



JASON BLEWITT'S

Race Analysis

Sunday, August 18, 2019

RACE 1: 7 – 1 – 2 – 8

RACE 2: 4 – 1 – 2 – 6

RACE 3: 8 – 7 – 4 – 2

RACE 4: 4 – 3 – 2 – 5

RACE 5: 5 – 1 – 3 – 4

RACE 6: 1 – 5 – 9 – 2

RACE 7: 7 – 5 – 4 – 9

RACE 8: 3 – 7 – 1 – 8

RACE 9: 9 – 2 – 6 – 5

RACE 10: 6 – 2 – 8 – 3

RACE 11: 4 – 3 – 7 – 2

RACE 12: 11 – 2 – 3 – 6

Quality Rules: Sunday's 11th race could easily pass for a wintertime high-priced allowance / optional claimer on the turf here at Gulfstream Park. Seriously, this \$48,000 optional claimer houses a tough and talented cast, a seven-horse field led by stakes winners (get ready because the list is relatively extensive) in Kroy, Galleon Mast, Driven by Thunder, War Giant and Eye of a Jedi. I'm giving another chance to Galleon Mast with the hopes he simply needed his last race off an extended seven-month layoff. Of course, this leather-tough Mizzen Mast gelding needs no introduction to South Florida racing fans given is admirable and overachiever-like record of 9-10-5 from 30 starts. Along the way, this Dave Fawkes-trained warhorse has banked nearly \$540,000; he's a fighter too, seemingly always in the thick of things in deep stretch. It's probably safe to assume there was an issue or two with Galleon Mast this past winter, considering he had won the 'prep' for the Sunshine Millions Turf (run here in January) in last November's Sunshine Million Turf Preview at Gulfstream Park West. Galleon Mast didn't do a ton of impactful running in his June 23rd return – he exits the same high-quality field as Driven by Thunder and Kroy – but here's hoping that effort knocked some rust off the old boy as he returns with an extensive and busy worktab – four GP-based workouts in the interim for Fawkes – in what should and could be a key second off the layoff race for the old boy. Jockey Samy Camacho rides from stall 4. Kroy, like Galleon Mast, has put up some terrific numbers in his seemingly eclectic and admirably diverse career: he's 6-4-2 from 19 starts for Midwest Thoroughbreds.