



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

RACE 1: 4 – 5 – 8 – 2

RACE 2: 7 – 4 – 1 – 2

RACE 3: 3 – 1 – 2 – 4

RACE 4: 7 – 8 – 3 – 1

RACE 5: 6 – 9 – 8 – 2

RACE 6: 2 – 6 – 8 – 1

RACE 7: 2 – 8 – 3 – 5

RACE 8: 8 – 6 – 9 – 7

RACE 9: 3 – 1 – 2 – 4

RACE 10: 3 – 5 – 1 – 11

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

### GP's Penultimate Week Begins Now

Trainer Jorge Navarro returned to South Florida last November with one goal in mind: to win his first ever Gulfstream Park championship meet training title. That mission is nearly complete. Navarro entered Sunday's program at GP with a quasi-comfortable nine-win lead over Todd Pletcher, 50 to 41. The final push begins Wednesday afternoon. Remaining cards this meet? Just nine. Navarro appears incredibly stocked for battle this March 20<sup>th</sup>; he entered at least one horse in seven of the day's 10 races. The first real Navarro favorite comes in the form of Radiantrithym, a nine-time winning Algorithms mare who has been better than ever this winter at GP. Not only that, Radiantrithym is looking for her third consecutive victory at Gulfstream beneath jockey Jose Ortiz. She's one of a number of recent outstanding claims made by owner Joseph Bessecker (he claimed her at Keeneland last October for just \$16,000) and I predict she'll be on the pace with Treatherlikestar and R Way to Escape. If there is a negative on Radiantrithym it's her 0-3-1 record from 10 starts at Wednesday's one mile distance. Miss Contessa, who drew the rail, is Radiantrithym's toughest foe in my opinion. This Joe Catanese-trained mare has notched all four of her lifetime wins at Gulfstream and is definitely proven at a mile at 3-6-2 from 15 starts.

### Irad Ortiz Jr. Back for Business

Champion jockey Irad Ortiz Jr. sat out last week's action because of a five-day suspension. But he returns Wednesday with seven calls as he looks to cap an amazing winter and his first ever GP riding title. Ortiz has 123 wins heading into the card.