

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Pat Olcott (1st race)

First Race: 1. Pat Olcott 2. Teasha 3. Jordon's Sister

PAT OLCOTT has been running well down south. Was the beaten favorite last time but had an excuse when he bobbed after leaving the gate. Moved into contention in the lane but tired and faded late. Came back to work all right and has run faster than any of her rivals. Makes her Nocal debut here and gets the leading rider. TEASHA is by an excellent debut sire and runs for a barn that enjoys good success with first-timers. She's the first foal of an unraced dam and has been working steadily since missing six weeks at the end of last year. JORDON'S SISTER is worth a look at a price. Has a decent sire, who is dreadful with first-timers. She's by a multiple stakes-placed dam and is the full sister of an 0-for-5 runner. Has a pair of maintenance drills since raced and did finish with interest after being shuffled back on the turn.

Second Race: 1. Crayon Red 2. Primary Notice 3. Mom Is Ready

CRAYON RED bids for a repeat here, stepping up off a conditioned win against softer. Couldn't handle PRIMARY NOTICE two back but beat him before that. Has finished in the exacta in three straight starts, splitting photos in the past two. Primary Notice is also bidding for a repeat here and has won two of his past three. Has more speed than the top pick and showed some moxie last time when challenged at the eighth pole, withstanding that challenge and inching away at the line. MOM IS READY has a win over the top pick, but may be starting on a down cycle. She's back at the level of her last win, but the Beyer took a dip last time.

Third Race: 1. Vaderator 2. Classielyte 3. Nina's Benchmark

Past classer VADERATOR seems too quick for this and has the advantage of an outside draw. Went very fast early, opening nicely. He tired and did get caught but did hang on gamely to save the place as a beaten favorite. Has a pair of solid works since raced and gets a positive jockey switch. CLASSIELYTE has a solid record here but hasn't met runners this good in a while. He was claimed last time and gets a double jump here. He had beaten easier in his previous start. Will have to settle for a stalking trip here, but he's won with that style before. NINA'S BENCHMARK scored a game win over better two back, but that was sandwiched between a pair of disappointers at this level. Last was better than looks, and he does seem on the improve.

Fourth Race: 1. Veillit 2. Dark Dolores 3. Vicky Vale

VEILLIT has shown vast improvement since stretching out. May have been a bit unlucky last time when she was blocked at the quarter pole but still rallied before losing by a neck at this level. Has been offering good value but probably won't today. DARK DOLORES was favored and made a good move into the lane last time before she flattened out and was passed by the top pick. She's actually won at this level, being one of those rare fillies who graduated against winners. VICKY VALE is another that has improved as the distances have gotten longer. She graduated at the bottom level but finished directly behind the top pair last time as she sat close early and was able to stick her nose in front in the lane before fading.

Fifth Race: 1. Retros Last Flight 2. Winfield 3. Double Episode

RETROS LAST FLIGHT ran evenly despite a troubled trip in his first start in 15 1/2 months. He wound up four wide and then was bumped several times in the stretch. Has been on sidelines for seven weeks but has worked four times, missing a work in mid-January. Should be tighter, and barn wins 26 percent in the second start after a long layoff. WINFIELD ran fourth behind rival New Gun in Town in his debut. He got off slowly but did finish nicely. There's room for improvement, and he'll likely show some today. Is dam's first foal, but he's by a solid sire. DOUBLE EPISODE has run third in both starts since returning from a three-month layoff. The third start is usually a runner's best. Note he's earned a check in every start at this distance so don't dismiss in exotics.

Sixth Race: 1. Nautical Rule 2. Six Pack Man 3. Haja Boy

NAUTICAL RULE was a runner-up in his debut here when dropped to this level by a new barn. Doesn't like races too close together and has been given two works in the month since his last start. Figures to be in contention throughout. SIX PACK MAN loves to run second. He's been second four straight times and in five of his past six. The one time he failed to run second, he was fourth in a photo. Winless here with — you guessed it — five seconds in seven starts. HAJA BOY was second in his past two starts but hasn't run in eight months. Decent sprinter and should be fit enough with a pair of solid six-furlong works as his final preps.

Seventh Race: 1. Shadow Lake 2. Bloom Time 3. Lady Deputy

SHADOW LAKE was favored in her debut and ran evenly albeit a bit greenly. Jumped shadows before reaching the half-mile pole. Seemed to settle down all right on the turn. Comes back for the same tag with a decent half-mile maintenance drill. First-timer BLOOM TIME is one of several interesting debut runners in here. Sire is 0-for-8 with debut runners, but multiple stakes-placed dam has two winners from three foals. Has worked nicely for her debut, including a slow six-furlong bullet work from the gate. Barn doesn't have many first-timers but does well with them. LADY DEPUTY has been the runner-up in both of her starts. Returns from a six-month break and drops into the claiming ranks for the first time. Has worked steadily for her return and gets a hot apprentice today.

Eighth Race: 1. Off Kilter 2. Lordgivemealift 3. Sundance Kiddo

OFF KILTER looked awfully good winning his debut. He stalked early, moved up on the turn and pulled away down the stretch. He's had two works since, an easy stretch-your-legs maintenance drill and a best-of-72 five-furlong bullet. Meeting some good once here, and he'll be severely tested. Thinking he might offer enough value to make him intriguing. LORDGIVEMEALIFT scored a solid win here two back when running for this tag. He was second against better last time and is going in good form. He's a very good sprinter and will be a pace factor who is drawn outside the other speed. SUNDANCE KIDDO loves this track and the distance. He just won at this level and runs in the allowance condition again because he's a Cal-bred. He'll wind up stalking here, but he's run all right with that style before.

Ninth Race: 1. Turbulence 2. Preemptory 3. Schramsberg

TURBULENCE has been the runner-up in both career starts. He lost a photo down south and then ran second here after a two-month break while showing improvement. Has an easy maintenance drill since his last start and gets the leading rider again. Extra credit for him if Off Kilter, a debut winner who defeated him last time, runs big in the eighth race. PREEMPTORY was a solid second in his debut. He's out of a stakes-winning dam, whose only other foal was a winner. Moves up from the claiming ranks, which seems a positive. Barn loses the leading rider but signs up its No. 1 man for the mount. The royally bred SCHRAMSBURG is the full brother of both a Grade 1 and a Grade 2 winner. Since then, he's had two other full siblings that have gone winless. Has shown steady improvement and comes north hoping for easier company.