



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

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Thursday, March 14, 2019

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

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

### Ticonderoga Returns

Three-time champion trainer Chad Brown is ready to flaunt a seriously deep bench late Thursday afternoon at Gulfstream Park. Brown, the nation's leading turf conditioner, brings back the talented Ticonderoga in the featured 9<sup>th</sup> race. Ticonderoga really hit his stride last summer at Saratoga with consecutive big-number figures. This five-year-old son of Tapit hasn't started here at Gulfstream Park since early March of 2017 – he was three at the time – when he won the Grade 3 Palm Beach. Speaking of former Gulfstream turf winners, Speed Franco makes his first start in over 10 months. This four-year-old Declaration of War colt returns with a new trainer calling the shots in Oscar Gonzalez. Speed Franco is 2-3-0 from seven starts and had a seriously impressive cruising speed with a 'heart' as big as Gulfstream Park. Thursday marks Speed Franco's first start since last Kentucky Derby Day at Churchill Downs when he finished seventh of 14 (over a deep, tiring and boggy turf course) in the Grade 2 American Turf. Jockey Emisael Jaramillo, who has more experience aboard Speed Franco than any other rider, has the mount from post 7. International Star is set to make his first start in nearly two years – yes, it has been over 22 months since he last ran – for trainer Mike Maker. International Star was, once upon a time, a leading three-year-old in the run-up to the 2015 Triple Crown – swept by the legendary American Pharoah. International Star broke his maiden on turf (his only race ever on grass) in 2014 at Belmont.

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