

# GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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## **BEST BET: Southern Orchid (3rd race)**

### **First Race: 1. Play Nine 2. Bakers Beach 3. Montana Fields**

PLAY NINE comes off a strong year in which she won six times. She drops back into the claiming ranks today and did score her last win in an optional claimer at this level. She's been consistent of late, but the rail draw does not work in her favor because she doesn't have much early speed. BAKERS BEACH makes her third start following a brief layoff. She's dropping from the same race as the top pick. She set the pace that day after getting off a step slow and couldn't hold late. MONTANA FIELDS ran all right against better after a 10-month layoff. She's been off two months since that try May have had a problem since her comeback but has a pair of decent works coming into this. She, too, is dropping for this and should get a good stalking trip.

### **Second Race: 1. Pure Momentum 2. Unbridled Winner 3. Siberian Punch**

PURE MOMENTUM improved in his second start when stretched out to this distance. Was par of a contentious pace and shook loose in the lane only to fade late. Expect improvement with a two-turn effort under his belt. Has an easy maintenance drill since raced and retains the services of the leading rider. UNBRIDLED WINNER out-finished the top pick last time. He's a veteran router coming off his best effort. Don't expect to see as much improvement as the top pick could show though. SIBERIAN PUNCH is a first-timer who should like the distance. Has a long series of drills and should be fit. Barn knows how to get runners ready and where to spot them.

### **Third Race: 1. Southern Orchid 2. Ballet Ribbons 3. Santa Rosa Creek**

SOUTHERN ORCHID went south and had her lunch handed to her last time. She comes back home and gets a huge class drop. Not only is she dropping, she's appearing in a conditioned heat. Had a 10 1/2-month layoff and should be set for her best now. BALLETT RIBBONS continues her descent down the claiming ladder here. Gets off the rail today, which could help given her lack of early foot. Has pair of decent maintenance drills since her last start. SANTA ROSA CREEK graduated at the bottom level two back and then ran second in her debut against winners, which also came at the bottom level. Take it as a positive that barn is willing to give her a boost up the ladder.

### **Fourth Race: 1. Codi Dee 2. Count Me Twice 3. Here Comes Ray Ray**

CODI DEE has hit the board in her past two starts. The old mare is coming off one of her best races in some time as she has shown steady improvement of late. She's a legitimate contender at this level and has run well here in the past. Could offer a bit of value. COUNT ME TWICE beat the top pick two back, but that win came on the turf. She faded last time after sitting closer than usual. Even though the pace was slow last time, she is better when she sits farther back early. HERE COMES RAY RAY did little here in a prep race following a nearly three-month layoff. Stakes-paced mare seems better around two turns, although she has enjoyed sprint success. Cutting her claiming price in half could prove helpful.

### **Fifth Race: 1. Unbroken Vow 2. Pecan Nut 3. Meisque Party**

UNBROKEN VOW need only repeat either of his past two starts to gain the winner's circle here. Dropped to this bottom level after nearly four months on the sidelines. After a sprint prep, he's hit the board in two starts since stretching out. Has been running in open heats and gets into an easier conditioned contest here. PECAN NUT has been a consistent runner of late. Has some speed but is content to stalk. He's a definite contender who should be in good position turning for home. MEISQUE PARTY is already making his third start of the year, following a two-month layoff. Been going off at boxcars and should be set for his best here after showing improvement in his last start.

### **Sixth Race: 1. Summer Solstice 2. Monkey Boy Jack 3. Strong Belief**

SUMMER SOLSTICE has never failed to pick up a check since beginning sprinting. Just won a conditioned heat against cheaper. Moving up one condition but also moving up the claiming ladder. Wound up on the lead last time after sitting close to some quick runners in his recent starts. MONKEY BOY JACK is also coming off a victory. He won a conditioned heat at this level and moves up one condition. Rallied late despite a bumping incident and was flaying at the wire. STRONG BELIEF is stepping up here. He won a conditioned heat at the bottom level in his debut here. Ran for that same bottom-level tag last time but against open company. Should be a factor in the lane.

### **Seventh Race: 1. Hunter Creek 2. Moscato 3. Mt. Orient**

HUNTER CREEK loves this track. He's scored two wins and run second twice in four starts here. Will be stepping up after unleashing a strong kick while racing wide last time. Has a pair of decent drills in the month since his last start. MOSCATO had a two-race win streak snapped last time when he moved up to this level last time. Granted, that loss came on the turf, but one of his wins in that mini streak came on the turf as well. Has a stalking style that always has him in contention. MT. ORIENT moves from one good barn to another here after running third as the favorite last time when he lost to the second choice. New barn wins 40 percent and shows a flat-bet profit in the first start off a claim.

### **Eighth Race: 1. Imadethecashcall 2. Vindictive Cat 3. Nipsys Real Joy**

IMADETHECASHCALL makes her Nocal debut after being claimed for twice this price in her last start. Won two straight before holding second last time out at Hollywood Park. Has been working down south for the leading barn, which is never afraid to lose a runner when it can get a win. Works suggest she should be live here. VINDICTIVE CAT is also cutting his claiming price in half as she returns from a nearly two-month break. Has worked well in the interim, and leading rider takes the call again. NIPSYS REAL JOY dropped to this level last time and was gaining late even though her rider dropped his whip. She's run twice for this tag with a win and a second.