

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Sing for Gold (7th race)

First Race: 1.Quite the Man 2.Cable Dancer 3.Lenny G

QUITE THE MAN has lowered his claiming price in both starts since graduating two back. He made up a bit of ground last time before hanging late and now cuts his claiming price in half in his second try against winners. Has an easy maintenance drill since raced and need only repeat his last to return to the winner's circle here. CABLE DANCER actually broke his maiden here in 2007 as a 2YO. He returned here and ran into trouble turning for home last time, checking and falling back. As with the top pick, he cuts his claiming price in half here. Proved more consistent down south than the top pick and could offer real value here. LENNY G also cuts his claiming price in half. Obviously needs easier and is unlucky to find several others dropping in this spot. Will sit back and try to make his move late.

Second Race: 1.Motorboat 2.Baby Gotham 3.Even Odds

MOTORBOAT disappointed at 2-to-5 in his debut here and has failed as the favorite five straight times. Getting a drop here and did run into trouble when bumped in the lane last time when contending for the lead. Found himself sitting close last time and should be able to get a good trip again here. BABY GOTHAM stepped up to this level last time and set the pace before fading a bit in the lane. The race marked continued improvement, and the outside draw here should lead to a good trip. EVEN ODDS returns to a sprint here in his first start in three months. Has some decent route fractions and should be a factor in the lane for barn that has a good winning percentage off layoffs. Works suggest he should be ready to fire first out.

Third Race: 1.Liz's Broom 2.Dixie Hawks 3.High Tune

LIZ'S BROOM has been nibbling against winners down south and comes north for the first time. She hasn't run since early December but has been working steadily. Ran all right following a layoff last fall and drops a notch here while catching hot jockey. DIXIE HAWKS was never a factor as the beaten favorite herein an earlier appearance in starter allowance company. Moves into a new barn here following a claim when second after stalking and taking a brief lead in the stretch in a route. Barn shows a big flat-bet profit off claim and gets services of leading rider. HIGH TUNE has been working steadily with four works in the months since her last start. Drops a notch in her second start against winners after getting big jump up off maiden win.

Fourth Race: 1.Found in Dark 2.Good Thoughts 3.Bartok's Bling

FOUND IN DARK scored a game victory in her first start off a claim and is bumped up the ladder here. Went wire-to-wire hanging on gamely in her first start here and has a nice maintenance work since for leading barn, which brings back the leading rider for this start. Outside post is an advantage. Mare has hit board in eight of 10 career starts. GOOD THOUGHTS regressed a bit in an optional claimer at this level last time. Raced wide and had little left when the real running began. With a sprint under her belt after recent routes, she may be able to sit closer with her speed sharpened and may also finish better. BARTOK'S BLING likes the front end but has run well from a stalking position, particularly when sprinting. She's been around a while and has enjoyed good success. This is a big drop, and she'll be a major contender in this spot.

Fifth Race: 1.Inoplov 2.Drewsboro Road 3.Miss Kelly Green

INOPOLOV makes her third start following a layoff and should be set for her best. She ran second last time, stalking nicely, and now drops to the bottom level where she should be able to dictate terms with good stalking position. Could wind up with a first-run trip. DREWSBORO ROAD puts blinkers back on as she drops a notch following her first try at this distance. She ran evenly, finishing second at 1-to-2. That was a contentious heat, and both the winner and third-place finisher have come back to win. MISS KELLY GREEN turned in her best race yet in her first try around two turns. She didn't show much speed but finished well and should be in contention in the lane again.

Sixth Race: 1.Mad About Fuzz 2.Grecian Spur 3.Samwise

MAD ABOUT FUZZ makes his third start after spending nine months on the sidelines. Has turned in decent fractions while fading late in those starts. Should be fully conditioned for a big run here. Note that his lone victory against winners did come against better. GRECIAN SPUR stretches out today. He ran third in his only try at this distance and hit the board in both route starts on the main track. With two sprint preps, he'll get a good stalking trip and should be able to finish strongly. SAMWISE has been the runner-up twice and picked up checks in all four starts at this level. Lack of early foot gives him a lot to do late, but he has shown that he can finish with interest.

Seventh Race: 1.Sing for Gold 2.Angie's Top Dot 3.Wavy Lass

SING FOR GOLD just won at this level when moving up off a strong series of races. All systems seem to be go again for runner that has paid off in exactas in her past seven starts. Good combination of speed and staying power. ANGIE'S TOP DOT was a longshot second behind the top pick last time. She sits back a little while maintaining a stalking position early and has been finishing all right in her recent sprints. Has an easy maintenance drill since her runner-up effort. WAVY LASS is at her best going long on the turf. She draws the rail here, which may not work in her favor as she returns from 10 weeks on the sidelines. She could help out late in exotics.

Eighth Race: 1.Quindici Man 2.Irish Harmony 3.Royal Royce

QUINDICI MAN has been well supported and has come close in his past two starts since coming here from Hollywood Park. Does have a five-furlong bullet work since his last start. Can sprint or route and shouldn't be forced too wide despite the outside post. IRISH HARMONY did nothing in his first and only try around two turns. Finished well to graduate last time despite being forced to run very wide. This is a major step up, and he'll have to show he's matured since hit try around two turns as 2 YO. ROYAL ROYCE has had time to mature after 10 weeks on the sidelines. Trying a route for the first time, but breeding suggests he'll enjoy the distance, and he's worked seven furlongs and a mile since his last start.