

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Eversmart (1st race)

First Race: 1.Eversmart 2. Justice for Al 3.Thirteengoldhearts

EVERSMART has run second in both starts, surprising a lesser field at 31-to-1 in his debut, and then getting out-finished last time as the odds-on favorite when he stepped up to this level. Lone sibling earned \$119K. Has speed and hard to fault his resume. JUSTICE FOR AL made his debut in a Portland Meadows stakes, running evenly and making a brief mid-race move. Ran for this tag in his debut here, finishing immediately behind the second pick after racing wide. Seems capable of improvement. THIRTEENGOLDHEARTS showed improvement in his second start. Finished all right and was bothered enough in the lane to be moved up to second from third thanks to a disqualification. Should get good stalking trip here.

Second Race: 1.Cassie's Mark 2. Peek a Boop 3.Light Whitening

CASSIE'S MARK bids for a hat trick here as she gets a double jump up the claiming ladder. She set the pace in a route two back, was headed in the lane but re-rallied to win. Sprinting last time, she overcame early trouble and showed gameness in the stretch to win a second straight photo. Does like to win and has won three of her past four main-track starts here. PEEK A BOOP graduated for this price tag and met better in her first start against winners last out. Sat close early before fading in a race that has already produced a nest-out winner. Has four works in the seven weeks since her last start. LIGHT WHITENING looked good winning her debut. She had the race sewn up by the eighth pole and coasted home. Has a nice work since raced. She's stepping up, but she seems capable of improvement.

Third Race: 1.Potluck Prize 2.Plaza Queen 3.Epitome of a Lady

POTLUCK PRIZE has won two straight in wire-to-wire style and steps up her after a convincing win as the favorite. She's meeting better but seems to have a pace advantage, not to mention an advantageous outside draw. Gets the top speed rider to help her control the pace. PLAZA QUEEN was claimed from a strong maiden win and resurfaces here at double the price of her last start. She had run all right down south and made mincemeat of easier in her first start here. Has two works since, including a best-of-35 five-furlong bullet. EPITOME OF A LADY was a stakes winner at Fresno last fall, but she's regressed backly since. Has never run this cheap and could wake up here. However the Hollendorfer-Baze duo could preclude real value.

Fourth Race: 1.Sing for Gold 2.Serafina Lady 3.Tripp to Glory

SING FOR GOLD had a solid year last year with three wins and four second in nine tries. Has been part of the exacta in her past five starts and was the runner-up at this level last out. Has a pair of decent maintenance works since. Has nice stalking style that could result in a first-run trip. SERAFINA LADY bids for a repeat here. She was claimed for this price two back but dropped in her first start for her new barn. She rallied nicely to win, and she did win at this level in her comeback here last fall after a stay in Canada. TRIPP TO GLORY was dropped last time in hopes of getting her act together. The move worked, and she got a win. Now she gets a double jump up. She's sharp, but all three of her wins have come for the lower tag.

Fifth Race: 1.Madame Hook 2.Mother Bronson 3.Roar's Rockette

MADAME HOOK has hit the board in four straight and drops a notch here. She's also hit the board in seven of eight starts over the Tapeta here. She sits early and puts in a strong run late. No one looks as if she can steal this race, which could mean the race is set up for her. MOTHER BRONSON has speed and brings a two-race winning streak into this race. She's won conditioned races at this level but is facing open company here. She's on the improve and has won three of five starts here. ROAR'S ROCKETTE has been sliding down the class ladder. She surfaced at this level last time and was second after a good stalking trip. She made up some ground late and should be a factor in the lane. Obviously fits at this level.

Sixth Race: 1.Brotherron'ssister 2.Virginia Pearl 3.Bar Room Gal

First-timer BROTHERRON'SSISTER is a half sister to multiple stakes-winning Run Brother Ron. She's also a full sister to multiple stakes-placed Aloha Mangos Kitty. All three siblings by her multiple stakes-placed dam are winners. Sire is not known for debut winners, but the works are decent, especially the 1:13.20 six-furlong work on Jan. 5. This doesn't appear the toughest field to make her debut in. VIRGINIA PEARL came north and dropped to this level last time, running second as the 7-to-5 favorite. Made a good move on the turn and into the lane but hung late. Has had a solid maintenance work since. BAR ROOM GAL drops after six weeks on the sidelines. Began her career in a straight maiden race, dropped in for a tag in her second start and now drops to a lower level here. Seems to have missed a work since her last start but seems plenty fit.

Seventh Race: 1.Royal Heraldry 2.Film Editor 3.Wine and Dyne

Stablemates ROYAL HERALDRY and FILM EDITOR might go off as the odds-on choice if coupled. Royal Heraldry steps up after winning a first-level optional claimer. She has a pair of nice works since. In her first start over the main track here, she lost to a next-out stakes winner. Film Editor is a trifle more accomplished, splitting the pair that deadheaded to beat her stablemate. She ran second when favored at this level last time, losing to a Washington stakes winner. Employs a similar style so the win may go to the runner that gets the best trip down the lane. The well-traveled WINE AND DYNE comes her for the first time. She showed down south to be a fit for this second allowance condition. Would like to see a bit more morning activity, but leading barn knows what it's doing. From the look of her record, though, she seems willing to settle for second.

Eighth Race: 1.Greenstone 2. Ayelu 3.Papa'ssarahlín

GREENSTONE has been an exacta finisher in all three starts here. She has run second in her past two starts here following a nearly seven week layoff and drops a notch for this while also dropping into a conditioned race. Rail draw should help this stalker. AYELU woke up when dropped to this level last time. Sat much closer as she stretched out and has won at this distance on the turf against better. Sharp barn started to heat up over the weekend. PAPA'SSARAHLIN will put her speed to good use with this outside draw. Went winless last year but hit the board in half her starts. Has hit the board in three straight but trailed the top pick two back. Worth look in exotics, and it's nice to have a front-running type in these low-level claimers since many runners aren't too keen on passing rivals.

