



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

*Thursday, June 20, 2019*

RACE 1: 5 – 3 – 4 – 2  
RACE 2: 6 – 9 – 7 – 5  
RACE 3: 7 – 2 – 6 – 3  
RACE 4: 4 – 7 – 6 – 3  
RACE 5: 2 – 1 – 3 – 4  
RACE 6: 2 – 3 – 8 – 4  
RACE 7: 2 – 6 – 8 – 1  
RACE 8: 6 – 3 – 11 – 9  
RACE 9: 6 – 5 – 1 – 4  
RACE 10: 6 – 1 – 10 – 12

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

### 'Barcelona' Looks Great This Time of Year

Gulfstream Park emerges off three straight 'dark' days this Thursday – technically the final day of spring 2019 – with a 10-race program split evenly down the middle with five dirt and five turf races. You could also call Thursday's jackpot Rainbow 6 carryover a pretty big deal and a pretty big pile of money. The Rainbow 6, whose single ticket jackpot structure has remained elusive this meet, sports more than \$2.54 million in its coffers. Horseplayers intent on taking a shot in the Rainbow 6 will have to navigate a difficult opening leg, a 5<sup>th</sup> race featuring a rather quasi-inscrutable cast of two-year-old filly maiden claimers over the main track. There, the classy Florida-based Arindel Farm sends out a 1-2 homebred punch (Brethren sired both) of Barcelona and Joplin. Barcelona, who debuted over turf late last month, rolls for leading trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. while first-time starting Joplin runs for the barn of Stanley Gold. I picked Barcelona with the hopes she'll improve for Joseph. After all, I love backing second-time starters and Joseph has done excellent work with his own second-time starting maiden special to maiden claiming dropdowns. In fact, he's a perfect two for two with this move when it pertains to two-year-olds; he's three for five with all ages in a five-year span. Joseph enters the new GP week atop the local standings with 20 victories. Barcelona's rider, Edgard Zayas, leads the standings with 61 wins. Joplin has Jairo Rendon (42 wins) and one of South Florida's all-time leading trainers in her corner. She is the first foal from Tale of Peace (Peace Rules), who won five dirt races for 100k. Post time for the 5<sup>th</sup> race is 3:15 ET.

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