

# GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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## **BEST BET: I'm All Out (4th race)**

### **First Race: 1.Mind the Ladies 2.Ishmael 3.Skipshot**

MIND THE LADIES looked good winning his debut. He turned in a professional effort despite breaking slowly from the rail. He was boxed in on the turn but was able to stick his head in front in the lane and was inching away late. Has worked twice since then, including a nice five-furlong bullet drill. Should appreciate getting off the rail. Should improve, but there's always the question of what did he beat. ISHMAEL comes north with stablemate Thomas Baines, who is running in the Derby. Making his first start in three months after being claimed. Works are good, and barn shows a flat-bet profit off the claim. SKIPSHOT graduated in his first start in nearly six months while resurfacing in the leading barn. He also ran second here in his debut last year. Has a pair of nice maintenance drills and did run big last time.

### **Second Race: 1.Sky Chief 2.Lethargic 3.See Zo Go**

SKY CHIEF ran all right in his first start in six months, tiring a bit late. He was favored, and the runner that beat him, Skipshot, runs in today's opener. What you learn from that race won't help in the early double but could offer a hint what to expect here. Blinkers come off and so does the leading rider. The leading rider winds up on LETHARGIC, whom he also rode last time. Gelding adds blinkers here. Stalked last time while wide and should be so far out this time. SEE ZO GO has earned checks in both career starts. He was claimed when he went off at 1-to-2 in his debut, returning two months later in a straight maiden race. Had a ton of trouble in that race and has worked nicely since. Might be an interesting value play.

### **Third Race: 1.Time to Honor 2.Victory Trail 3.I Am Thor**

TIME TO HONOR has won 15 times, including his past two starts. Running for the allowance condition here and last win came when offered for this tag. Is at the top of his game right now and has a strong work since raced. He likes the lead, but was pressured all the way last before pulling away in the lane. VICTORY TRAIL has routed well during his career. Is coming off a runner-up finish against a good field at this level. He'll sit back early, save ground along the rail and come flying late. I AM THOR was the runner-up to the top pick last time. Has never won at this distance but has twice suffered nose defeats on turf and Tapeta at the distance.

### **Fourth Race: 1.I'm All Out 2.Zephaniah 3.Shadarockem**

I'M ALL OUT makes his third start after 19 months on the sidelines. He's turned in two decent efforts, earning checks against better. He's dropped to the bottom level here as he makes a money run. Has a nice half-mile work since raced, which is usually an indication that leading trainer has him going in good form. ZEPHANIAH continues his descent down the claiming ladder, reaching the bottom rung today. Showed improvement on the drop last time, rallying wide and finishing all right. SHADAROCKEM is bidding for a hat trick here. Graduated at the bottom level two back and won a conditioned race for this tag after a two-month freshener. Still running in the conditioned ranks at the lowest level for him. Has hit the board in all three tries at this distance.

### **Fifth Race: 1.Penny Do Right 2.Ra'a Action 3.Taylor Mountain**

PENNY DO RIGHT has been right there in his most recent efforts, losing photos in each of his past two races. Last time he put his head in front in the lane and battled on gamely before losing by a head while finishing five in front of the third-place finisher. Prior to that he was the third head in a photo after a wide trip. Sits back early and makes his presence felt in the lane but needs to finish a little stronger. RA'A ACTION has been the runner-up in his past two starts, dropping to this bottom level last time. Has a bit of seconditis with four seconds from his nine starts and three seconds from his six starts here. Obviously a contender, he's shown gradual improvement of late. TAYLOR MOUNTAIN has finished behind the second choice in two of his past four starts. Sat a bit closer last time and still finished all right going longer.

### **Sixth Race: 1.Bruno's Wager 2.Summer Excess 3.Smarter Temper**

BRUNO'S WAGER has hit the board in all three career starts and comes off his best effort yet. Son of an unraced but productive dam, he has three winning siblings. Shows good speed, and outside draw will make him more effective in this spot. SUMMER EXCESS flashed speed in his debut before finishing second. Barn must have like what it saw since it boosts him up from the claiming ranks here. Leading rider stays aboard. Has a workmanlike maintenance drill since his debut and is eligible to improve. SMARTER TEMPER ran third in his debut, trailing Skipshot, who runs in today's first race. Sky Chief, who also ran in that race, is in today's second race so upgrade him if they both do well.

### **Seventh Race: 1.Connemara 2.Ranger Heartley 3.Posse Power**

CONNEMARA was an odds-on pick last time in the California Derby. He challenged game pacesetter RANGER HEARTLEY but could not reel him in as he suffered his first career loss. He galloped out strong after the race under the leading rider, who said he probably needed the race after an in-week break. Has worked steadily since and has plenty of credentials to suggest he can turn the tables this time. Added distance will only help him. Ranger Heartley won his first start after being claimed. Barn has decided that he needs to be on the lead, and he relaxed nicely after assuming command here last time. He gets very brave up front and will be tough to overhaul. The top two picks are the only Triple Crown nominees in the field, but the race has a number of improving runners. POSSE POWER has never finished off the board and has won his past two starts, getting up in the final jump when stretched out for the first time in his last start. Haimish Hy also comes off an impressive win, but he may be better on turf. Thomas Baines ran third in the California Derby, making up ground late, and multiple stakes winner Our Minesweeper seems capable of better.

### **Eighth Race: 1.Dream Nettie 2.Cahill Country 3.Memorial Way**

DREAM NETTIE won her debut here last August and then went down south. He returned here last time, losing a photo to Posse Power, who competed in the El Camino Real Derby in the previous race. Has a nice stalking style and has a pair of works over the track for the leading barn. CAHILL COUNTRY is at his best running on the turf. He faded to last in the California Derby in his last start but stayed close most of the way before fading late. Easier company today should make him more of a factor. MEMORIAL WAY won his debut, hooked turf specialist Haimish Hy, another El Camino Real Derby entrant, in his second start and was third behind the top pick last time. He can handle the distance and seems to be improving.

### **Ninth Race: 1.Sum R Rich 2.Roaring to Go 3.Security Officer**

SUM R RICH is a nibbler, earning checks in his past seven starts and hitting the board in six of nine lifetime tries. Has been the runner-up in his past two starts and should get a clean trip with his outside draw. Best of all, he should offer some value. ROARING TO GO has begun to figure things out and has run better in his past two starts. Draws the rail here but has enough speed that he shouldn't be adversely affected. Has a pair of decent works since raced, which suggests the improvement can continue. SECURITY OFFICER is by a good debut sire and does have a bullet work at this distance. Both his siblings have won, including the younger Radiohead who is already a Grade 2 winner.