

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Big League Dream (4th race)

First Race: 1.Win to Win 2.Refinery 3.Leo the Cat

WIN TO WIN dropped to the bottom level and got a confidence-building victory in his last start. He knows how to win and has always run well here. Don't let the big jump scare you off, he's good enough to handle this group. REFINERY is also stepping up off a conditioned bottom-level win. Pulled away from the field with a big effort after running second in his previous two starts. Drawn outside the top pick, which will allow him to sit in perfect position. LEO THE CAT steps up a notch shooting for a hat trick after a pair of conditioned victories in his past two starts. Has good speed and looms one to catch here, and jock switch won't hurt with top speed rider taking over here.

Second Race: 1.Yorkville Kid 2.Icee's Rocket 3.Cut

YORKVILLE KID has had a number of chances but is running as well as ever now with a second and a third in his past two starts. Has nice maintenance drill since raced. Has two seconds and a third in three tries at this level. Although not a speedball, should be able to be sitting in striking position, and this distance is often won by runners content to sit back early. ICEE'S ROCKET has been freshened for nine weeks and returns in a sprint with a solid work tab. Hit board in both sprint tries and had OK fractions routing in his other start. Rail draw not so bad this distance, and seems to have enough speed to avoid behind shuffled back disastorously. CUT had many chances down south and seemed to wake up a bit at the bottom level down there. Runner-up at this level in his debut here as he finished all right. Does his best running late.

Third Race: 1.Muqs Quest 2.Surf Academy 3.Alashir's Storm

MUQS QUEST catches a field with runners that don't seem interested in doing much early running. He has set the pace before and been able to sit close and finish. Both wins have come at this distance, and he drops a notch after trying better last time. SURF ACADEMY is a major contender as he drops to the bottom level here. Has been running in good form of last, winning as the favorite two back and making up some ground late last time. Doesn't have much early foot, but there's no real speed in this race which will make things easier for him late. ALASHIR'S STORM is another that lags well off the pace. Draws the rail and should be able to save ground here. Rallied five wide to win the second condition for this tag two back and came even wide last time at this level as he finished strong.

Fourth Race: 1.Big League Dream 2.Adayforpickndaitys 3.Bimerang

BIG LEAGUE DREAM has hit the board in both career starts. She drops a notch here and looks plenty tough with her combination of speed and staying power. Beaten favorite last time, flattening out after a three-wide trip. ADAY-FORPICKNDAISYS could spank this gang after running second in her debut. Barn gives her a boost up the class ladder, which is a positive, and she gets five pounds from her rivals. BIMERANG has earned checks in each start. She debuted at this level before getting a big jump up. Showed some improvement in start No. 2 and now drops back to an easier spot.

Fifth Race: 1.Storm Queen 2.Flighty Girl 3.Dynatomic

There's a fair amount of speed — at least runners who seem to want the lead — in this race. STORM QUEEN, who ran in a graded stakes and set the pace in only her third career start, is one of those. With her outside draw, she seems to have a strategic advantage where she can draft if she wants. This is her second start off a layoff, and note that she ran well, earning her diploma, in the second start of her career. Two nice works since raced and may be able to offer a hint of value. FLIGHTY GIRL likes to stalk and will feel quite comfortable here sitting just behind the leaders. Seems capable of getting a first-run trip. Has improved her numbers in each start, including last time following a two-month layoff. DYNAMATIC came flying from the clouds last time and almost pulled off a major upset. The race could set up perfectly for her, and certainly want to include her in exotics.

Sixth Race: 1.Mr. Rancho Vista 2.Simply Michael 3.Relieve

MR. RANCHO VISTA faded badly last time after a strong effort in his previous start. This marks his first try at the bottom level, and he did have a bit of an excuse last time as he raced three wide dueling for the lead before assuming it briefly at the quarter pole. He should prove to be one to catch in the lane. SIMPLY MICHAEL does not have the strongest route breeding, but he's something of an overachiever around two turns with a pair of seconds in his past three starts. He'll make his presence felt in the lane. RELIEVE has shown improvement his past two starts, finishing directly behind the top pick two back and running second, finishing well in a sprint last time. He should love the distance.

Seventh Race: 1.Chief Bill 2.Supersecretdevice 3.Christie's Glory

CHIEF BILL has won two straight and moves up a condition in this bottom-level heat. Has been remarkably consistent at the distance, content to sit back early and take control in the lane. He's hot and sharp, and rider seems to get the best out of him. SUPERSECRETDEVICE has never run this cheap. Ran third after leading in the lane last time and dropped to the lowest level possible here. His best is good enough to win, and he scored both career victories against better at this distance. CHRISTIE'S GLORY stalked and scored a nice sprint win for this tag last time and steps up one condition here. Hasn't routed in over a year, but note that he graduated at this distance in a turf race.

Eighth Race: 1.Cloud Strider 2.Tip Toe Topper 3.Jakes Lady Luck

CLOUD STRIDER showed vast improvement as she won her second start. Stalked nicely and pulled away late after fading against better in the debut at Santa Anita. Gets a drop here, but that was a bottom-level maiden claimer she won. Lucks out in an open heat in that only one other runner has beaten winners. TIP TOE TOPPER is that filly. She's a consistent soul, picking up checks in her past 10 starts. Drawn outside and will coast in a good stalking position. Has been off nearly six weeks but has worked nicely in the interim for high-percentage barn and is getting a break in the weights. JAKES LADY LUCK comes north for the first time and gets a big drop. Could be a factor with the easier company.

Ninth Race: 1.Do Boy 2.Ringmaster 3.Stars in Heaven

DO BOY has run all right and finally graduated at the bottom level last time. That was a strong field with both the runner-up and third-place finisher having come back to graduate in their next starts. This is a fairly easy spot even for a bottom-level event for winners, and his early foot should have him nicely positioned throughout. RINGMASTER has been the runner-up in both his starts here. He met better down south. Has great connections, but he's 1-for-35 in his career and will be overbet here. STARS IN HEAVEN chased the second choice last time, running his best race in a year. Had shown signs of life with his route fractions in his previous start. Has a solid work since raced.