



JASON BLEWITT'S

Race Analysis

Thursday, April 23, 2020

RACE 1: 10 – 7 – 9 – 11

RACE 2: 6 – 7 – 5 – 1

RACE 3: 6 – 1 – 7 – 4

RACE 4: 4 – 6 – 1 – 5

RACE 5: 7 – 6 – 3 – 5

RACE 6: 2 – 3 – 1 – 4

RACE 7: 11 – 9 – 12 – 2

RACE 8: 2 – 4 – 5 – 6

RACE 9: 1 – 3 – 8 – 11

RACE 10: 13 – 5 – 7 – 8

Race 6: Untitled is the obvious star of Thursday's card as he exits a good-try placing in Aqueduct's Gotham. It's the perfect time to take a tiny step back with this talented Khozan colt: the big picture national stakes calendar is all but frozen for the time being given the COVID-19 pandemic and this Florida-bred restricted optional claimer is here and now. Untitled goes from post 2 in this seven-horse cast while obviously starting as a comfortably clear favorite for Mark Casse and Luis Saez. And not that Untitled needs any help – his ability, especially around one turn at this point – is obvious but it does appear this son of Khozan is likely to control the tempo as a lone speed odds-on favorite. Todd Pletcher's Roman Empire and Saffie Joseph Jr.'s No Getting Over Me are the biggest threats to Untitled but Untitled is supposed to emerge from Thursday's 6th race at 2-2-0 from five career starts.

Race 7: The doctor is in with a major drop in class to boot. Indeed, trainer Barclay Tagg has found a great spot to try his overachieving stakes-faced Dr. Edgar in Thursday's 7th race, a \$50,000 starter allowance on the turf. Dr. Edgar has had a rags-to-riches career of sorts as a former \$40,000 maiden claimer turned graded stakes winner – his Grade 3 Appleton score in March of 2019 remains his most recent victory, even though it's nearly 13 months in the rearview mirror. Still, given the high level he's competed at over the last couple of seasons, Dr. Edgar is simply way the horse to beat amongst this cast of 12 runners. Now 6-5-3 from 26 starts, Dr. Edgar has raced in eight consecutive stakes (including the restricted Old Man Eloquent two back in February) and will reunite with Dylan Davis from post 11.

Race 9: A classy late Pick 5 sequence hits a crescendo in the Thursday's featured 9th race, a second-level allowance / optional claimer at nine furlongs on the turf. The three biggest pre-race nuggets are: the five-horse rematch from off the Largent race on Florida Derby Day – I like Temple the most of this crew. The Todd Pletcher-trained Opry in his bid for two straight wins – this is a way tougher field than he met last out March 1. And what's the move with the Christophe Clement-trained Arthur Kitt? He's had an ambitious career in big-name stakes but hasn't won since June of 2018.

Post Time 1:00 ET

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