



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

Saturday, June 29, 2019

### Summit of Speed #19

RACE 1: 3 – 7 – 9 – 10

RACE 2: 7 – 1 – 2 – 5

RACE 3: 5 – 1 – 6 – 2

RACE 4: 6 – 1 – 7 – 3

RACE 5: 2 – 9 – 4 – 10

RACE 6: 8 – 4 – 5 – 3

RACE 7: 8 – 9 – 5 – 1

RACE 8: 4 – 1 – 9 – 7

RACE 9: 8 – 5 – 6 – 1

RACE 10: 9 – 4 – 8 – 1

RACE 11: 10 – 4 – 12 – 2

RACE 12: 6 – 4 – 1 – 2

RACE 13: 3 – 5 – 6 – 4

RACE 14: 11 – 2 – 3 – 1

Let's go! I've always loved the Summit of Speed and am very much looking forward to this year's edition on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Friendly reminder that first-race post time at Gulfstream Park is 11:30 a.m. ET. The card features five stakes in all, beginning with the Bob Umphrey Turf Sprint in race 3. I love the "rags to riches" story of both Pay Any Price and Mr French in the Umphrey and little separated this pair of former claimers a few weeks back in the Crystal River. As for the Princess Rooney, Stormy Embrace figures a huge favorite as she looks for her second straight Rooney victory. Only three fillies, Classy Tricks (1986-87), Magal (1991-92) and Gold Mover (2002-03), have won back-to-back renditions of the Princess Rooney. Stormy Embrace paid more than \$30 in her '18 Rooney win; this go-round, \$3 or so looks like the right price on paper for trainer Kathleen O'Connell. In fact, a big chunk of racing fans are going to like an O'Connell sweep in the Rooney and later on, the Grade 3 Smile Sprint. The Smile Sprint is the deepest of the day's 14 races and unlike the 2017 (Imperial Hint) and 2018 runnings (X Y Jet), does not feature a clear-cut and monstrous odds-on chalk. That said, O'Connell's Jalen Journey will go favored and I am anxiously awaiting to see how good this With Distinction gelding is. Because, wow, has Jalen Journey come a long way in a short amount of time: first a maiden claiming (50k tag) victory March 8<sup>th</sup>, a Florida-bred entry-level allowance romp Florida Derby Day and last out, a dominating allowance win under a mild drive. He's got to go out there and do it while turning back in distance from one mile, but Jalen Journey has looked like a Florida-bred star in the making.

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