

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Young Paris (1st race)

First Race: 1. Young Paris 2. Jules J 3. Moon Quist Rose

YOUNG PARIS is no Blind Luck, but she isn't bad for leading trainer Jerry Hollendorfer. She opened her career with three straight victories and then ran third to the talented Antares World in the California Oaks in her first try around two turns. She was shuffled back approaching the quarter pole but showed some determination to pass a couple runners in the lane as Antares World and Fashion Trend ran away from the field. There's no one like that here. **JULES J** beat similar by 15 on the turf. Like the top pick, she gets to run in this allowance condition again because she's a Cal-bred. Unlucky to lose her last when she got the lead in the lane but was nipped in the final stride at 1-to-2. **MOON QUIST ROSE** has shown improvement in her past two starts and may prefer the main track to the turf.

Second Race: 1. Steamy Story 2. Rocky Road 3. Switzerland

Excuse the last by **STEAMY STORY**, who prefers sprinting to routing, particularly on the turf. His recent sprint form is good, and he drops into a nice spot here. Note that he won his last start for this tag. Has a win and a second to a next-out winner in his past two sprints here. **ROCKY ROAD** turned in a solid try sprinting last time after a pair of turf routes. Past classer cuts his claiming price in half as he surfaces at the bottom level for the first time. Ran evenly while a bit wide in a fast heat last time. **SWITZERLAND** likes the track and distance, and he likes to win. Has 11 career victories and ran all right last time after being re-claimed in his previous start. Has enough speed that rail draw shouldn't be a drawback.

Third Race: 1. Lookn Even Finer 2. Marycrest 3. Mon in the Moon

LOOKN EVEN FINER is the lone winner in this solid maiden heat. She won sprinting last out when the odds-on favorite, but she was a little too aggressive, bumping a rival as she was boxed in and broke out of the trap. This is her first try around two turns, but the breeding suggests she'll handle the assignment fine. Rail draw will allow her to save ground as she races as a pace factor. **MARYCREST** has been a runner-up in both starts here after debuting at Emerald Downs. Had the lead in the lane before settling for second on the turf last time. She will likely prefer the main track. **MON IN THE MOON** improved in her second start when stretched out last time. She ran third behind the second choice on the turf. Will need more improvement, but there's no reason she can't move forward again.

Fourth Race: 1. Mamoonya 2. Blue Suede Hooves 3. Desert Eagle

MAMOONYA was claimed two back when the odds-on pick at this level. Ran evenly in a stalking position last time but showed little in the lane. Dropping back to the level where he was claimed and will appreciate the cheaper and conditioned company. May get a bit more pace to run at here. **BLUE SUEDE HOOVES** ran second in his lone start at this distance. His sprint form is good, and his late-running sprint style should translate nicely here. **DESERT EAGLE** steps up here after winning at this distance for this tag last time. Moving up one condition, but this is his preferred distance, having scored both career wins at it even though breeding might suggest otherwise.

Fifth Race: 1. Drink At Last Call 2. Karmalize 3. Three Quarter Tout

Although he doesn't have the highest Beyer, **DRINK AT LAST CALL** seems to have several things going for him as he comes north for a sharp Social trainer. First two starts have been good as he's hit the board both times. Stretching out, but the breeding suggests he'll appreciate the added distance. Regular rider comes with him which suggest both the barn and rider think he has some talent. **KARMALIZE** was sitting in good position in his last start but came up empty in the lane, disappointing as the odds-on pick on the turf. Missed by a head in his first try around two turns here. Though he regressed a bit last time, he didn't run that badly and can bounce back here. **THREE QUARTER TOUT** finished well in his first try around two turns last time. His closing charge fell a nose short of second, but he blew right past the second choice and could show improvement again today.

Sixth Race: 1. Suzettes Friend 2. Joyous Event 3. Flying Home

SUZETTES FRIEND returns to the sprint game here as she runs for a tag for the first time in her career. Has been running in optional claimers at twice this level. Has met some tough ones in her two sprints against winners, losing both times to next-out winners, one of whom is a stakes winner. **JOYOUS EVENT** never got into the race last time in a start allowance heat after running second at the level in her first start against winners. Dropping into a conditioned claiming heat here, but it's hard to tell how much that may mean since sometime the starter allowance races aren't particularly tough. **FLYING HOME** was off for 19 months and came north where she ran at the bottom level and scored a win in her comeback. She faded a bit after running faster early in her second start at this level and wound up second. She is capable of more improvement here.

Seventh Race: 1. Posse Power 2. Dixie Commander 3. Very Fair

POSSE POWER makes his first start against winners today. He has shown steady improvement in each of his four career starts while hitting the board each time. Impressive effort last time as he sat closer to faster fractions and still finished better. Today he also has the challenge of stretching out for the first time. **DIXIE COMMANDER** also graduate last time in his fourth start, and it was also his best effort yet. The difference between him and the top pick is that his win came around two turns on the turf. He set a pressured pace but opened in the lane and was not seriously threatened. **VERY FAIR** has already won at this level, but he takes advantage of his Cal-bred status to run at this level again. Ran third last time in his first try around two turns and has worked steadily since then.

Eighth Race: 1. Potluck Prize 2. Funky Chanteal 3. Kentucky Outing

POTLUCK PRIZE makes her third start and drops to the bottom level after being off for 10 months following a claim. Has run all right in her first two starts, hitting the board both times and showing improvement in the second start. Barn is good at playing racetrack poker, and that's what it's doing here with the leading rider taking the call. **FUNKY CHANTEAL** has a win and two seconds in her past three starts. The most recent second came after a 6 1/2-month layoff. She tired a bit late but held gamely for second. If that didn't take too much out of her, she figures to be a major player here. **KENTUCKY OUTING** makes a quick turnaround here after running at Los Al last week. She barely qualifies for this heat, having won her last two days before the cutoff. That is sometimes a tipoff that can lead to a nice payout.