

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Mad for Candy (2nd race)

First Race: 1.Chulihma 2.Tip Toe Topper 3.Panchos Trickstar

CHULIHMA made a vast improvement in graduating last time. Though she has only a maiden victory on her resume, she is dropping for this. Should be able to get a good stalking trip, and rail draw doesn't hurt at all with the quick run to the turn. Plus, she's sure to offer a lot more value than TIP TOE TOPPER, who is coupled with Jay's Island. Tip Toe Topper is the logical choice here and is one of only two, along with PANCHOS TRICKSTAR, to have beaten winners. Hit the board in three of four starts at this distance. Ran fourth as the favorite last time from the rail where she got bogged down a little bit. Draws rail again here. May sit back a little farther today. CRAZY THINKING ran evenly in a sprint prep at high odds. She drops and moves to a surface and distance she should appreciate. Value makes her worth a long look.

Second Race: 1.Mad for Candy 2.Flyinthepolarroute 3.Crazy Thinking

MAD FOR CANDY has run second in both starts since coming north. The first was in a sprint and the last one came with a good stalking trip as she stretched out and tried turf for the first time. Should improve off that effort, and barn does show a profit on the turf. FLYINTHEPOLARROUTE has had a number of chances. She seems to like turf and has hit the board in three of four starts at this distance. Ran fourth as the favorite last time from the rail where she got bogged down a little bit. Draws rail again here. May sit back a little farther today. CRAZY THINKING ran evenly in a sprint prep at high odds. She drops and moves to a surface and distance she should appreciate. Value makes her worth a long look.

Third Race: 1.Backbackbackgone 2.Revoluta 3.Free Action

Trainer Peter Miller has been looking for just the right spot for BACKBACKBACKGONE and settles on this one for his multiple stakes winner. This is a prep for the Sunshine Millions, but it's also a perfect spot for the colt who has won three of four career starts. Blinkers go on, not so much to add speed as to add focus, and the move has worked in drills as the colt has run straight and finished nicely. REVOLUTA was an easy winner in his debut, and the \$130,000 yearling purchase could be any kind. Has not been rushed back and has four solid works since his debut win. He's likely to grab the lead here early, and he could prove tough to catch. FREE ACTION is 2-for-2 against easier. Stalked as he won a starter-allowance heat with a game effort here last time. Has worked nicely in the nearly seven weeks since that start. All three of his siblings are winners.

Fourth Race: 1.Apollo Gal 2.Out of Seattle 3.Mother Bronson

APOLLO GAL, part of a solid entry with Watch This Gal, returns to sprinting here. She is anything but a win machine, hitting the board in four of five starts in a winless 2008. She has three seconds and a pair of thirds in six starts here. Finished well going a mile last time but may be better as a late-running sprinter. OUT OF SEATTLE has a two-race win streak snapped last time. Wins came at the lowest possible level, and she got a big race last time, running well while finishing fourth, beaten only a length. She's running at the lowest possible level now and could wind up favored. MOTHER BRONSON has also won two of her past three starts and comes off a six-length victory for this tag last time. Moves up one condition, but is a solid fit here.

Fifth Race: 1.Alabama Boy 2.Gambling Man 3.Kalookan Storm

ALABAMA BOY ran big in his turf debut, closing nicely for second two back. Sat closer to a faster pace when running a mile against better on the main track last time and faded so expect to see him sitting back more here and unleashing a strong closing kick. GAMBLING MAN was sent north, then was stretched out for his turf debut. Like the top pick, he, too, closed nicely to be second in a race at this level. Breeding wasn't that strong for turf, but he handled the surface quite nicely. KALOOKAN STORM trailed the top pick in his turf debut and set the pace before hanging late when he beat him on the main track last time. Added blinkers that day and certainly shouldn't be overlooked with his rail draw ensuring a ground-saving trip.

Sixth Race: 1.Pointe Du Hoc 2.Old Mason 3.Sword Beach

POINTE DU HOC really woke up last time in his third start. He'd shown speed in his previous start but stopped on the proverbial dime. He set the pace and held on much better last time. Has worked nicely since and adds blinkers here for barn that win 23 percent when putting blinkers on for the first time and shows an overall profit with the blinkers-on move. OLD MASON has turned in the most consistent efforts of this group. Found himself on the lead when favored last time and tired. Should get his preferred stalking trip here. SWORD BEACH showed improvement last time with a nice stalking trip and good move into the lane. Finished all right despite hanging a bit and did place in front of the top pick.

Seventh Race: 1.Don Elias M.2.Castle Dermot 3.Saipan

DON ELIAS M. is a game runner, who made the transition from low-level starter allowance company to a victory for this tag following a six-week layoff. He hasn't been rushed back and will be trying to match his 2008 form when he won five of seven starts and never finished off the board. Has a good stalking style and finishes well. Likes track and distance. CASTLE DERMOT dropped to this level last time and was a solid second, finishing strong after sitting back early. Though he's winless here, he's usually a factor, and barn seems to have found a good level for him. SAIPAN returns from a nine-month break. He has talent and was stakes-placed in his third start. Won his debut and has trained well for his comeback. He runs well fresh and should make an impact in the lane.

Eighth Race: 1.Hotrod Kelly 2.Alpine Yodel 3.Bright Moon

HOTROD KELLY does her best running on the turf and has won five of nine starts at this distance. Although she has scored an allowance victory, she's probably better suited for claimers. Ran third as the favorite in her return to the turf last time after being force wide. ALPINE YODEL is sharp and seems evenly matched with the top pick. She has more speed, and the two have split decisions in their past two meetings. Both of her turf victories have come here and she comes off a pair of runner-up efforts, just failing to hold last time when she set the pace as the favorite. BRIGHT MOON is a Social invader whose last victory came at this distance. Dropping a notch here as she makes her second start following a six-week freshener. Has an easy maintenance drill since that start.

Ninth Race: 1.Really Magical 2.American Avenue 3.Light Whitening

REALLY MAGICAL ran twice in a pair of two-furlong races last spring and was never really a factor. She had excuses in both outings, getting bumped at the break in her debut and breaking in a tangle and veering in the second time. Works are decent for comeback and like the fact she's gone six furlongs. Barn doesn't win often but lights up the toteboard when it does and switches to its No. 1 rider here. AMERICAN AVENUE has been the runner-up in her past two starts while outrunning her odds. Lack of early foot is her biggest drawback, but she has showed improvement in every start. LIGHT WHITENING is a first-timer that may have a bit of zip. Go back to the Nov. 23 drill and check the three-furlong bullet work where she was flying. Also won up works with a solid half-mile gate drill. First-year sire is 1-for-9 with his debut runners.