



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Race 1: 8 – 3 – 5 – 2

Race 2: 8 – 3 – 1 – 5

Race 3: 4 – 6 – 1 – 3

Race 4: 6 – 7 – 5 – 4

Race 5: 3 – 4 – 5 – 6

Race 6: 3 – 1 – 9 – 10

Race 7: 4 – 5 – 7 – 3

Race 8: 4 – 3 – 7 – 6

Race 9: 5 – 12 – 1 – 3

Race 10: 1 – 2 – 7 – 3

Race 11: 4 – 6 – 3 – 5

Race 12: 6 – 11 – 2 – 1

**Hey, Holy Helena:** I don't know about you, but I'm pretty darn happy that **Holy Helena**, the charismatic winner of last summer's Queens Plate, is set to return Sunday at Gulfstream Park. Yes, in my eyes, the big game takes a backseat to a regally-bred Grade 1 winner just about any day of the week. Holy Helena kicks off what could be a big 4yo season in Sunday's 5<sup>th</sup> race, a rich, high-level allowance / optional claimer on the turf. She faces just five foes, so any sort of slow-pace in a compact field might work against her. But all-in-all, she towers over her rivals in the class department. The synthetic main track at Woodbine has been her go-to surface up to this point – we're talking strong wins in last year's Woodbine Oaks and Queens Plate – but I see her handling the turf Sunday given her pedigree. Her dam (by the legendary Holy Bull I might add) won on the turf and Holy Helena has a turf-winning full older sister to boot. Jose Ortiz has the call for Jimmy Jerkens on Holy Helena, as she makes her first start back off a 112-day layoff. I'd love to see her forwardly-placed early, perhaps tracking **Flying Tipat** for trainer Dale Romans.

**Xpressbet.com Fountain of Youth Prep:** This is a major, major weekend for the 3yo scene here in South Florida. Saturday's card is anchored by the 350k Holy Bull (10 Kentucky Derby points to the winner) and there are 3yo maiden races scattered throughout. Sunday is important too, thanks to the likes of **Navistar**, **Mississippi** and **Cove Blue** in race 8. Mississippi was also entered in the Holy Bull, but likely scratched because of a tough post. I like him Sunday to score over Navistar, a grinding, chug-along type Union Rags colt for Todd Pletcher.

**Sunday's Late P5:** Speaking of that high quality, promise-filled 8<sup>th</sup> race for 3yos – definitely see one or two potentially moving on to the Mar. 3 Fountain of Youth – I'm happy to see it start the late Pick 5. In the end, I've opted to single the Mike Maker-trained **Alert Kitten** in the Sunday finale, race 12. In all, the following play clocks in at \$12 for 50 cents. As for Mississippi, I think he proves best Sunday off a tough but terrific loss to Noble Indy. Best of luck and thanks for playing GP!

R8: 3,4 -Easily the "Big Two" in the opening leg; good post for Mississippi  
R9: 1,5,12 -Chad Brown's barn holds a wickedly strong and tough hand in this 3yo filly turfer  
R10: 1,2 -Fresh Navarro claim on the rail while Sir Hannoun plummets to 62-50  
R11: 4,6 -Both geldings are by the late Wildcat Heir and own 11 wins apiece; hard hitters  
R12: 6 -I know he lost his last at 4/5 and there are some new shooters, but I still think he wins