



JASON BLEWITT'S Race Analysis

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

Race 1: 8 – 1 – 5 – 3

Race 2: 3 – 6 – 4 – 7

Race 3: 2 – 3 – 5 – 7

Race 4: 7 – 1 – 2 – 5

Race 5: 9 – 6 – 2 – 11

Race 6: 2 – 3 – 10 – 11

Race 7: 4 – 1 – 11 – 10

Race 8: 2 – 7 – 4 – 8

Race 9: 4 – 2 – 8 – 9

Race 10: 3 – 11 – 8 – 1

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The Money Monster: My plan is to grab the gusto (cha-ching) early on this Wednesday at GP, with the Triple B – Blewitt Best Bet – **The Money Monster** in race 1. It really looks like it is “go-time” for this Majestic Warrior colt as he makes his second start off of a 70-day layoff while dipping in class to a \$12,500 claimer. He had little chance last month in his lone start of the meet, due to the presence of the back-class-for-days Aztec Sense. Wednesday, it will take some 80 or so seconds to know if I’ve started the new Gulfstream racing week on the right hoof, err I mean foot.

Rematch Central: Wednesday’s featured 9th race centers on a sizable crew of fillies and mares that battled in the same turf sprint three weeks ago. Most fans (count me in) are likely to give the Christophe Clement-trained **Quality Time** another shot here, despite her favored defeat Jan. 17. In all, four horses – **Sound Defence, Quality Time, Unbridled Courage** and **April Rose** – exit that key GP grass sprint 21 days ago.

Wednesday’s 9th race winner will likely emerge from this group. Quality Time had the worst luck in that race, thanks to a traffic-filled steady-check-steady run through the stretch. With cleaner sailing – hopefully it’s as smooth and calm as the infield lake here at Gulfstream – she will likely make amends beneath Tyler G. April Rose, meanwhile, had the best trip in my eyes. She raced inside and up-close, pocketed-up, and was quite simply second-best to longshot winner Jumby Bay. Sound Defence starts second-off-the-claim for trainer Ralph Ziadie, who seemingly trains more quality turf sprinters than just about any other year-round South Florida-based outfit. You want speed? She’s your horse.

Wednesday’s Late P5: It did not take long to come up with the Chad Brown-trained **Carbon Data** as an anchor in Wednesday’s 6th race, the opening leg of the late Pick 5. Yes, Carbon Data is facing slightly better in terms of quality but he still looks a touch classier and faster for the 16k claiming. Carbon Data is my single in an \$18 Pick 5 play for 50 cents. Here is a quick glance at the sequence. Individually, I’ll be giving looks to **Schmiss** (first-time Vitali) in race 8 as well as **Watercross** (white-hot barn, drops, Irad) in the nightcap. Good luck!

R6: 2 -Lightly-raced 5yo is aggressively spotted and is likely to get claimed; tough to beat

R7: 1,4 -No surprises in this leg as it may boil down to two top turf barns

R8: 2,4,7 -Tough to get cute with any of the bigger-priced fillies; Vitali trainer change for me

R9: 2,4 -See Quality Time pulling a way better trip; do not ignore the speed of Sound Defence

R10: 3,8,11 -Trimmed Bristol’s Brooke at the last second; quite a bit going on in this 3yo filly MCL