



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

RACE 1: 1 – 8 – 10 – 3

RACE 2: 3 – 5 – 1 – 2

RACE 3: 4 – 5 – 2 – 1

RACE 4: 12 – 8 – 1 – 3

RACE 5: 6 – 3 – 7 – 1

RACE 6: 4 – 1 – 2 – 6

RACE 7: 5 – 8 – 2 – 6

RACE 8: 6 – 2 – 5 – 3

RACE 9: 4 – 2 – 6 – 9

RACE 10: 4 – 2 – 9 – 10

**Wednesday Maidens:** There is something for everyone on Wednesday afternoon – hello again, 2019! – with Gulfstream's 10-race card. First post is around 12:40 p.m. ET. Race 7 shapes up for me personally, as the race of the day. It is one of those classic Gulfstream wintertime maiden turf fields – big pedigrees, sticker prices and connections. Race 7, in fact, is for the newly-turned 3yo fillies – 16 entered the race although a dozen are permitted to start. I'm taking a little bit of a faithful stab with the Kiaran McLaughlin-trained Haafilah, a second-time starting (love this barn with second-time starters) Bernardini filly. Aside from McLaughlin's second-out prowess, Haafilah attracts leading rider Luis Saez and has a ridiculous amount of quality turf pedigree to fall back on. Her second dam is Golden Apples, a major Southern Cali turf monster around the turn of the millennium. Golden Apples was Grade 1 quality through and through and wound up banking more than \$1.6 million on the turf. Note that Haafilah, who is 0/1 off a 55-1 debut three months back in New York, hails from a Smart Strike dam (Fawaarek) that went one for five on the turf. She is the mare's first foal.

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**Pletcher, Brown R7 Pedigrees:** Trainer Todd Pletcher has two runners in the mix in Dance and Dance (who does have Johnny V. named to ride) and Cap de Creus (Javier Castellano.) Cap de Creus should love the switch to turf (she is 0/2 on the dirt, both sloppy tracks) as her dam, Light Jig, won four of seven over turf for nearly 500k. The many foals in the family have been hit or miss at times, but note Cap de Creus (Tapit) is a half-sister to a pair of major stakes winners in Treble and Seek Again.

Cambier Parc – This Chad Brown-trained Medaglia d'Oro filly hails from a 15yo Point Given dam named Sealy Hill (she banked nearly \$2 million and won a couple of turf races.) She is the sixth foal in the family; her turf-trying siblings are two-for-five on grass. Jose Ortiz rides this former \$1.25 million yearling purchase for OXO Equine.