



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

Saturday, March 23, 2019

RACE 1: 7 – 1 – 2 – 3

RACE 2: 2 – 6 – 5 – 4

RACE 3: 7 – 2 – 6 – 4

RACE 4: 9 – 6 – 1 – 2

RACE 5: 1 – 6 – 5 – 7

RACE 6: 2 – 5 – 4

RACE 7: 7 – 11 – 3 – 4

RACE 8: 8 – 2 – 3 – 9

RACE 9: 6 – 1 – 8 – 7

RACE 10: 3 – 6 – 8 – 5

RACE 11: 4 – 6 – 5 – 1

RACE 12: 1 – 2 – 4

RACE 13: 5 – 7 – 3 – 11

*\*First-Race Post is 12:45 p.m. ET*

### Hutcheson Takes Center Stage

What the 2019 renewal of the Hutcheson Stakes lacks in quantity more than makes up for it in quality. Indeed, this 65<sup>th</sup> edition of the Hutcheson houses four potentially very good three-year-old sprinters at this stage of the game in Federal Case, Topper T, In the Loop and Lutsky. Here's a brief synopsis on each of those horses, beginning with the morning line favorite, Federal Case.

**Federal Case** – Things obviously did not work out in the two-turn Fasig-Tipton Holy Bull last out, which has led trainer Todd Pletcher to turn back Federal Case in the distance department. This Gemologist colt ran incredibly well in his only "true" dirt sprint thus far when he scored a sharp maiden win (at seven furlongs) last October at Keeneland.

**Topper T** – This colt's Swale effort in February was strong for a couple of reasons. First, he endured some severe steadying and traffic strides into that race. Second, he was one of only a couple of horses (winner Call Paul included) to gain significant ground through the stretch. Horses exiting that February 2<sup>nd</sup> Swale are 0/4 thus far.

**In the Loop** – Was tipped, got bet and was a very game winner first-out. Faces a significantly tougher field in his second start for trainer Jorge Duarte Jr. In the Loop is only the second horse to return on the dirt from that February 23<sup>rd</sup> maiden special; the first horse did not win.

**Lutsky** – Caught a real good one off the layoff in Mucho, who beat him by about a length. Trainer Dermot Magner is a former assistant to Chad Brown and is likely to get a better effort out of Lutsky in his third lifetime start and second over the GP main.