



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

Friday, May 8, 2020

RACE 1: 7 – 4 – 2 – 3  
RACE 2: 7 – 5 – 6 – 8  
RACE 3: 5 – 1 – 3 – 2  
RACE 4: 5 – 2 – 3 – 8  
RACE 5: 1 – 9 – 6 – 7  
RACE 6: 6 – 2 – 7 – 5  
RACE 7: 2 – 8 – 5 – 1  
RACE 8: 4 – 11 – 5 – 1  
RACE 9: 4 – 3 – 2 – 7  
RACE 10: 5 – 7 – 6 – 1  
RACE 11: 1 – 2 – 11 – 7

**Race 2:** Looking forward to Friday's 2<sup>nd</sup> race cast of two-year-old maidens for a multitude of reasons. First is the presence of freshman stallion Nyquist, who left an outstanding on-track legacy a few years back for trainer Dough O'Neill. As for that legacy, Nyquist was a Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner and unbeaten Champion Two-Year-Old in 2015. It got even better for Nyquist in 2016 when he rolled through his prep races in the San Vicente, Florida Derby and then scored as the favorite in the world-famous Kentucky Derby. Breakthrough, trained by Wesley Ward, is Nyquist's first starter at stud. I don't think pedigrees matter all that much in these early season races for juveniles – I put way more emphasis on who might be fastest in the early speed department and which trainers have done well in these races from a historical standpoint – but Breakthrough, for what it's worth, is related to a trio of dirt winners. Ward, who has gone one-for-four in Gulfstream's 2020 baby races to this point, also saddles Chasing Artie, a Ramsey homebred with a turf pedigree. This gelding has two glib gate workouts over at Gulfstream West and will break from stall 8 with Tyler Gaffalione. Of the other firsters, the Todd Pletcher-trained Prisoner is likely to attract significant attention. This Violence colt exits the OBS March of '20 sale and judging by his fast-looking furlong move of 10 seconds flat, is a candidate to show a blazing first gear from the gate Friday. Prisoner hails from an End Sweep dam in Al Max Diner, who notched both of her wins on-track as a two-year-old (in dirt sprints to boot.) Prisoner is related to six winners, including five on dirt. Just Right Mike and First Navy Admiral exit the Gatsby / Golden Pal race (the first run for this division at GP in 2020) three weeks ago; Gatsby and Golden Pal ran 1-2 around the track (not in that order) and nobody else got close. Of the pair, I prefer Just Right Mike who did more running than First Navy Admiral as a petal-to-the-metal chasing speed. Do both horses improve with that raceday experience?

**Race 10:** Excellent high level turf sprint for older fillies and mares in this opening leg of Friday's (all turf) Late Double. I'm taking Lady Grace in a near-coin flip over Dixieincandyland. Both fillies have found their true calling as turf sprinters and both have been at the top of their respective games in 2020. I really love how nimble (great tactical speed) but also powerful (walloping close) Lady Grace has been over her last couple of victories for Mark Casse.

*Post Time 1:00 ET*

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