



JASON BLEWITT'S Race Analysis

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

RACE 1: 5 – 7 – 4 – 2

RACE 2: 7 – 5 – 6 – 2

RACE 3: 4 – 5 – 7 – 8

RACE 4: 7 – 5 – 3 – 2

RACE 5: 5 – 7 – 4 – 1

RACE 6: 7 – 4 – 5 – 2

RACE 7: 3 – 6 – 4 – 1

RACE 8: 9 – 8 – 2 – 4

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GPW, Day 7: Time to dive back into the past performances. Yep, week two of the Gulfstream Park West autumn season launches on Wednesday with a first post of about 1:20 p.m. ET. GPW players will find eight races waiting for them on a card that owns a whopping five turf races (three will go over the main track.) And the GPW green is where it's at for my first opinion of the afternoon, the race 1-bound **In His Image**. I'll admit that I did not know a heck of a lot about trainer Juan Arriagada prior to Gulfstream Park's summer meeting. From what I have seen, however, I've developed quite a bit of respect for Arriagada and the operation he runs. Firstly, he's made one of the best South Florida claims on the year in Conquest Sandman, a tough, likable turf horse that Arriagada has developed into a high-level allowance / overnight stakes runner. Along the way, Arriagada has put up some solid numbers these last few months, too. In fact, he entered the Columbus Day card at GPW a perfect two-for-two at the meet. He's won with eight of his last 33 starters, good for a strong winning strike rate of 24%. In His Image will start favored with many players liking his consistency and early speed. In fact, sizing up the flow and "who might be where" in the opener puts in His Image on a clear and uncontested lead beneath Romero Maragh. Lastly, I like the 40 days this Awesome of Course gelding has had between starts; I like when a sharp barn claims a horse and gives them time to adjust to a new barn, training regimen, feed program, etc.

Early Pick 5 Action: I see potential "single status" in Wednesday's early Pick 5, thanks to **She Nailed It's** presence in race 2. On paper, She Nailed It is far from a cinch, but she is first-time Gilberto Zerpa early on this Wednesday. Zerpa has been winning races at an unbelievable clip for months on this circuit (as I was writing this he won Sunday's 8th race with Dreamy Art first off a trainer change at \$6.20) and is nine for his last 12 with fresh, first-claim runners. This Pick 5 costs \$18 for 50 cents with She Nailed It as the single. Good luck!

R1: 5,7 -Hard to make many of these in the first; easily the best speed and best finisher
R2: 7 -Barn was 10 for their last 14 heading into Monday's Columbus Day program
R3: 4,5,7 -Three very different fillies on paper yet they are all dropping in class
R4: 5,7 -Well, someone is going to win this; two-turn mile is a huge issue for most here
R5: 4,5,7 -Probably the most interesting race on the card; like Run Rite to like a turf route