

# GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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## **BEST BET: Haraka Haraka (8th race)**

### **First Race: 1.Brite Bobby 2.Full Power Ahead 3.Quick Meeting**

BRITE BOBBY catches a paceless field here and could be long gone. May have less early competition than he did for \$12,500 in his last start when he pulled away in the lane after dueling for the opening half. Past classer has won before at this level. FULL POWER AHEAD has hit the board in three straight starts, twice at this level and with a runner-up performance when stepping up last time. Biggest concern is rail draw and lack of speed, but he won't really be shuffled back since he's likely to be sitting far back anyway. QUICK MEETING doesn't have great speed but had a solid comeback try following six-plus weeks on the sidelines. That could prove a good race, and he's dropping a notch today.

### **Second Race: 1.Run Over You 2.Low Gear Power 3.Tom's Lightning**

RUN OVER YOU was overmatched in his first start against winners. Dropped in for a tag last time, he scored a smart victory and was claimed. Has worked twice since for new barn and need only repeat his last when he duelled through fast fractions and proved best in the lane. LOW GEAR POWER runs for the cheapest tag of his career as he cuts back the distance to a sprint. Best races have been around two turns, but he's legged up and should prove hard to hold off in the lane. TOM'S LIGHTNING makes his third start off a layoff. Won his comeback but had nothing to offer in the lane against allowance company last time. Meeting much easier band here and should be in contention the whole trip.

### **Third Race: 1.Sand Harbour 2.He Did 3.No Prodigal**

SAND HARBOUR makes his third start after being off for 10 months. Shown improvement since the layoff, running second each time with improved Beyers. Has had six weeks since his last start, but he's worked regularly with solid drills of late. HE DID has run well in his two career starts. Showed enough against maiden claimers in his debut to be boosted into straight maiden company, and he ran third in what wasn't the smoothest of trips. He chased the top pick that day, and he, too, has worked steadily in the interim but not as well timewise. NO PRODIGAL showed a preference for the front end in his starts down south. Has missed by less than a length in his past two starts and now comes north, moving to a new barn for his first race in 10 weeks. Has a pair of works over the track. Rail draw won't change style since he guns early anyway.

### **Fourth Race: 1.Comic Fool 2.McMurtry 3.Ocean Cracker**

It's often said that pace makes the race, and COMIC FOOL is the only true front-runner here. He's won two straight, including a conditioned race at this level last time after breaking his maiden. Sharp, and barn knows how to keep horses going at their best. Has never failed to hit the board and gets the leading rider, who has won 55 percent with trainer at this meet. MCMURTRY is dropping and does have some speed when pushed early. He's got higher Beyers in his past two starts than the top pick as he's chased some very fast fractions. Definite contender who could be favored. OCEAN CRACKER did nothing on an allowance route last time after winning two straight sprints. Will appreciate the return to a sprint here and is running at the lowest level of his career.

### **Fifth Race: 1.Mark Set Go 2. Tripp to Glory 3.Six Cents of Humor**

MARK SET GO heads north for the first time, surfacing at the same level as last time when he was a runner-up routing. He ran second in a sprint prior to that as well. Has enjoyed success sprinting and has a first and third in two tries at this level. Willing to sit a bit off the pace, he finishes nicely and has hit the board in 10 of 13 starts. TRIPP TO GLORY has four works in his seven weeks since raced. The works are spread nicely and he's gone well in his past two works. Should be a good fit at this level, having defeated easier two back and run evenly against better last time. SIX CENTS OF HUMOR has been thought of as more of a rouser than a sprinter. She dropped back into a sprint last time, setting honest fractions in a wire-to-wire effort. She won't have as easy a time up front here, but she does like this track and actually has won nearly half of her career victories at this distance.

### **Sixth Race: 1.I'm a Flyer Too 2.Vindictive Cat 3.Hidden Romance**

I'M A FLYER TOO stretched out for the first time in her last start and responded with the best race of her career. She set the pace but couldn't hold on late. She's worked nicely in the five weeks since her last start, winding up drills with a nice five-furlong bullet. Should improve with that one under her belt as she makes her third start since a layoff. VINDICTIVE CAT sheds the blinkers here. She's hit the board in her past four starts and was favored three times. She was odds-on when she trailed the top pick last time. Nice stalking style keeps her in contention throughout. HIDDEN ROMANCE tries two turns for the first time. Leading rider stays aboard, and the breeding suggests that two turns could be right up her alley. Duelled on a fast pace last time and faded late, but her natural speed could allow her an easy time up front here.

### **Seventh Race: 1.Trick of the North 2.Surf Town 3.Wild Cycle**

TRICK OF THE NORTH ran in a straight claimer at this level last time, finishing nicely to score a game victory. He's back as is runner-up SURF TOWN. This will be his third start following a seven-month layoff, and he has an easy maintenance drill since. Solid runner is 3-for-5 here and placed in eight stakes earlier in his career. Surf Town likes to run up front and was just unable to hold off the top pick last time after being re-claimed by the leading trainer in his previous start. Better on the turf, but has run well on Tapeta. WILD CYCLE has split decisions with Surf Town's entymate Any Wager during this long meet. Won at this level two back as he stalked nicely. Was overmatched last time when he failed at least to hit the board for the first time here.

### **Eighth Race: 1.Haraka Haraka 2.Adulate 3.Flirting for Love**

HARAKA HARAKA has run second, beating a pair of today's rivals each time while running at this level. Likes the lead and seems quick enough to grab it here, although ADULATE has speed himself and has the advantage of being drawn outside his pace rival. Haraka Haraka has produced slightly better numbers. Adulate just won a second-condition race for this tag and makes the logical move of staying at the same level pricewise. He is content to stalk and will have plenty of options drawing outside his primary pace rival. FLIRTING FOR LOVE raced wide against the top pick last time and did make up a bit of ground late. Will want to stay a bit closer here. Has won against open company at this level which should make him a threat here.