

# GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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## **BEST BET: Cortney's Fame (2nd race)**

### **First Race: 1. Cruz'n Kitty 2. Sweetlark 3. Stylin Deputy**

CRUZ'N KITTY turned in a solid effort when third against better in her debut. Of course, that was 15 months ago. Since then a younger sibling has reached the races and won. She's been working well and has already proven she runs well fresh. Barn is riding a hot streak and signs up the leading rider. SWEETLARK is by a good debut sire out of a multiple stakes-placed dam. Barn shows a flat-bet profit with debut runners. Lone sibling is 0-for-24. STYLIN DEPUTY comes north looking for an easier field. Although the claiming price is cheaper, she was running at the bottom level down south but is not at the bottom level here.

### **Second Race: 1. Cortney's Fame 2. Isabelqa 3. Look to the Sky**

After winning two straight, CORTNEY'S FAME has lost photos in her past two starts. She's also been involved in a claiming war and was re-claimed in her last start. She's never finished out of an exacta in six starts here. Will be able to save ground with her rail draw while getting a good stalking trip. ISABELQA was claimed when scoring a victory as the favorite in her last start. She has won for this tag in the past and has done her best running, while scoring all four career victories here. LOOK TO THE SKY was an odds-on winner in her last two starts for this tag. She also has a pair of seconds at this level, never losing by more than a length.

### **Third Race: 1. We Are One 2. Our Stardust 3. Brahmzee**

WE ARE ONE comes north seeking her diploma after running second in her previous two starts down south. As mentioned in the first race, she was running at the bottom level down south. This is not really a drop, but she has been running well and should be a contender here, offering some value after going off as the favorite last time. OUR STARDUST raced wide and stuck her head in front in the lane in her first start in nine months. She couldn't keep going and settled for second, but she has three works since, including a brisk half-mile bullet. BRAHMZEE got shuffled back into the lane but finished all right without threatening in her debut. She drops into a claimer for the first time and should show improvement here.

### **Fourth Race: 1. Date With Fate 2. Gorgeous Gibson 3. Crazy Thinking**

DATE WITH FATE moves up a notch after winning three straight in conditioned heats followed by an open heat at \$4,000. Going in good form for leading barn and has enough speed that rail draw shouldn't be a problem. GORGEOUS GIBSON was caught by the top pick last time and wound up second before being disqualified and placed third. Her rider that day is currently serving a three-day suspension so she picks up five pounds here, while the top pick drops four. CRAZY THINKING is bidding for a hat trick here. She steps up a notch and both her wins did come in conditioned company. She's going in good form and is very competitive at bottom levels.

### **Fifth Race: 1. Spooler 2. All About You 3. Me and I**

SPOOLER adds blinkers for her second start after a good try in her debut. She steadied a bit heading into the turn but stuck her head in front in the lane before fading a bit late. Should be tighter with that race under her belt and a work since. Blinkers hint the strategy will be to go early. ALL ABOUT YOU set the pace and held well, finishing third in a three-way photo in the same race the top pick comes out of. Has shown she can run a bit and could prove tough to catch here. ME AND I is a half sister to stakes-winning Dance With Gable. She's by a good debut sire and has three works since missing six weeks. Question of condition, but works suggest she can run a bit.

### **Sixth Race: 1. Mamoonya 2. North of Time 3. Affirmator**

MAMOONYA fell a neck short when favored against similar last time. Sat back off a slow pace and couldn't quite get up after pulling along side the leader in the stretch. Has run second in starts at this level but has beaten better. Has been running consistently enough that leading man takes the call on him again. NORTH OF TIME has a win and two seconds in his past three starts. Ran second at this condition last time after winning the nonwinners of two in his previous start. Note that the top pick won and he ran second the day the top pick graduated. AFFIRMATOR has scored both his victories here and has run well at this distance. He drops for this and will be the one the top two will have to catch in the lane.

### **Seventh Race: 1. Miss Pleasant 2. Sittytwofitty 3. Mistical Dream**

MISS PLEASANT comes north in search of a diploma. She stretches out here after running down the hill at Santa Anita last start. This will mare her first try on the main track since her debut. She should appreciate the chance to stretch out here, and look who's riding. SITTYTWOFITTY has run well on the turf here, including a third in her last start. Has only one listed work in six weeks, but it was a six-furlong bullet drill. MISTICAL DREAM has shown steady improvement. She set the pace last time before settling for second while sprinting. This is her first try around two turns, but the distance seems well withing her reach. She seems a threat to steal this and will prove tough if she can relax early.

### **Eighth Race: 1. Candy Store 2. Blast'em 3. Don'tblocktheshot**

CANDY STORE drops into a claimer for the first time after showing improvement in his second start, which came following a nine-month layoff. Is running for a high-percentage barn now and has a good works since his comeback. BLAST'EM has run second all three starts. Began at the bottom level but met better last time when he finished evenly after running wide around the turn. Has come back with a six-furlong work since. DON'TBLOCK-THESHOT faded a bit late going a mile in his first start following a 10-week layoff. Was caught late by Summer Sunshine, one of today's rivals, but he was easily in front of that one early and will enjoy sprinting more than his rival.