

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Snooty Gal (8th race)

First Race: 1.Dance With Gable 2.Don Elias M.3.Castle Dermot

DANCE WITH GABLE finally notched a win last time after a pair of seconds when favored. Actually won as he stepped up, and he's stepping up again here. Has good speed and loom the one to catch in this small field. DON ELIAS M. is a consistent runner, who fits well here even though most of his success last year came against cheaper. He has hit the board in nine straight, finishing in an exacta position eight time. Has a win and two straight seconds since moving up to this neighborhood. CASTLE DERMOT will be a threat late after winning two of his past three start. Will need a bit of luck to make up much ground in the lane.

Second Race: 1.Chulihma 2.Lady Dawn 3.Tip Toe Topper

CHULIHMA won two straight, including her debut against winners at this level. She got a double jump up the ladder last time and ran evenly, failing to fire in the lane. Drops back to a more realistic spot. Should have enough speed that rail won't prove fatal, but she may have to hustle a bit early. LADY DAWN graduated in a bottom-level maiden sprint two back. Give a boost and asked to stretch out for her debut against winner and was never a factor. Should be much happier sprinting, and tab the rider switch. TIP TOE TOPPER has done her best running here. Had no chance falling far off a fast pace last time. Should be closer here and is worth a long look in exotics.

Third Race: 1.The Major 2.Sport King 3.Hiho Geronimo

THE MAJOR won his debut for a tag down south and was the runner-up here against similar going a mile last time. Is able to stalk and was an easy second last time while not seriously threatening the winner. Note he's only member of this cast nominated to the Triple Crown. SPORT KING has fared well in each start since stretching out and comes off his best try yet when third at this distance. Made up some ground in lane before hanging at the end. HIHO GERONIMO alternated on the lead against similar down south last time, giving way late. May not have quite as much pressure here depending upon whether the stretching out Blazing Dan opts to try for the lead. His maiden win came with a stalking trip so he doesn't absolutely need the lead.

Fourth Race: 1.Salah Pick Six 2.Seven Lucky J's 3.Deputy Bob

SALAH PICK SIX lands in the easiest spot in his young career and could be a Pick Six single here. Set pace before fading in the lane against better last time and should have a pace advantage in this field. Has a pair of works since raced as he moves to a new, high-percentage barn. SEVEN LUCKY J'S makes his third start off a layoff. Made up a little ground sprinting in his comeback and sat close while turning in an even effort when routing in his debut here. Should be a factor based on his sprint fractions. DEPUTY BOB was claimed in his debut, went to the sidelines for nine weeks and returned in a bottom-level maiden claimer. He went wire-to-wire. Won't get an easy lead like last time, but like the improvement and believe he can show more improvement again here.

Fifth Race: 1.Blue Suede Hooves 2.McGriz 3.Digital Dreams

BLUE SUEDE HOOVES was second in his debut at this level in a solid effort. Has an easy work since and looks tough against this field. Has enough speed to be in good position, if not on the lead early, and he kicked home well last time. Rail draw is no problem. Lone sibling is a multiple winner. MCGRIZ makes his debut here. Sire is good with firsters and multiple stakes-placed dam has produced winners from her three other foals. Solid works and good outside draw for barn that shows flat-bet profit with first-timers. DIGITAL DREAMS makes his first start in 4 1/2 months. Blinkers come off, and there's a question of condition, but, at his best, he's a legitimate threat.

Sixth Race: 1.City Lightning 2.Da Bomb 3.Ladiesfireandice

CITY LIGHTNING got off poorly and was never a factor in his Social debut. Sent north, she showed good improvement in her second start, setting the pace before fading late. Has decent maintenance drill since raced. Will appreciate this shorter distance and looks like the one to catch. DA BOMB draws the outside for her debut. Sire has done better with debut runners of late, and barn shows flat-bet profit with first-timers. Works look OK for bottom-level debut, and she gets the leading rider. Lone sibling is 0-for-5. LADIESFIREANDICE ran evenly in her debut but had little left in the lane. Has three works in past month after not recording a drill for the first month after that last start.

Seventh Race: 1.Mr. Elroy 2.Call Transfer 3.Gherig

MR. ELROY came north and was dropped to the bottom level for wins, winning as the odds-on choice. Returns at the same level but in the third condition. Should get a great ground-saving trip from the rail and has the speed to lead but is content stalking. Mr. Baze takes the call right back. CALL TRANSFER has come close in both tries at this level. Got stopped the first time while making a good move and got the lead in the lane last time only to be caught late. Seems to be on an uptick. GHERIG dropped to this level, setting the pace last time. He wound up second behind a very sharp runner. Flashed more speed than usual last time and may have found a new way to go.

Eighth Race: 1.Snooty Gal 2.Commendable Queen 3.Sottovoce

SNOOTY GAL has been second in her past two starts. She drops another notch here and seems to have everything in her favor here. Should be able to get the lead and need only repeat her recent tries to get the job done here. COMMENDABLE QUEEN picks up a lot of checks, but she seldom threatens. Her task can't be much easier than the one she's facing today, and she did run second in her only other try at this level. SOTTOVOCE has sprinted all right of late, and her lone poor effort came in a route where her fractions weren't that bad. Certainly an exotics possibility as she steps up a notch.