

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Cable Dancer (3rd race)

First Race: 1. Unvarnished 2. Chavez Ravine 3. Roll the Point

Since coming north, UNVARNISHED has run second in both starts, first in a claimer and then at this level. Going in good form and has an easy maintenance drill since his last start. Was closing well at a mile and can get the distance. Lone win came on turf, but turf runners seem to do well on the Tapeta surface. CHAVEZ RAVINE has picked up checks in both starts at this level after getting a two-month break following his maiden win. Set the pace last time and held on fairly well despite tiring, although he was passed by the top pick. Rail draw won't hurt at all. ROLL THE POINT graduated at this distance and ran third at this level, splitting the top pair following a six-week layoff. Should be tighter today and does have a work since raced.

Second Race: 1. Stormy Cyrina 2. Ai Se Va 3. Truffle N Paradise

STORMY CYRINA is 0-for-3 at this level and scored her lone victory on the turf. She has been showing improvement of late and comes off her best try since that maiden win. Should get a similar trip as last time with a chance to save ground and then pick her spot to make her move. AI SE VA will likely try for the lead here. She slowed thing down up front in her maiden win. She set a brisk pace last time and faded. Gets in light and gets the rider who won with her. Just needs to conserve a bit for the lane to get things done. TRUFFLE N PARADISE tried new tactics last time, taking the lead she ran second at this level. Will probably end up stalking here, but that may be a better game for her.

Third Race: 1. Cable Dancer 2. Chauncey 3. Ramon Simone

CABLE DANCER dropped to this level and missed by a nose in a head-and-head stretch duel last time. Did seem to lug out a bit in the lane after being forced wide. Scored his lone win here early in his career before running down south most of last year. CHAUNCEY has been the runner-up in his past two starts, once at this level and last time against easier. Has picked up a check in all seven starts at this level and should not be ignored in exotics. Suffers from seconditis with 10 runner-up finishes as well as six thirds to go with one win in 31 tries. Should get a good stalking trip here. RAMON SIMONE returned from 15 months on the sideline and ran well all things considered. Cuts claiming price in half here and has pair of works, including six-furlong move most recently. Should be able to move up off that last effort.

Fourth Race: 1. Catalina Fog 2. Country Farmer 3. Sax

CATALINA FOG, COUNTRY FARMER and SAX ran one-two-three at this level last time and could do so again. Catalina Fog has finished in the top two in his past four starts and is gunning for a hat trick here. He's 2-for-2 at this level and won while stalking when he beat Invisible Edge, another of today's rivals, and then wire-to-wire. Country Farm takes the blinker off for the first time here. Ran evenly while a bit wide last time when able to out-finish Sax, who seemed to hang a bit late. Both runners seem capable of improvement here following that effort.

Fifth Race: 1. Old Mason 2. Always Trying 3. Thecatchcheckraised

OLD MASON keeps coming close and could get the job done here. Has been the runner-up in both starts at the bottom level, getting caught late both times, and steps up a notch here. Fell apart badly and was eased two back at this level. No reason to expect a chance in style here, and he gets a better draw after breaking from the rail last time. ALWAYS TRYING comes north and returns to a sprint. Doesn't have great early speed but is fast enough to sit a bit closer in this field. Getting a big drop as well as a five-pound weight advantage. THECATCHCHECK-RAISED moves to a new barn here and takes a step back up the ladder despite regressing a bit last time. The race wasn't that bad, though, because he was bumped at the break and forced to check in the stretch.

Sixth Race: 1. Yunique Cat 2. Cavanaugh 3. Five Star Charm

YUNIQUE CAT should be a price play here and could offer surprising value based on his recent route fractions. Has always shown some talent, and his lone victory against winners came at the \$20,000 level. Was twice stakes-placed sprinting as a 2 YO, including once here behind unbeaten Imaginary Sailor, who is returning to action later on the card. He runs for the lowest tag of his career here. CAVANAUGH stalked and grabbed the lead in the lane last time before losing a four-way photo. He turned in a similar effort two back, taking the lead in the lane only to be caught late and having to settle for second. No one finishes better here than Mr. Baze, who will try to keep him going late here. FIVE STAR CHARM deadheaded for second in that four-way photo the top pick lost last time. Has enough speed to be well-positioned throughout but needs to bring his 'A' game.

Seventh Race: 1. Noel's Vixen 2. Gloria Jeanne 3. Miss Cordanation

NOELS VIXEN has hit the board in each start following a brief layoff and comes off her best try. Chased a fast pace last time, loomed into contention in the stretch but couldn't keep her momentum going. She did maintain her grip on second with relative ease and looks tough right back. GLORIA JEANNE makes her first start in nine months. This is an obvious prep, but she has always met better and didn't sprint that badly down south. Does have a bullet work at six furlongs for her comeback followed by a strong five-furlong move. MISS CORDANATION has run second in four of six starts and has hit the board five times. She's been second in her past three starts at this level as she makes her first start in almost nine months. Came out firing in her debut so you know she can run well fresh. Has worked steadily for her return.

Eighth Race: 1. Reality Now 2. Autism Awareness 3. Imaginary Sailor

REALITY NOW bids for a hat trick here and fourth win in five starts. Loves to win races and is batting .500 with six wins from 12 starts. He's 5-for-7 with a second here. Has been favored in his past two victories and is always well positioned. Had enough left last time to hold off AUTISM AWARENESS and has a pair of bullets among his works since then. Autism Awareness loomed up in the lane in a stakes last time. He didn't have much room and may not have had enough oomph, but it wasn't a bad performance. Ran well sprinting, closing like a whirlwind, and barn tries sprint again for 2008 El Camino Real Derby winner. IMAGINARY SAILOR is an undefeated stakes winner as well as a stablemate of the top pick. Barn goes with its No. 1 rider and has put three six-furlong works, one a modest bullet effort, into the comebacker. Hasn't run since his 2 YO year so there are plenty of questions to be answered. But he's always had the right answer in the past.

Ninth Race: 1. Winningmotion 2. Seeingisbelieving 3. Silent Trick

WINNINGMOTION ran second on the drop in his first start here last time. Now he drops again as barn sends him north. Showed improvement in start No. 2. Even though the game is played differently and far more aggressively these days, the big drop for the \$120,000 purchase raises some questions. SEEINGISBELIEVING has never run a bad race and comes off his best finish when second last time in his first route try. Should benefit from that and has worked twice since then to keep conditioning at high level. SILENT TRICK flashed speed last time at Santa Anita in his first route try. Heads north and gets a big drop as well as the rail, which should assure a ground-saving trip whether he gets the lead or not.