

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Dixie Magic (2nd race)

First Race: 1.Buck Tuddy Buck 2.Laday Tale 3.Direct Connect

BUCK TUDDY BUCK returns after nearly seven weeks on the sidelines and drops a couple of notches. Comes off a solid 2008 and beat better two back. Has worked nicely during time off, including four-furlong bullet drill. Barn wins 20 percent off similar fresheners. LADAY TALE has won twice against easier and ran second against better since returned from almost five months on the sidelines. Going in good form and should appreciate the slight drop. The two wins and the second have all come here so you know he likes and handles the track well. DIRECT CONNECT adds blinkers for this after running second in his debut here on a big drop after nearly eight months on the bend. Got a drop for that route and sat close all the way. Blinkers go on here as he returns to a sprint. Should be a factor late.

Second Race: 1.Dixie Magic 2. Teacher's Rule 3.Count Me Twice

DIXIE MAGIC was an odds-on winner here two back and has won three of five main-track starts. Closed belatedly against better on the turf last time but is better on the main track. Has three works since her last start and drops to the lowest level of her career. TEACHER'S RULE was claimed from a nice win last time and is stepping up a notch here. Has two wins and two thirds in four starts here, running third to the top pick two back, fading a bit in the lane. COUNT ME TWICE has run consistently of late as she makes her third start after spending more than 10 months on the bend. Getting a significant drop here and returning to the main track. Should be nicely positioned throughout.

Third Race: 1.O Firefly 2.Empress Court 3.Newmoneyspentwell

O FIREFLY drops and moves back to the main track after graduating in her route debut last time. Went wire-to-wire on the turf and has a pair of solid works since. High-percentage barn enjoys success in routes and is adept at the surface switch. Think the improvement and win last time were more attributable to distance than surface. EMPRESS COURT has run consistently throughout her career. She tried two turns for the first time in her last start and turned in an even effort despite bobbling at the break and getting off a bit slowly. She made a good move into the lane but hung a bit late. NEWMONEYSPENTWELL is a good fit at the distance. She broke her maiden at it in her first start around two turns and then was third on the turf following a layoff. May have bounced a bit last time and had the excuse of racing between rivals.

Fourth Race: 1.Jehovah Jireh 2.Ron Bob 3.Adulate

JEHOVAH JIREH has been running in optional claimers at twice this price. He hasn't been a threat, but this drop should make him a bona fide contender. Has done his best running at this distance with his graduation win as well as three seconds and a third in six career tries on the main track. RON BOB has been concentrating on turf of late and makes his first start in a claimer since his maiden days. Distance should prove no problem. Beaten favorite in last start and has a pair of maintenance drills since. ADULATE has been freshened since a maiden win seven weeks ago. Has shown improvement since moving north and stretching out. Freaked out last time with impressive performance but will be meeting much tougher here even though the claiming price remains the same.

Fifth Race: 1.Texas Devil 2.I Am Game 3.Summer Solstice

TEXAS DEVIL makes his Nocal debut here, cutting his claiming price in half as he makes his third start following a pair of decent comeback tries. Has a pair of nice works in the five weeks since his last start and gets a Hall of Fame jockey. I AM GAME is also making his third start following a layoff. Graduated in his first start off the sidelines as he dropped for his Nocal debut. Was a runner-up when stepped up against better last time and should appreciate this drop. SUMMER SOLSTICE is yet another cutting his claiming price in half. Look good in his maiden win but had no answers last time out. Has three works since, winding up with a nice three-furlong bullet.

Sixth Race: 1.Mountain Villager 2.Continental Cream 3.She Laughs an Flys

MOUNTAIN VILLAGER has been running at double-digit odds while facing better since racing returned to GGF last September. Like her past two tries, a win on the turf and even effort when fanned wide in a starter allowance last time. Meeting easier. Low-percentage barn pays well when it hits and has its top rider aboard here. Should offer good value. CONTINENTAL CREAM has hit the board in all three main-track starts here, including the past two for this tag and condition. Willing to sit off the pace early and has been finishing well. SHE LAUGHS AN FLYS ran fourth last time, losing a three-way photo for second as the second choice here ran third. Another stalker type, and she'll get another ground-saving trip today.

Seventh Race: 1.Shes a Lucky Wager 2.Gadget Queen 3.Bartok's Bling

SHES A LUCKY WAGER ran third in a stakes last out after sharing a dead-heat win with her stablemate in the previous start. She's a consistent sort. Only strike against her is her lack of early foot, but she finishes resolutely and has three maintenance drills since her stakes placing. GADGET QUEEN won a Washington-bred stakes at Emerald Downs this summer. She's run her three times and comes off an improve try when second on the turf at this level last time. Gave decent try in stakes in debut here and will likely improve with return to main track. BARTOK'S BLING beat the second choice last time, going wire-to-wire. With her rail draw and speed, she's a candidate to wire this field as well.

Eighth Race: 1.Shawklit Sundae 2.Stone Justice 3.Charm Doll

SHAWKLIT SUNDAE bids for a hat trick here after dominating at this level last time. Speedy and gets rail draw. She'll make her rivals try to catch her. Has hit the board in every start here and is a pure sprinter. STONE JUSTICE did beat her two main rivals here three back. Was no match for the top pick last time but was well ahead of third-place runner who came back to win here on Monday. She needs a bit of help up front but does finish well. CHARM DOLL has split decisions with the second choice in her past two starts. Led in the lane last time but couldn't hold on. Been gone nearly six weeks and would like to see more than one work. Not that barn was winless on the Tapeta here last year.