



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

Saturday, May 9, 2020

RACE 1: 5 – 2 – 10 – 9

RACE 2: 8 – 4 – 2 – 7

RACE 3: 12 – 11 – 6 – 5

RACE 4: 1 – 6 – 2 – 4

RACE 5: 6 – 3 – 1 – 10

RACE 6: 4 – 3 – 11 – 12

RACE 7: 10 – 5 – 9 – 1

RACE 8: 5 – 8 – 7 – 2

RACE 9: 9 – 6 – 7 – 4

RACE 10: 6 – 11 – 9 – 2

RACE 11: 4 – 11 – 3 – 5

RACE 12: 1 – 3 – 2 – 10

**Race 2:** This two-year-old maiden dirt sprint starts what figures a pretty busy Saturday for Todd Pletcher. First, there's the 1-2 Pletcher punch of Restored Order and Hyperfocus in this 4.5 furlong maiden dash. Later, Gulfstream's winningest all-time trainer assaults the featured \$75,000 Sunshine Forever Stakes with another stick-and-move-type tactic with Halladay and Social Paranoia. Both races are highlights on this 12-race Saturday GP program. – first post is 12:50 ET. I'm especially looking forward to seeing just what Restored Order does in the 2<sup>nd</sup> race given the fact this colt marks the first starter at stud for Frosted. Frosted was obviously one of the best three-year-olds in 2015, despite the poor timing of him being the same age as Triple Crown winner American Pharoah (in just about any other year, Frosted would have proved an easy winner of the Belmont Stakes.) His victory in the 2016 Metropolitan Handicap is one of the greatest individual efforts I've witnessed in my 27 years of being a racing fan. Restored Order went for big money at OBS March (2020) with a price tag of \$420k, significantly more than the \$155k he sold for as a yearling. By Frosted-Taboo, by Forestry, Restored Order worked a furlong in 10 seconds flat in that sale. And yes, he's a grey just like his father! He's also the fifth foal from Taboo (she won a turf sprint on-track) and has three winning siblings from four to race. Hyperfocus, meanwhile, has a white-hot sire in Constitution and is the first foal from the unraced dam Discreet Meating (by Hat Trick.) Also of note is the cross-entered presence of Wesley Ward's Breakthrough, the pricey Nyquist colt who was also entered in Friday's 2<sup>nd</sup> race. Let's see where he goes. Friday's 2<sup>nd</sup> race may have been a touch easier but really, it's tough to tell.

**Race 9:** The Sunshine Forever came up a very deep race with the two Pletcher horses and last year's Preakness winner War of Will. War of Will drew poorly in post 12 (Just Whistle on the rail is an MTO) and my gut feeling is he's going to need a race or two off a layoff that dates back to the Breeders' Cup Classic. He'll forever be the 2019 Preakness winner but in all fairness the jury is still out as to his overall ability and talent level. Social Paranoia, on the other hand, could not have been more impressive in his 2020 debut in the Appleton and I believe this Street Boss colt is even better in races longer than the Appleton's one mile trip; the Sunshine Forever is 8.5 furlongs. Halladay is also at the top of his game for Pletcher and appears to be improving to boot.

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