



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

*Thursday, April 11, 2019*

RACE 1: 1 – 8 – 4 – 2

RACE 2: 6 – 4 – 5 – 2

RACE 3: 5 – 6 – 1 – 2

RACE 4: 2 – 4 – 8 – 3

RACE 5: 9 – 5 – 3 – 10

RACE 6: 11 – 4 – 7 – 2

RACE 7: 3 – 1 – 2 – 5

RACE 8: 1 – 5 – 7 – 8

RACE 9: 5 – 1 – 3 – 6

### 2YO Fillies Battle in the 4<sup>th</sup>

A fresh start, clean slate and the hope of a bright future are just some of the emotions tied to Thursday's 4<sup>th</sup> race at Gulfstream Park, South Florida's first two-year-old maiden dash of 2019. Nine fillies (the body of the field is capped at eight) entered this 4 ½-furlong main track sprint. With April barely two weeks old, it is no surprise that all nine fillies have yet to start. And yes, trainer Wesley Ward is in the mix. Ward, of course, has evolved into one of the craftiest, early-season-two-year-old trainers in the nation. He'll be sending out a homebred of his in this spot, an Iqbaal filly (me either) named Marva. Marva started her serious "published" training at Turfway Park in Florence, KY, in late February but has since shipped to South Florida. In fact, she worked three furlongs at Gulfstream Park West last Saturday morning (from the gate) and will team up with veteran jockey Eduard Nunez. The low-profile Nunez has ridden a half-dozen horses for Ward over the last five years, winning once. In terms of pedigree, Marva hails from an Officer dam (Searchingforahero) that went winless in three starts on-track. Marva is her first foal. Freshman sire Competitive Edge (who raced in the same crop as Triple Crown winner American Pharoah) has his first starter at stud in Reiterate, a Mark Casse-trained filly. Reiterate sold last October for \$45,000 (OBS) and starts as the third foal from the Arch dam, Flying Arch. Her two older siblings are both winners on turf. Competitive Edge was very precocious, speedy and forward as a two-year-old; perhaps he'll prove a good win-early sire with the babies. Stay tuned.

**First-Race Post Time is 1:15 p.m. ET**  
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