



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

*Saturday, June 8, 2019*

RACE 1: 4 – 3 – 2 – 6

RACE 2: 7 – 5 – 2 – 1

RACE 3: 4 – 1 – 2 – 3

RACE 4: 7 – 4 – 5 – 3

RACE 5: 5 – 7 – 3 – 2

RACE 6: 2 – 5 – 7 – 3

RACE 7: 9 – 1 – 12 – 6

RACE 8: 6 – 4 – 1 – 2

RACE 9: 7 – 3 – 4 – 5

RACE 10: 6 – 4 – 1 – 7

RACE 11: 7 – 6 – 8 – 4

RACE 12: 9 – 6 – 1 – 3

### Ready for a 12-Pack Belmont Day at Gulfstream

Gulfstream Park roars from the starting gate this Saturday with an early post time – 12:35 ET – and a 12-race program anchored by the \$100,000 Soldier's Dancer Stakes. The Soldier's Dancer goes as race 10 and features the return of the venerable warhorse, Galleon Mast. Galleon Mast, who checked in fourth in last year's Soldier's Dancer as a beaten 6/5 favorite, has been idle since November 10th (that pre-Thanksgiving victory was, at the time, an ostensible prep for GP's Sunshine Millions in January. Unfortunately, Galleon Mast did not make the Sunshine Millions Turf.) Of course, a thriving, tip-top Galleon Mast beats this field. Things, however, will be very interesting if Galleon Mast needs a race or two off the layoff in order to find his best self. That said, trainer Mike Maker and his team hold a strong hand with the 1-2 punch of Swagger Jagger and Second Mate. I'm going with Swagger Jagger off a solid last-out effort in late April – note the powerful mid-race move he made before tiring to third. Leading rider Edgard Zayas has the call. Second Mate, meanwhile, is starting second off a high-priced \$62,500 claim for Maker. Miguel Vasquez rides from the rail. Saturday's undercard may ultimately belong to the cast of two-year-old filly maidens that clash in race 5. The Mark Casse-trained Dienda really ran well in a professional and seasoned-like career debut on May 11<sup>th</sup> and should relish the slight stretchout in distance. Casse, of course, saddles Preakness hero War of Will in the Belmont; good luck! Choose to Be Happy should roll in her second career starts for trainer Eddie Plesa Jr. Yes, Choose to Be Happy did not run as well as Dienda did but I believe she's going to take a big leap forward here Saturday; big fan of sire Liam's Map here.

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