



JASON BLEWITT'S Race Analysis

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

RACE 1: 5 – 1 – 4 – 6

RACE 2: 2 – 7 – 5 – 1

RACE 3: 6 – 3 – 2 – 4

RACE 4: 5 – 2 – 7 – 3

RACE 5: 4 – 3 – 1 – 5

RACE 6: 8 – 4 – 6 – 5

RACE 7: 6 – 5 – 4 – 3

RACE 8: 6 – 2 – 3 – 7

RACE 9: 8 – 4 – 1 – 3

Gulfstream Park West, Day 27

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Action-Packed GPW Wednesday: With the usual Monday-Tuesday dark days in the rearview mirror – I think most agree a little R&R was in order after a terrific but lengthy Breeders' Cup weekend...and way to go Caledonia Road! – week 6 of Gulfstream Park West's Fall Meeting begins with a serious-looking nine-race program. Remember, GPW's first-race post time is 12:35 p.m. I've got a bunch of "ideas" and potential price-plays scattered throughout the day. In fact, I'm not really sure where to start!

Coxswain is a Powerhouse: Having spent the last six months learning the South Florida horse population, I'm very comfortable with the proceeding statement: "**Coxswain** is as honest as the day is long and is one of the coolest horses in Florida." Yep, that's how I feel about Coxswain, the lightly-raced 5yo Awesome Again gelding who is 6-2-2 from just 11 starts. Wednesday, he'll be looking for six straight, yes, you read correctly, six consecutive victories, in race 3. Going into this 8k starter allowance, I'd imagine most of the participants have an eye on the December 2nd Claiming Crown at Gulfstream Park – that is, by the way, opening day of GP's world-famous Championship Meet. Wednesday's 3rd race is a heck of a battle between the win-machine Coxswain, **JB Quick**, **Stevis Man** and **Express Jet**. I believe Express Jet is far better on dry dirt (compared to the wet stuff) and will sit the textbook trip in a race loaded with quality speed; the other major players are likely to battle from the gate.

GPW's Two-Turn Mile: I've got my eye on **Miss Visconti** in Wednesday's 6th race because of the race's conditions. I'll be the first to admit that Miss Visconti does not match up to race favorites **Amaluna** and **Ventina** straight down the middle of the talent department. Yet, Miss Visconti can stay this two-turn mile distance without reaching deep into the reserves, thanks to her grinding off-the-pace style. Amaluna ran well in her most recent two-turn dirt race – recent as in nearly 13 months ago – but she is 0/3 in two-turn dirt races. Meanwhile, Ventina will probably win if she can replicate her laughably easy 12-length victory here last month. In short – at a short price to boot – I want to see that caliber of effort again from a mare that previously had 0.0 racing experience over the dirt. Moreover, she is meeting much tougher Wednesday afternoon.

Miguel Vasquez Returns & Some Pick 5 Thoughts: Nice seeing jockey Miguel Vasquez's name in the Wednesday entries at GPW. Vasquez suffered a minor injury at Gulfstream Park on September 16th but was enjoying a career-best season prior. Entering Wednesday's action – Vasquez is listed to ride one horse, **Quickluckycoco** in race 2 – Vasquez is 110 for 840 with earnings of \$2.5 million for 2017. As for the proceeding early Pick 5, the ticket costs \$27 for 50 cents. It's a challenging but solid sequence. Due to cost – it's always about the cost with the multis, isn't it? – I may have skimmed a little in race 4. Wrapping it up, for better or worse, I'm singling the likely underlaid Jonathan Thomas-trained Afleet Alex firster, **Anonym**. Good luck however you see things and thanks for playing the races at GPW!

- Race 1: 1,4,5 -Heck of a race to start the week; late to the party with Sweet Story but like her handiness
- Race 2: 2,5,7 -Solid Florida-bred 2yo race; Arindel firster Onebrethatatime looks very 'live' to me
- Race 3: 2,3,6 -What a crew – these geldings don't take a sick day; amazing Coxswain looks for 6 straight!
- Race 4: 2,5 -Might be light in the coverage department; price idea with GD's Just Peachy Keen
- Race 5: 4 -And we end the early 5 with the obvious, "pick me, pick me" single for top connections