



JASON BLEWITT'S

Race Analysis

Thursday, May 16, 2019

RACE 1: 4 – 2 – 5 – 3

RACE 2: 6 – 4 – 2 – 1

RACE 3: 4 – 5 – 2

RACE 4: 6 – 3 – 7 – 8

RACE 5: 8 – 7 – 3 – 6

RACE 6: 7 – 3 – 1 – 5

RACE 7: 7 – 3 – 4 – 1

RACE 8: 4 – 1 – 2 – 8

RACE 9: 7 – 2 – 6 – 5

RACE 10: 4 – 8 – 7 – 12

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

Uncle B is Poised for Another Big Effort

Despite an obvious lack of proximity with Baltimore, Md., Gulfstream Park readies for a brand new Preakness Week on Thursday with a 10-race program, a program that sets sail at about 1:20 p.m. ET. And if you're wondering, a mere 1,100 miles (8,800 furlongs) sit between Hallandale Beach's Gulfstream Park and Maryland's Pimlico Racecourse. Pimlico, of course, holds its famed Preakness Stakes, the second jewel of the Triple Crown, for the 144th time Saturday. Here in South Florida, the new racing week arrives alongside a whopper of a Rainbow 6 carryover. How much dough are we talking here? How does \$1,078,609 sound? The Rainbow 6 sequence begins with race 5, a turf-bound starter allowance / optional claimer. Speaking of the GP grass, Thursday's card gets underway with a classy crew of veterans in a conditioned \$50,000 optional claimer at one mile. Uncle B starts as an overwhelming and deserving favorite among a six-horse cast. This Zensational gelding has been an absolute gem of quality, talent and consistency over the last 14 months or so with trainer Lilli Kurtinecz in the lead. Kurtinecz claimed Uncle B – great name, by the way – on behalf of owner David Caprio for a mere \$16,000 in January of 2018. Since then, Uncle B has won five races – most of his victories were earned while ascending in class – and around \$170,000. Insanely successful claims like Uncle B don't happen very often, but they are neat to follow along when they do. As for Uncle B's competition, Take Command is the only three-year-old and only horse without turf experience in the field. This Terri Pompay-trained son of Field Commission is the 4th foal from a 0/4 Cozzene dam; his only sibling to try turf won five grass races for 130k.