



# JASON BLEWITT'S

## Race Analysis

Thursday, April 2, 2020

RACE 1: 10 – 9 – 3 – 8

RACE 2: 6 – 10 – 1 – 5

RACE 3: 1 – 4 – 3 – 6

RACE 4: 3 – 4 – 8 – 6

RACE 5: 4 – 3 – 9 – 6

RACE 6: 4 – 10 – 6 – 5

RACE 7: 6 – 7 – 1 – 2

RACE 8: 2 – 1 – 7 – 4

RACE 9: 5 – 7 – 3 – 6

**Race 4:** This three-year-old filly maiden special weight has the look of a mid-January or February field as far as depth and quality goes. Good stuff! There's a lot going on within the borders of this 12-horse cast (16 fillies were entered total) so I thought I'd start with my top selection, Cat Lady. I've been waiting for Cat Lady to run back off two strong efforts to this point. Her last start was exceptional considering she was just about knocked over into the first turn in a severe bumping – actually slamming is more apropos – incident into the first turn. Cat Lady rematches against La Babia, who has run well in her last couple of starts but is winless in four races for Michael Matz. Matz also entered the pricey Follow the Flag, one of three fillies exiting the "Linny Kate race" on Feb. 23. Mimina's Team will be the shortest price of that trio – and will likely vie for favoritism here as a matter of fact – as an obvious major player with Edgard Zayas. Indeed, all three of this Uncle Mo / Sadler's Wells filly's turf races have been excellent. Four-time champion trainer Chad Brown unleashed a three-year-old filly powerhouse Sunday in Center Aisle and throws a 1-2 punch here with Altaf and Publication. Both firsters, naturally, are likely to come out firing for the CB Army. I prefer Publication's pedigree thanks to dam Filimbi – Publication is the first foal from Filimbi, who was so solid on the grass about a decade ago (6 wins, \$600k) with Bill Mott.

**Race 9:** Speaking of Brown, I am bullish on his second-time starting Pricing Exercise in the Wednesday nightcap. There was some pre-race buzz on this Palace Malice colt in the hours leading up to his Feb. 22 debut and despite not cracking the Tri, he ran solidly with a taxing, "non-traditional turf trip." Off from post 8, Pricing Exercise found himself nearly last while 3-4 wide into the first turn. I was impressed with his steady backstretch advance even though it brought him four abreast with the leaders into the far turn. Given the severe ground loss and mid-move, it should come as no surprise Pricing Exercise did not kick on off the far turn. Get tied on this go-round! Bear Alley is the most interesting first-turfer in the field. His last race was a big improvement and he's a half bro to turf stakes winners Arklow and Maraud.

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