



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

Saturday, June 1, 2019

RACE 1: 8 – 4 – 5 – 7

RACE 2: 3 – 1 – 6 – 7

RACE 3: 2 – 6 – 7 – 4

RACE 4: 6 – 4 – 7 – 2

RACE 5: 3 – 4 – 8 – 9

RACE 6: 5 – 8 – 3 – 4

RACE 7: 4 – 5 – 9 – 7

RACE 8: 2 – 1 – 10 – 5

RACE 9: 3 – 7 – 6 – 4

RACE 10: 4 – 1 – 6 – 5

RACE 11: 7 – 5 – 3 – 4

RACE 12: 5 – 4 – 6 – 3

### Carry Back Dress Rehearsal Runs Early

Garter and Tie ran really well against a salty field of older horses three weeks ago. Gladiator King just missed winning the graded Chick Lang stakes Preakness Day at Pimlico. And Seismic Jolt, an \$800,000 auction purchase last spring, looked terrific in a January 5<sup>th</sup> Limehouse victory at GP. Saturday, this triumvirate – accompanied by four bigger-priced runners, by the way – will vie 6 ½-furlongs in the featured 75k Ocala Stakes. The Ocala serves a very logical steppingstone to the Carry Back Stakes here on Summit of Speed Day, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Seismic Jolt returns to action, fresh off a 119-day layoff and starts as my top selection for trainer David Fawkes. I really liked Seismic Jolt's upset victory in the aforementioned Limehouse Stakes (he endured a taxing 4-wide chase before he kicked clear impressively) and feel as though he didn't have a chance to shine in the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 3 Swale after a tough start. "He didn't break all that great and just never got going after that," Fawkes said. "We sent him to Stonestreet (Farm) after the race and they did a fantastic job with him. He came back to me in great shape and has definitely filled out. I'm excited to run him back." Seismic Jolt gets leading rider Edgard Zayas from post 6. Garter and Tie is 0-2-1 from five starts this year but has met some serious firepower along the way: Maximum Security, Code of Honor and Royal Squeeze. This Ralph Nicks-trained colt by Brooks 'n Down classes up to this field perfectly. My only (slight) concern is the Ocala's 6.5F trip: is it a touch short for the late-running, grinding close of Garter and Tie? Gladiator King has been spotted ambitiously (that's putting it lightly as a matter of fact) but through it all has kept his stellar form and overachieving ways. He has previously beaten both Seismic Jolt and Garter and Tie. Gladiator King raced just two weeks ago, a narrow loss in Pimlico's Chick Lang.