

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSISBy **CHUCK DYBDAL****BEST BET: Eversmart (2nd race)****First Race: 1. Cassie's Mark 2. Venadita 3. Icee Stars**

CASSIE'S MARK just scored a game victory and drops a notch here. She set the pace, was headed in the stretch but re-rallied to win a photo in a route. She has handled this distance well and won here sprinting off a layoff. This is the lowest tag she has run for. VENADITA has won two straight. She showed speed in her graduation score and stalked nicely when dropped to this level last time, getting up in the final stride in a well-timed ride. BARN is hot, winning four of seven starts at the current meet. ICEE STARS cuts her claiming price in half for this. She faded late after stalking for the opening half mile last time but should hang on better here.

Second Race: 1. Eversmart 2. Justice for Al 3. Management

EVERSMART turned in a strong effort in his debut, running second at 31-to-1. BARN is not known for winning early, although it does show a flat-bet profit with second-timers. Gets coveted outside post and stalked a good pace last time, finishing well. BARN moves him up here, which is a positive sign as is the jockey switch. JUSTICE FOR AL made his debut in a Portland Meadows stakes. Found himself a bit wide but did finish with interest. Has been sent here and has worked steadily over the track since that start. MANAGEMENT ran evenly in his debut at this level. He tired a bit and hung late but showed some gameness as he held on for third.

Third Race: 1. Carissa 2. Miss Riviera 3. Grey Lassie

CARISSA has been the runner-up in her past three starts. Has led in the lane in each of her past two starts. Has two works since the last start, including a strong half-mile drill last time. MISS RIVIERA has turned in a pair of solid efforts since returning from a nearly nine-month layoff. May actually be running in an easier heat here than she did last time when she finished second. Worth a look based on her consistency. GREY LASSIE set the pace last time when she faded a bit in the lane, winding up third behind the top pick. Will need to show speed again with her rail draw.

Fourth Race: 1. Jamaica Bound 2. Faulkwood Shores 3. Corvallis Dee

Stakes-placed JAMAICA BOUND bids for a repeat here after dropping to this level and returning to the turf last time. Has a win and a second in his past two turf starts here and was a troubled fourth against much better in his return here. Can get a good stalking trip and will be able to save ground with his rail draw. FAULKWOOD SHORES is a veteran turf runner, who has scored all six of his career victories on grass. Set pace but couldn't hang on in lane against better in his last turf start. Making first start in two months and would up steady works with a five-furlong bullet drill. Past-classer CORVALLIS DEE tried turf again last time and wound up second behind the top pick. Stalked nicely in an even effort despite hanging a bit late.

Fifth Race: 1. Terrajazz 2. No Name Just Game 3. Above a Whisper

Since coming north and moving to the main track, TERRAJAZZ has scored a good bottom-level maiden win and then ran second at this level last time. Third-place finisher in that race came back to win her next start. Gets a seven-pound weight break for this. NO NAME JUST GAME scored his lone victory here, but it came in the BT (Before Tapeta) era. Has hit the board in eight other starts and is a consistent check earner. Definitely worth a look in exotics. ABOVE A WHISPER faded in her comeback following six months on the sidelines when dropped to this level. BARN shows a healthy profit in the second start following a layoff so beware.

Sixth Race: 1. Kid Fame 2. Quacker Jack 3. Highland Hombre

KID FAME has been showing steady improvement. Has decent speed and was able to grab the lead last time, giving way in the lane while holding second. Came back with a solid work since so expect another good try here. QUACKER JACK comes north and makes his first start in 5 1/2 months. Although he wasn't a factor again easier at Los Al in his last start, he'd been meeting better at Santa Anita. If he shows the speed he did at Santa Anita, he'll be a real contender here and should offer some value. HIGHLAND HOMBRE was favored over the top pick last time. Didn't run that badly given the fact his rider lost an iron early. He's another that is worth a look in exotics based on his consistency.

Seventh Race: 1. Eight Below 2. Prancin' N Dancin' 3. Psammead

EIGHT BELOW gets a significant drop here. Was sent north last time and given a drop. Ran evenly although never a factor, but he should move up against these bottom-of-the-barrel types. Will likely be sitting closer in a good stalking position. PRANCIN' N DANCIN' drops a notch here and takes blinkers off. Had run second twice before regressing a bit last time when he tired in the lane. Has run second in three of his four starts at this distance. PSAMMEAD has earned a check in each start here while running at this level. The Canadian import is still looking for his first trip to the winner's circle, having gotten a win on a belated disqualification. Needs some help up front.

Eighth Race: 1. Beaming Babe 2. Schill 3. Northern Station

Speedy BEAMING BABE draws the rail. Would like to see her draws outside, but she'll be gunning early anyway. Likes this track with all five career victories coming here. Getting double jump off her odds-on win last time but can handle the jump up the ladder. SCHILL is drawn just outside the top pick. She has some speed but is at her best when stalking. Met better down south where she's hit the board in six straight starts, including the past three at the allowance level. NORTHERN STATION has shown speed routing and hopes to transfer that as she returns to a sprint. Will not be sitting as close early, but she should finish well with those routes to relay on. The \$200,000 purchase has worked steadily for her first start in more than nine months.

Ninth Race: 1. Poetic Note 2. Toy Toy Toy 3. Mom's Ballet

POETIC NOTE lost a photo after taking the lead at the quarter pole last time and battling on to the wire. Made a game effort and now drops again for this. Should get another good stalking trip here and can make amends after just missing as the favorite. TOY TOY TOY was flying at the finish last time as he nearly caught the top pick. The effort was even better than it looks on paper as he had to check at the quarter pole. Has no speed and should like the added distance here. MOM'S BALLET has the speed to get an easier lead here than he did last time when he went head-and-head early but ran gamely in the lane. Needs this bottom level but is a legitimate contender here.