



JASON BLEWITT'S Race Analysis

Thursday, June 14, 2018

RACE 1: 1 – 2 – 4 – 5

RACE 2: 5 – 6 – 2 – 3

RACE 3: 1 – 3 – 4 – 5

RACE 4: 5 – 7 – 4 – 2

RACE 5: 2 – 4 – 6 – 8

RACE 6: 4 – 1 – 8 – 2

RACE 7: 4 – 2 – 5 – 1

RACE 8: 12 – 2 – 5 – 6

RACE 9: 8 – 1 – 5 – 9

J R 's Holiday Set: It's been a long time between wins for J R 's Holiday. Well over two years. Yet, despite the lengthy winless streak, J R 's Holiday will start as Thursday's Triple B – the Blewitt Best Bet – in race 1. Just like the students of the Cobra Kai Dojo, the plan is to strike quick and strike hard. I hope J R 's Holiday is a willing accomplice. Anyway, J R 's Holiday has consistently faced better over his current winless streak. Yes, he's a former 3yo stakes winner, but in mid-2018 Thursday's drop to 30k claiming makes a ton of sense. I've also got zero issues with this gelding by the late Harlan's Holiday picking up seven-pound apprentice Reylu Gutierrez. Gutierrez has done an excellent job this spring meet at GP compiling 27 wins – this kid has a big future. That total is good enough for sixth in the standings. J R 's Holiday is trained by Saffie Joseph Jr., who is batting nearly 30% at the meet. As far as J R 's Holiday's competition goes, I believe **Blue Harbor** and **Sahara Storm** are likely to offer the toughest challenges. Blue Harbor has a similar look to J R 's in that he is taking a significant drop in class early Thursday. Trainer David Fawkes has jockey Tyler Gaffalione tabbed to ride. Sahara Storm is more of a recent claimer but owns more speed than the aforementioned duo. I'd look for him on the lead playing point or tracking longshot **Beneficiary** and maybe, a little **Give to U.K. Cats**.

Tight Jocks' Race: Believe it or not, just 2.5 weeks remain in the spring meet here. The jockey's race has been hotly contested and fun to watch. Tyler Gaffalione enters the new week first with 54 wins, but is narrowly in front of Edgard Zayas at 50, Emisael Jaramillo (49) and Nik Juarez (48.)

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Early Pick 5 Play: There are few logical options in race 2 Thursday outside monstrous odds-on favorite, **Chase Your Dreams**. I tried and tried and tried to find someone to beat Chase Your Dreams – note he is exiting a clear-cut victory in which the heavy odds-on favorite did not finish the race – but it appears this Graeme Hall gelding timed it perfectly in terms of his competition. So, Chase Your Dreams anchors this \$27 Pick 5 play for 50 cents. Best of luck!

R1: 1,2,4 -I feel the two inside runners own the class, but Sahara Storm is likely quicker early on
R2: 5 -Again, he exits a decisive victory in which the race's big chalk did not finish
R3: 1,3,4 -Zerpa reclaiming Jai Blue is interesting; Sano with Miago had a big week last week
R4: 5,7 -Tricky little turf maiden claimer; coverage and trip are key
R5: 2,4,6 -Barboza Jr. figures very, very tough with Jersey Street & reclaim, Sonido