



JASON BLEWITT'S Race Analysis

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Race 1: 7 – 6 – 4 – 3

Race 2: 4 – 1 – 5 – 7

Race 3: 7 – 4 – 5 – 1

Race 4: 5 – 4 – 3 – 2

Race 5: 2 – 3 – 6 – 5

Race 6: 3 – 2 – 5 – 8

Race 7: 1 – 2 – 4 – 8

Race 8: 3 – 9 – 8 – 7

Race 9: 7 – 2 – 9 – 1

Race 10: 4 – 5 – 3 – 7

GPW, Day 33: It has taken some time – 165 days to be precise – for trainer Ralph Ziadie to get **Little Baker** back into the entries.

Wednesday, we'll find out if his patience has paid off. Little Baker, the BBB – Blewitt Best Bet – meets six rivals in Wednesday's third race, a \$12,500 claimer at 5F on the turf. This 6yo gelding by Forestry (loved Forestry during his racing days and even more when he was standing stud) projects as one of three potential speeds beneath Edgard Zayas. I like the overall body of work on the turf with this nine-time winner – what's not to like on the grass with a record of 6-3-3 from 20 starts? – and the fact that Ziadie opted to claim this gelding *back* after losing him in May speaks volumes. On a horse-for-horse basis down the shedrow, Ziadie might train more hard-nosed, implacable older turf sprinters than any other trainer based year-round in South Florida. Little Baker's key rivals include **Zeus Odin** – one of those potential pace foes early – and **Atizapan**, a former Parx-based 4yo who has not raced in 500 days. Yes. That's a 500-day layoff for this son of Archarcharch who returns to action with a trainer change to Armando De la Cerda. De la Cerda, by the way, exits a solid weekend here at Gulfstream Park West, one in which his comebacking Quijote scored an impressive victory in the Sunshine Million Sprint Preview.

Tip Sheet Tries Two Turns Again: There had been quite a bit of talk during the 2yo summer racing season at Gulfstream Park that first-crop Florida sire, Brethren (standing at Arindel) would really start to make an impact once his babies had some seasoning and stretched out in distance. Judging from **Tip Sheet's** runner-up finish in the 400k In Reality at 8.5 furlongs in late September, that Brethren prediction appears spot-on. Tip Sheet, who looks like a very short price in Wednesday's sixth at GPW, took a gigantic step forward in his two-turn debut in the In Reality; he refused to back down in the face of an overwhelming and talented 1/5 favorite in Soutache while gamely finishing second. Tip Sheet might be the shortest-priced favorite on Wednesday's program when he faces seven fellow 2yos.

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10-Race Wednesday at GPW: Opportunity abounds on this 33rd day of the Gulfstream West Fall Meeting. The aforementioned Tip Sheet looks like a formidable presence in race 6, the opening leg of the late Pick 5, and in-line with the masses, I'm going to single him. Outside of upsetting monster-favorite Soutache, I don't think Tip Sheet could have run any better in the In Reality. Old-fashioned foundation and longer races have brought out his best. The proceeding ticket clocks in at a somewhat pricey \$36 for 50 cents, but I opted to go a little deeper in the coverage department because Tip Sheet is such a strong anchor. If I wanted to cut costs, I could trim around **Gray Dude** in race 9. He's got some key recency over some other short-priced contenders and it appears De la Cerda is back in a groove at GPW.

Race 6: 3

-Anything close to Tip Sheet's last will bury this field around 3/5 or 1/2 odds

Race 7: 1,2,4

-Just hoping to survive this leg; give Classic Charlotte a look

Race 8: 3,9

-Happy just using two key horses exiting the same Oct. 28 slop-fest at GPW

Race 9: 1,2,7,9

-My favorite race on the card; Gray Dude has recency over some other key players

Race 10: 3,4,5

-Using two with experience – and speed – as well as Bennett's firster with EJ