



JASON BLEWITT'S

Race Analysis

Thursday, March 7, 2019

A 'Wise' Selection

Wisely never got close to Ding Dong Dutch (who lived up to his name in a runaway score) but ran unbelievably well in a rough second-place finish here in January. Well, that strong effort is likely to make Wisely the choice of many horseplayers in Thursday's 11th-race finale at Gulfstream Park. Indeed, the field looks ripe for Wisely: many in this \$20,000 maiden claimer have been repeatedly beaten for this claim price – Wisely, meanwhile, has only lost once for 20k maiden claiming – and he seemingly had a career's worth of misfortune in his most recent GP appearance some 63 days ago. In fact, Wisely's trouble began early, mere strides from the starting gate. Here is my trip note for this Mark Hennig-trained son of Candy Ride: "Wisely was hard-checked after the start, while near the back of the field he was bothered and carried wide around the first turn by a drifting, inside-positioned rival (Dance an Irish Jig), Wisely advanced inside on the far turn and put in a good rally to finish a well-beaten but clear-cut second." Wisely will be tough to deny if he pulls a (slightly) smoother trip late Thursday afternoon. Trump's Kitten will likely go off favored here – he's been a beaten favorite in both career starts thus far – for trainer Mike Maker and jockey Jose Ortiz. The positives for this Kitten's Joy colt: Trump's Kitten is well-posted on the rail, has raced just twice (many in this field have chased an elusive maiden score for a long time) and he did legitimately stumble a stride from the gate last time out.

RACE 1: 7 – 3 – 5 – 4

RACE 2: 5 – 3 – 4 – 2

RACE 3: 6 – 5 – 4 – 8

RACE 4: 3 – 4 – 5 – 1

RACE 5: 2 – 3 – 8 – 1

RACE 6: 7 – 3 – 5 – 9

RACE 7: 9 – 7 – 5 – 8

RACE 8: 10 – 1 – 6 – 8

RACE 9: 4 – 5 – 2 – 7

RACE 10: 4 – 3 – 1 – 2

RACE 11: 7 – 1 – 3 – 12

**First-Race Post is 12:35 p.m. ET*