

# GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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## **BEST BET: *Pretty Katherine* (7th race)**

### **First Race: 1.Global Starter 2.Pure Silver 3.Gambling Man**

GLOBAL STARTER has shown he can sprint, hitting the board in his past two starts. Stretching out here, and seems up for the challenge, breeding wise. He has stalked during even sprint efforts and should be able to get a perfect trip here, on the lead if he wishes or close to it if he prefers. Trainer-jockey combo shows profit together. PURE SILVER is a Social import as is Topanga Love, who will also receive some support here. Hasn't threatened at distance but has run credibly enough to be considered a contender as he comes north and drops. GAMBLING MAN was a runner-up at the distance on turf and had a troubled trip in the lane in another turf start at this level and distance. Faded against straight maiden company last time, but the job is easier here today.

### **Second Race: 1.Telepathic 2.City Blend 3.Thefourofus**

TELEPATHIC just won by seven lonely lengths for this tag at the second condition after losing by a nose. He's found the right level, and he should be able to handle this condition if he repeats his past two efforts. Good speed, doesn't need lead and can sit where he wants with this outside draw. CITY BLEND is also coming off a victory at the second condition. Prior to that he was the distant runner-up to the top pick. He's another solid performer at this level, earning a check in each of four starts since his graduation. THEFOUROFUS makes his third start after six months on the sidelines. He's showing improvement but gets a big step up here.

### **Third Race: 1.Elegant Miss 2.Tierra Del Feugo 3.Mama Lor**

ELEGANT MISS has picked up a small check in each of her first three starts. She comes north in search of that elusive diploma. Failed as a favorite when dropped into a claimer off a six-week break last time, but she was running at a tough distance and did have some problems early. Showed improvement in her second career start and should show similar improvement today off her layoff. TIERRA DEL FEUGO closed nicely in a sprint debut, but she was bred to route and will get her chance here. Has easy half-mile maintenance work since her debut, and barn show flat-bet profit on the stretchout. MAMA LOR showed improvement in each start down south, turning in her best effort when stretched out for the first time. Not running for a tag here as she did in her last start down south, but she is a contender off that race.

### **Fourth Race: 1.Meetyouatyogi's 2.Chulihma 3.Summer Day**

MEETYOUATYOGI'S is a Social speedster, who comes north, drops in against easier and gets a perfect outside draw. Had tendency to fade down south, but easier competition may let her keep going. She's the one they'll have to catch. CHULIHMA is the lone member of this cast with two victories. She steps up here after scoring back-to-back wins, winning last time despite getting away poorly from the rail. The better post draw to the outside should help. SUMMER DAY won at first asking and came back with a solid effort to be second against better in her debut against winners. She has a bit of speed but may not be as quick as the top pick.

### **Fifth Race: 1.Betterwinsome 2.Quan's Girl 3.Bien Amour**

BETTERWINSOME has four straight exacta finishes. She ran second against open company at this level last time after winning at the second condition in her previous start. Has been content to stalk of late but does have enough speed to sit wherever she wants. She's at the top of her game right now. QUAN'S GIRL couldn't match the top pick three back, but she dropped and scored a nice second followed by a win after that. She's another sharp runner, who was competitive against better early in her career. Has a pair of maintenance works since her victory and is, at the very least, a strong contender in exotics. BIEN AMOUR steps up after being claimed as a winning favorite last time in her first start at this distance. She will use her speed to advantage from the rail.

### **Sixth Race: 1.North of Time 2.Preacherboys Prize 3.Really Surprised**

NORTH OF TIME has shown steady improvement throughout his brief career. Seems to prefer two turns and just ran second when dropped to this level. Need only repeat his last, but he seems capable of showing more improvement again today after a pair of decent maintenance works since his last start. PREACHERBOYS PRIZE did little on the turf in his debut but showed improvement in his second start when shifted to Tapeta. Has nice stalking style and would be able to finish better with two races under his belt. REALLY SURPRISED got caught by the top pick last time as he made his first start in six weeks. Check out the rider switch. Downside is that you aren't likely to get double-digit odds here.

### **Seventh Race: 1.Pretty Katherine 2. Tops Image 3.Congo Kaye**

PRETTY KATHERINE has met better, setting the pace in a graded route stakes on the turf and then running second to a sharp horse in a sprint stakes here, since her graduation. There appears to be some talent in this field, but she may have an edge on talent as well as current form. Has hit the board in all three sprint starts. TOPS IMAGE has never failed to hit the board in her career. She ran second at this level last time in her first try against winners. Been off nearly six weeks but has worked steadily in the interim. CONGO KAYE adds blinkers after a disappointing comeback. She won her debut in a stakes and then ran second in a stakes before going to the sidelines last year. Never got involved in her comeback, but she can improve here.

### **Eighth Race: 1.Britney Heat 2.Nina Win 3.Heart's Music**

BRITNEY HEAT bids for a repeat here after winning at this level last time. A victory would be her third straight at this level, and she gets the rider her guided her to both victories. Equally at home on the lead or stalking, which gives rider plenty of options. NINA WIN drops for this. She was claimed from a win for this tag last fall and has met better ever since. Been running well enough so that drop could be all she needs to return to the winner's circle. HEART'S MUSIC brings in similar credentials as her top rivals. She also won her last start for this tag. She's dropping for this and could wake up here. Lack of speed no help, but her closing kick makes her one not to be missed in exotics.