



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

*Thursday, May 9, 2019*

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

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

### Lea, Former Donn Winner, Debuts at Stud

I'm positive many South Florida horseplayers, me included, welcomed a couple of racing-free days to freshen up following Saturday's historic 145<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Derby. No matter your opinion of the Churchill Downs stewards and the call, there is no debating the monstrous, much-the-best effort from Maximum Security in the Derby; I do, however, wish he was racing in the Preakness. In the meantime, Thursday starts a new four-day racing week at Gulfstream Park. First post for this 10-race program is around 1:20 ET. It's a solid card from front to back, especially considering the extra flare and spice created by Gulfstream's massive **\$817,189 (jackpot) Rainbow 6 carryover**. Note that race 8, a \$25,000 maiden claiming sprint for 2-year-old fillies, features a myriad of key elements within its six-horse border. In fact, former Donn Handicap winner Lea will notch his first starter at stud with R Sea Smoke. Fellow freshman sire Khozan is in the mix too, hoping to build off his already searing-hot start at stud (Khozan is 2/4 with his 2YO crop; both his winners scored over the dirt at GP.) Lea is up first as the sire of R Sea Smoke, the rail-drawn filly trained by Wesley Ward. Lea was a terrific "switch-hitting" talent a few years back with trainers Al Stall Jr. and Bill Mott. By First Samurai, he won seven of 19 and more than \$2.3 million; he was also top class on both dirt and turf. I love that his biggest win occurred right here at GP in the 2014 Donn Handicap (now the Pegasus Dirt) when he defeated champion 3YO Will Take Charge. R Sea Smoke sold for 37k as a weanling, 75k as a yearling but debuts for only 25k. She is her (Super Saver) dam's first foal.

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