road, one of South Florida's most improved turf horses these last few months. Archer Road (by the deceased turf champion, Leroidesanimaux) just finished third in Sunday's Mecke Stakes. I'm well aware that Leroidesanimaux is a bigger turf influence than Brethren, but don't think it matters here with 2yos.