



JASON BLEWITT'S

Race Analysis

Saturday, August 3, 2019

RACE 1: 2 – 4 – 5 – 8

RACE 2: 7 – 5 – 4 – 2

RACE 3: 4 – 6 – 1 – 9

RACE 4: 1 – 4 – 5 – 9

RACE 5: 1 – 4 – 7 – 2

RACE 6: 6 – 8 – 1 – 7

RACE 7: 4 – 1 – 8 – 9

RACE 8: 2 – 10 – 4 – 6

RACE 9: 5 – 8 – 1 – 4

RACE 10: 9 – 3 – 5 – 6

RACE 11: 7 – 5 – 9 – 11

RACE 12: 6 – 7 – 9 – 4

RACE 13: 7 – 9 – 1 – 2

Ready for Chance It as the 38th FSS Begins

A Gulfstream Park baker's dozen sounds and looks pretty darn appealing this Saturday afternoon as weekend #1 of August '19 rolls around in a big way. Please note that the Gulfstream action begins with an earlier-than-usual first-race post of 12:20 ET on this particular Saturday, August 3rd. The program also ushers in the 38th annual Florida Sire Stakes. The two-year-old colts are up first in race 5, the \$100,000 Dr. Fager. The Dr. Fager is a big test and step forward for its seven-horse cast – no one in the field has started at the Fager's six-furlong distance on dirt – which is led by Chance It. Chance It basically scorched the earth atop Hallandale Beach 35 days ago in a jaw-dropping blowout maiden win, which was his second career start for trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. That June 29th win was gigantic in a number of the game's relevant metrics these days, led, naturally, by a news-making 92 Beyer Speed Figure. Heading into the weekend, Chance It is one of the nation's fastest juveniles. But moving forward, Chance It will get the toughest test of his young career on Saturday afternoon given a few key factors: his difficult rail post and the likely taxing trip that may follow. Chance It has not been a one-dimensional rocket (like many two-year-olds this time of year) and has yet to make the lead from the gate in his two races thus far. However, it doesn't take a whole lot of creative thinking to envision a tough pace picture where he's attacked (as the inside speed) by the likes of Man With a Plan and Turn On the Magic. If that happens, the Eddie Plesa Jr.-trained Absolute Grit may get the best trip of all as an in-the-clear stalker. I'm hoping for a similar stalk-and-roll trip for the Mark Casse-trained Two Sixty in the Desert Vixen. I loved everything I saw with a polished Two Sixty in her first-out victory.

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