



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

*Sunday, May 5, 2019*

RACE 1: 2 – 4 – 3 – 5

RACE 2: 1 – 4 – 3 – 6

RACE 3: 3 – 2 – 5 – 1

RACE 4: 1 – 6 – 5 – 4

RACE 5: 8 – 6 – 3 – 5

RACE 6: 4 – 1 – 6 – 3

RACE 7: 3 – 7 – 8 – 1

RACE 8: 8 – 4 – 5 – 3

RACE 9: 5 – 1 – 7 – 6

RACE 10: 8 – 10 – 9 – 3

### Encore First-Out Performance for Siesta Moon

Trainer Kathleen O'Connell and jockey Edgard Zayas teamed up for giant debut winner here on an otherwise humdrum Thursday with Solid as a Rock. That Florida-bred two-year-old filly – the first winner at stud for freshman sire Khozan – romped to a daylight 4.5F sloppy track score while she turned heads and dropped jaws in the process. Florida Sire Stakes anyone? Well on Sunday, O'Connell and Zayas could easily double up in the “winning firster department” with Siesta Moon, an Archarcharch colt who is bound for race 6. Race 6, a Florida-bred maiden special at six furlongs over the dirt, is a key GP highlight on Sunday's program – “the day after” Kentucky Derby 145. Siesta Moon appears to be training forwardly for his career debut; three of his last four workouts were timed from the starting gate, including a crisp 49 second half-mile run last Friday. The GPW main track sports a couple of longstanding hallmarks, mainly its depth and cushion; it is renowned for getting first-time starters fit and ready to compete. As for his lineage, Siesta Moon is the first foal from the unraced Malibu Moon mare Oops Cowles; he sold for a solid \$47,000 at OBS April of '18, owing to a swift furlong breeze of 10 1/5 seconds. A pile of evidence suggests Siesta Moon will debut firing on all cylinder but note, however, the competition is pretty deep. Quick Step Ed, of the runners with experience, looks most dangerous to my eyes. This Two Step Salsa gelding has run really well in two starts to date for trainer John Vinson, the latest a solid third Florida Derby Day in a longer one mile race. Definitely take note that Haunt, who finished off-the-board and behind Quick Step Ed, returned to win a maiden special at Churchill Downs on Oaks Day.

*First-Race Post is 1:15 ET*

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