



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

*Friday, June 28, 2019*

RACE 1: 9 – 3 – 1 – 4

RACE 2: 6 – 9 – 2 – 3

RACE 3: 4 – 1 – 7 – 3

RACE 4: 5 – 8 – 1 – 6

RACE 5: 6 – 8 – 5 – 9

RACE 6: 5 – 3 – 4 – 8

RACE 7: 7 – 8 – 3 – 4

RACE 8: 2 – 7 – 4 – 3

RACE 9: 10 – 12 – 2 – 6

*Twilight Friday First-Race Post:  
2:15 ET*

### 'Rock Solid' Start to a Giant GP Weekend

It's Summit of Speed Eve as Gulfstream Park hosts a nine-race Twilight Friday program. Of course, Saturday is the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of Gulfstream's popular Summit of Speed program, a five stake extravaganza that features the history rich Grade 2 Princess Rooney – a "Win and You're In" race for the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint. Veteran trainer Kathleen O'Connell is unequivocally ready to defend her Princess Rooney title with Stormy Embrace, the Gulfstream-loving mare that beat a stellar field in last year's Rooney en route to the Breeders' Cup. Judging from Stormy Embrace's recent GP victory in May, there's an argument that she's even better in 2019. Scary thought! Anyway, the Michigan born O'Connell will presents horseplayers with a similar picture on Friday, as she throws a powerful 1-2 punch (see: an in-prime Mike Tyson) in the \$75,000 Golden Isles Stakes – carded as race 6. The Golden Isles drew an eight-horse cast of two-year-old fillies and is clearly designed as a steppingstone to the opening leg of the Florida Sire Stakes (in this case the Desert Vixen division) here on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. O'Connell has two Stonehedge Farm homebreds in the Golden Isles, Solid as a Rock and Lenzi's Lucky Lady. Both fillies won their respective career debuts; Lenzi's Lucky Lady in June, Solid as a Rock in May. As far as Solid as a Rock goes, she is the best filly – or colt for that matter – I have seen this summer sired by wunderkind stallion, Khozan. And there have been plenty of winning youngsters by Khozan to choose from! Even leading jockey Edgard Zayas, who is no stranger to the winners' circle, said: "wow, I have a lot of high hopes for Solid as a Rock. I think she's awesome."