

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Date With Fate (1st race)

First Race: 1.Date With Fate 2.Gorgeous Gibson 3.Miner Pic

DATE WITH FATE is bidding for a hat trick here. She's won two straight conditioned heats at this level and moves into open company now. Has decent speed but will likely sit in a good stalking position. Past classer likes this track, especially with the softer company she's been facing. GORGEOUS GIBSON likes the front end. There's other speed in this race, but she's got the outside draw which means she should get an advantage. MINER PIC will be sitting back early. She'll be hoping for a contentious pace duel that will set up her late charge. Beat better two races back.

Second Race: 1.Skippy Due 2.Starcast 3.Seeingsbelieving

SKIPPY DUE returns north after running a good race while finishing fourth for this tag last October. Won at this level when he returned to Southern California but faded vs. better last time. Has an easy work over the track here as he drops back to his winning level. STARCAST is better on the turf, but his recent tries on the main track have been good efforts. He's hooked some toughies so his form may not look that good, but this may not be quite as tough a heat. Has a solid maintenance drill since his last start. SEEINGSBELIEVING won his past two main-track starts here, beating easier. Tried allowance company on turf last time and found it too tough. Race wasn't that bad, and he should fit well here, although he's meeting tougher than the runners he beat.

Third Race: 1.Dance Chief 2.Mark the Bench 3.Ginello

DANCE CHIEF grabbed the lead in the lane going longer last time but was outfinished in a race at this level. He handles the Tapeta surface nicely and can take advantage of his rail draw to save ground here. Should be ready to fire in the lane and should be in good position to avoid trouble. MARK THE BENCH stretches out again today. He's won at this distance on turf and has hit the board in all three starts on the main track here. Outside draw will be no problem for him with his early foot. GINELLO has three works since his debut against winners down south. He has put things together of late, and, although the most inexperienced of these runners, he seems to have potential to improve.

Fourth Race: 1.Wicked Cash 2.Roaring to Go 3.Check Out the Cat

WICKED CASH has been sprinting well but tried to stretch out last time. Stopped badly and was eased, but he's back at his best game now, and he drops to the bottom level. He looks tough to catch off his previous two sprint tries. ROARING TO GO showed good improvement in his last start when he was caught late. Has a pair of maintenance drills to keep his condition and is getting a weight break with an apprentice who has been riding well. CHECK OUT THE CAT returns after nearly 11 months on the sidelines. Blinkers are added here. Getting a big drop but ran well in both career starts last year, and he has worked well for his return.

Fifth Race: 1.Flier Money 2.Six Pack Man 3.Halo's Highway

FLIER MONEY makes his third start following 14 months on the sidelines. He continues his drop down the class ladder but has shown enough to be worth a long look here. Had minor problems last time but should get a clean trip here. Expect that he'll offer a little value, too. SIX PACK MAN has been favored in his past four starts. He's run second his past three outs and lost a four-way photo prior to that. He's run second in his two tries at this level and condition and is an obvious contender again. HALO'S HIGHWAY woke up when sent to Oregon, possible because he was running against much cheaper. Nibbled in the bottom maiden claiming level here, and he seems to be improved now.

Sixth Race: 1.Phantom Warrior 2.Irish Harmony 3.King of Bling

PHANTOM WARRIOR returned to Northern California last time and dropped to this level for the first time. He set the pad early and held second early while returning to route competition. Has a very nice work since then and expect a similar, if not improved, effort today. Won't be able to slow things down as he did last time, but he can go faster comfortably. IRISH HARMONY has been a consistent check earner here and drops to the bottom level for the first time. Has a nice style, sitting in good position throughout and usually finishing all right in the lane. Will appreciate the easier company here. KING OF BLING is just 1-for-29 and that win came on the turf. He's on an uptick while returning to the main track and running for this tag of late. Note that he's dropping back into a conditioned race after running in an open race last time.

Seventh Race: 1.Markus D. 2. Penny Do Right 3.Olympic Street

MARKUS D. was unlucky to lose last time as he dropped to this level for the first time. He stalked nicely, took over in the lane and was nissped in the final stride. Has a pair of maintenance drills since then and may not get caught this time. PENNY DO RIGHT closed nicely to be third, a neck behind the top pick last time. Has been closing stoutly his past pair but hasn't shown much speed and needs a little help or a little luck to get up. OLYMPIC STREET makes his third start following a brief freshener. Sat close to a slow pace last time and did lead in the lane. He's cutting back in distance and should be a factor in the lane.

Eighth Race: 1.Takehome Asouvenir 2.Single Reason 3.Streakin' Mohican

TAKEHOME ASOUVENIR has hit the board in each career start, Coupled here with Winner in Overtime, he's proven more consistent than his entymate, who is cutting back in distance to a sprint. Takehome Asouvenir has good stalking speed and has turned in some solid, even efforts after being caught wide his past two trips. Note that he's drawn to the outside again today. SINGLE REASON has won three of his four starts and finished second the other time. He's worked his way up from the bottom maiden claiming level and was claimed in his last start. Makes his debut for new barn that has given him three decent works. STREAKIN' MOHICAN looked good last fall when he broke his maiden in impressive style. But he quickly dropped into the claiming ranks. He ran away from cheapies last time and could prove tough on the lead here.

Ninth Race: 1.Driveliketiger 2.Spirit to Win 3.Crazy Good

DRIVELIKETIGER comes north for the first time and drops into an easy, claim-proof spot. Qualifies for this because he ran for a tag as a maiden. He turned in a strong effort going down the hill on the turf at Santa Anita last time. Returns to the main track here and might prove too quick for these. He's never finished off the board and looms a legitimate contender here. SPIRIT TO WIN has a win and a second in his two tries for a tag here. He showed some improvement last time when he graduated. Outside draw will keep him out of trouble, and he has the speed to get a good stalking position. CRAZY GOOD ran second for a tag in his debut down south. He came north and beat a straight maiden band in his second start while showing improvement. Has worked steadily in the five weeks since his last start and seems capable of improvement.