

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Amore Di Aleyna (1st race)

First Race: 1. Amore Di Aleyna 2. Aerial Storm 3. Dipsea Demon

AMORE DI ALEYNA seems to have several advantages coming into this heat. He's been meeting better and gets a drop after a solid victory. He's also the only runner in here that has beaten winners. Has nice outside draw and should be able to sit where he wants. AERIAL STORM is another dropper here. He graduated at this distance on the turf and has never failed to pick up a check at this distance. DIPSEA DEMON is getting an even bigger drop than the top pair. Was able to get something of a stalking trip last time before fading. Though he was never in contention last time, a similar effort here will have him in contention into the lane.

Second Race: 1. Snow Seeker 2. Victorious Love 3. Song of Sabia

SNOW SEEKER broke slowly from the rail in her debut but finished strong, missing by only a neck. She's had four works in the six weeks since that effort and is getting off the rail here. Hails from a high-percentage barn and gets the leading rider to take the call again. VICTORIOUS LOVE showed big improvement in her last start while recording the highest Beyer of any of these. Grabbed the lead in the lane after rallying a bit wide. She got caught late but was never challenged for second. Note she trailed the top pick in her previous start. SONG OF SABIA has never missed a check at this level, twice hitting the board although her Beyers have been sliding downward.

Third Race: 1. Platinum Stiletto 2. The Cat Is Loose 3. Jane N Ali

PLATINUM STILETTO ran above her condition last time out and cuts her claiming price in half while also moving to the nonwinners-of-two level. She simply didn't fire last time, which explains the drop here. This is a much softer field so even the last race looks good against this bunch, and she is capable of better. THE CAT IS LOOSE missed by a nose when sprinting in her last start at this level. Probably better as a late-running sprinter, even though that style is not all that productive, but she can handle two turns with ease. Rail draw will allow her to save ground as she reaches contention in the lane. JANE N ALI dropped to this level last time and made a good move into the lane before hanging late. Still, she was nine lengths in front of the third-place finisher.

Fourth Race: 1. Smoken West 2. Phoebe's Tune 3. Natpolean

SMOKEN WEST has run third in both career starts, showing mild improvement in her second start. She is a stalker type who should be nicely placed while taking advantage of her strategic outside draw. PHOEBE'S TUNE comes north and adds blinkers for her first start since last June. She was running at the bottom level down south so the drop may not be as significant as it appears on paper. Missed a couple works early last month but seems to have plenty of bottom for trainer that wins a high percentage with newcomers. NATPOLEAN has been the runner-up in all three career starts here. She makes her first start in 51 weeks but wound up preparations for her comeback with a slow but nonetheless bullet work at six furlongs.

Fifth Race: 1. One's Own Accord 2. Memorial Way 3. Milans Sun

ONE'S OWN ACCORD has run second in all three starts at this distance this year, including last time with an improved try at this level. Need only repeat his last to win here, but he could show improvement. Sat closer to a faster pace last time and still finished strong. MEMORIAL WAY gets a significant drop into the claiming ranks for the first time. Has met some good ones since winning his debut and could have too much class for this field. Barn is not shy about dropping horses to spots where they can win, even \$275,000 purchases like this one. MILANS SUN just chased the top pick in his first two-turn try on the main track. Had tried distance once on the turf, fading badly late on a surface he didn't seem to like. Has an easy maintenance drill since raced.

Sixth Race: 1. Perfect Hostess 2. Naturally Perfect 3. Janzig Moon

PERFECT HOSTESS has been the runner-up as the odds-on favorite in her past three starts. Prior to that, she scored three straight wins as the favorite. Seems to have settled in at this level and she's held the lead at some point in each of her three runner-up finishes. The positive: you know she'll be a viable contender. The negative: you know she'll be overbet. NATURALLY PERFECT could combine with the top pick as a perfect pairing in exactas or quinellas. Stakes-placed mare drops a notch here and should be a factor with her stalking speed. Has aq solid half-mile work since raced. JANZIG MOON was a stakes runner in 2006 before going to the sidelines for almost 2 1/2 years. Getting a big drop here for her comeback following a nine-month layoff. Turf specialist did win her only start at this distance.

Seventh Race: 1. Dean 2. Contessa's Image 3. Shadow Lake

DEAN drops into the claiming ranks for the first time. She's shown mild improvement in each start. Hooked a top-notch runner in her last start. Worked well since that race and should enjoy today's easier company. First-timer CONTESSA'S IMAGE is by an OK debut sire and out of a stakes-placed dam. Like the way she's wound up her preparations for her debut with two very nice works. Hasn't missed a beat leading up to her first start. SHADOW LAKE drops a notch today after being favored in her first two starts. She's a stalker but didn't show as much early foot last time and didn't close as well.

Eighth Race: 1. Play Nine 2. Wavy Lass 3. Adonia

PLAY NINE moves from one good barn to another after being claimed for this tag. Was the third head in a three-way photo last time, rallying wide after being shuffled back from the rail. Has picked up a check in each start here and should be a major factor in the lane. WAVY LASS is really better on the turf and will use this race as a prep as she cranks up for the upcoming turf season. She beat bettr at this distance last year and gets to run under the allowance condition here even though she's scored a first-level allowance victory because she's a Cal-bred. ADONIA returned from an eight-month layoff and ran fifth against a decent field at this level last time. That fifth was the only off-the-board finish in her brief career. She's worked nicely since, including a brisk five-furlong work that earned her a bullet as the morning's best. Note that she showed improvement and won the second start of her career last year.

Ninth Race: 1. Stylin Cat 2. Super Harmony 3. Alottadar

STYLIN CAT was claimed out of her last race by a high-percentage barn. She ran second that day to SUPER HARMONY after having defeated him in their previous start. Has won two of his three starts over the Tapeta here, finishing second in the other one. Has easy work for new barn that wins 36 percent the first race off a claim. Super Harmony holds a 2-to-1 advantage over the top pick, having also defeated him once down south. Picks up the leading rider today, while the jockey that rode him to victory last time moves over to the top pick. Has a similar style as the top pick, and they should be eyeballing each other all the way. ALOTTADAR is a consistent sorth that has hit the board in all three starts this year. Past classer has earned over \$200K and has run second in all three starts for this rider.