



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

*Thursday, July 11, 2019*

### 'Greatness' Awaits This Thursday at GP

RACE 1: 4 – 1 – 3 – 8

RACE 2: 7 – 6 – 3 – 1

RACE 3: 4 – 5 – 3 – 2

RACE 4: 6 – 5 – 4 – 3

RACE 5: 6 – 3 – 7 – 8

RACE 6: 5 – 10 – 11 – 3

RACE 7: 7 – 5 – 1 – 6

RACE 8: 1 – 4 – 2 – 3

RACE 9: 6 – 12 – 1 – 4

It's back to Gulfstream Park for a nine-race Thursday program that features five turf races (and, of course, four over the dirt.) I'm hoping to get the dough early on with Lady Greatness, who is bound for race 3 for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. and jockey Jalon Samuel, who has done excellent work with the limited mounts he's received the last few months. Lady Greatness, simply put, is dropping to a level (\$10,000 claiming in this instance) she can succeed at. I'm firm in my stance that she's already run some of her best races in a (very) long while with Joseph but in the end, those 25k and 16k turf claiming fillies were / are just a little too tough for her. Lady Greatness and her class dip to 10k make perfect sense, especially considering that she was claimed (three months ago) for \$12,500 and she starts for an outfit that properly spots their racing stock. This Greatness mare – 4-6-7 from 59 starts – goes from post 4 with Samuel, who like Joseph, was born in Barbados. Her toughest crunch-time challenge may arise from Gran Letizia, the Victor Barboza Jr.-trained filly that rides a two-race win streak into Thursday's 3<sup>rd</sup>. This Broken Vow filly is obviously razor sharp in the form department and in terms of tactics, would appear to have a sizable edge against Lady Greatness; Gran Letizia loves mixing it up on or right off the lead with her searing early speed while Lady Greatness is a one-run closer. Speed is always an asset in American racing, especially at five furlongs over the Gulfstream turf course. However, the pace scene might not be the hippest place to be in Thursday's 3<sup>rd</sup>; I see some heated fractions between Awsum Roar, Salsalida and Gran Letizia – with a dash or two from Rachel's Smokin.

*Thursday's First-Race Post: 1:15 ET*