



# JASON BLEWITT'S Race Analysis

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Race 1: 3 – 2 – 4 – 7

Race 2: 3 – 4 – 5 – 6

Race 3: 1 – 6 – 7 – 5

Race 4: 3 – 7 – 2 – 4

Race 5: 4 – 6 – 3 – 2

Race 6: 6 – 2 – 3 – 7

Race 7: 5 – 1 – 4 – 2

Race 8: 6 – 3 – 1 – 2

Race 9: 3 – 5 – 1 – 10

**Thursday's Blewitt Best Bet:** I'll get the November 16<sup>th</sup> BBB out of the way early with **Dream Shot** in race 1. This colt has had a solid and much-improved run on the turf since his (at the time...in my opinion) inexplicable 10-length grass romp at Gulfstream back in the June. That was an effort that left me scratching my head as to where it came from and was so effortless and powerful, Breeders' Cup Turf champ Talismanic would have nodded in approval. Yet, in the five months since then, Dream Shot has backed up that race with a solid series of turf races. He exits a tougher and deeper race here at GPW 11 days ago – he finished fifth behind the hard-hitting and talented Perfect Tay – and is likely to pull a beautiful trip beneath jockey Jose Batista. Batista, by the way, has had a strong fall meet at GPW and I prefer backing a rider whose confidence is soaring – especially when they are atop a big favorite like Dream Shot. There is way more pressure involved when *everyone* – rival jockeys, trainers and horseplayers – is watching. A fast pace is likely in Thursday opener with stretchout speedsters **Versed**, **Cantaclaro** and **Mr French**.

**Saffie J. On a Roll:** Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr. is heating up at the right time. With November halfway over and the penultimate week of the GPW Fall Meet upon us, Joseph has gone three-for-six since the start of the month. And some of his recent runners haven't simply won, they pulverized their competition. Racings My Game, for instance, was absolutely giant winning for Joseph Sunday at GPW, earning a 'fast' 90 Beyer in the process – although the turnaround would be on the quick side of things, Racings My Game may have punched his dance card to Gulfstream Park's December 2<sup>nd</sup> Claiming Crown. Joseph, meanwhile, saddles just one starter Thursday, **Venezuelan Forever** in race 3. This roan filly by Treasure Beach ran well most recently in a similar spot at GPW. In fact, "similar" may not do circumstance justice: four of race 3's eight fillies, exit that same race.

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**Dream Shot Anchors My Early P5:** The aforementioned Dream Shot (take a look above, por favor) looks like a very reliable short-priced favorite. To me, anyway, Dream Shot checks all the right boxes. So, like every strong, sturdy foundation, I'm going to build Thursday's early Pick 5 sequence around him. The ticket here clocks in at \$24 for 50 cents. If I wanted to spend a few more bucks, I'd likely go a little deeper in race 5 – as you can see, I used half of the field – but still don't feel totally confident! Race 5 definitely has a Gulfstream Park Championship Meet maiden-turf vibe to it. Good luck!

Race 1: 3 -I think Dream Shot is most talented *and* gets a blazing pace to close down  
Race 2: 3,4 -Prefer the race's two new acquisitions for a couple of shrewd & slick barns  
Race 3: 1,6,7 -Your opinion of the Oct 15 finale is key; used two from there and Ziadie's stretchout  
Race 4: 3,7 -Dropdowns control this leg on my ticket; thinkin' two-deep locks this up  
Race 5: 2,3,4,6 -Wow, this cash-out leg is insanely tough & wide-open with a diverse cast of 2yos