

# GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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## **BEST BET: Mike's Trippin (5th race)**

### **First Race: 1.Sand Harbour 2.I Am Madison's 3.Lapollo**

SAND HARBOUR returned after 10 months on the sidelines and ran a smasher, closing well as he just missed in his debut for a new barn. Now he drops from straight maiden company into a claimer with two works since his comeback. Unraced dam has yet to produce a winner from three foals, and barn hasn't had much success in the second start off a long layoff, but it's hard not to like this guy. I AM MADISON'S is by one of the top debut sires around. He's half to a stakes-placed runner, and barn has good success with first-timers. All seems to add up to his being a major contender given his steady work pattern. LAPOLLO ran evenly in his debut before tiring badly late. Has had almost three months since then and would up preparations with bullets at five and six furlongs.

### **Second Race: 1.Kiss Kiss Kiss 2.Legal Love 3.Afleeet's Desire**

KISS KISS KISS is bidding for a hat trick here. Is undefeated in three starts at this level. Old-timer loves this track and has a nice work since raced as barn tries to space her races. She's content to sit early but makes her presence felt in the lane. LEGAL LOVE has never finished worse than second in four career starts at Woodbine. Canadian import was claimed in her final start there when she lost by a neck as the favorite. Has three works over this track as preparation for her U.S. debut. AFLEET'S DESIRE has been a money burner for top barn and rider, having failed as the favorite in her past two starts after winning a photo at 1-to-2. Getting a drop here as she makes her second start off a brief vacation.

### **Third Race: 1.Fancy Free Kelli 2.Digestivo 3.Beautiful American**

FANCY FREE KELLI stretched out and switched to the turf in her last start. She controlled the pace, shook off a challenge at the quarter pole and held on gamely in the lane. Turf didn't bother her at all, and she's bred for two turns. Will offer some value in this spot. DIGESTIVO also stretched out to this distance in her last start. It came in a stakes race where she ran an easy but non-threatening third. Content to sit back early, she'll probably finish better here with the easier company and a two-turn race under her belt. BEAUTIFUL AMERICAN has made both career starts on the turf at this distance. She was part of a contentious pace duel last time and proved superior late in a game try. Figures to get a similar trip here.

### **Fourth Race: 1.Summers Peace 2.Vindictive Cat 3.Coco M**

SUMMERS PEACE should like this distance and has shown steady improvement sprinting. She's been able to stalk and finish and should be a factor in the lane here. Note the rider switch and two works, including a five-furlong bullet, since her last start. VINDICTIVE CAT is one of three exiting the same race, which was won by Fancy Free Kelli, who runs in today's third race. She ran third as the favorite, sitting close and not having enough left late to hold off Glacier Peak, another of today's rivals. Note the move to a high-percentage barn. COCO M ran fourth last time behind Glacier Peak and Vindictive Cat. Made a good mid-race move but fell apart late. Could bounce back here while offering some value.

### **Fifth Race: 1.Mike's Trippin 2.Axiom 3.At the Bada Bing**

MIKE'S TRIPPIN has hit the board in all five starts here, including a conditioned win at this level. He's also hit the board in all four starts at this distance, although he's still looking for his first win. Gets good draw here and can sit wherever his jockey wants. AXIOM comes north, moving into a high-percentage barn and getting a big drop. Blinkers come off, which is a key move in this barn. Last was dismal as he wound up racing wide on the turn after breaking slowly and getting shuffled back while trying to keep up with a fast pace. AT THE BADA BING won his only start for this tag. Has a win and a second in his starts at this distance. Looking for first win here as he returns from a nearly eight-month break.

### **Sixth Race: 1.Afleeet Pete 2.Cavanaugh 3.Five Star Charm**

AFLEET PETE returns to sprinting on the main track after a turf experiment. Hit the board in two sprints at double this price after coming down from Washington. Drop here should make his late kick all the more effective. CAVANAUGH is also cutting his price in half. He had excuses last time as he was forced wide while making a strong move into the lane. He wore down late and was outfinished, but, as with the top pick, he'll appreciate the softer company he'll find here. FIVE STAR CHARM ran second in an open race at this level last time. Though the tag is the same, this spot could be easier with conditions attached.

### **Seventh Race: 1.Shakenwithanolive 2.Be So Special 3.Tops Image**

SHAKENWITHANOLIVE was nominated to Saturday's stakes race but opts to run here. Dueled from the rail last time before tiring and running second to a top prospect. Note that she was seven in front of the third-place finisher and has worked nicely since that start. BE SO SPECIAL has won two straight, taking advantage of the fact she made her debut in a claimer to run in a starter allowance race last time after winning against straight maidens. She didn't run the straightest of courses in her last race, but she may have tired at a mile. Has had two months off and has worked nicely, including an impressive bullet work in her final drill. TOPS IMAGE has hit the board in all three starts, scoring a game win last time when she just held on after setting the pace. Drawn to the outside here and doesn't need to gun early to get good trip.

### **Eighth Race: 1.Desert Siren 2.China Cat 3.Drewsboro Road**

DESERT SIREN comes north seeking her diploma. This is not necessarily a drop for her as she was running at the bottom level down south. Sprint form is OK, and she also put together decent fractions when routing. Debuts for barn that is dynamite with new faces. CHINA CAT turned in an even effort in her debut, running third at 23-to-1 in a full field. Barn winless last year with second-timers, but it's encouraging that Baze is willing to take the mount back. DREWSBORO ROAD has hit the board in both starts for high-percentage barn. Showed improvement in start No. 2 after troubled trip in debut. Won't take much more improvement to pose for pictures here.