

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Brave William (4th race)

First Race: 1. Dance to My Lou 2. Out of Seattle 3. Maryalice Indallas

DANCE TO MY LOU just missed a hat trick by a nose last time when she was favored against better. She drops a notch today and also into a conditioned heat. With her speed, she can sit where she wants. She has done nothing wrong since coming north and could well return to the winner's circle for the third time in four starts here. OUT OF SEATTLE has won two straight at the bottom levels of competition. She, too, has run her best here. This is a big step up, but she's extremely sharp right now. MARYALICE INDALLAS is lightly raced with her debut in June 2007 and second start this April. She is perfect, and, obviously runs well fresh. Was claimed for \$4,000 in April so like the positive placement for her comeback.

Second Race: 1. Formally Yours 2. Newmoneyspentwell 3. Smokinjomoko

FORMALLY YOURS has run well here this meet, hitting the board in all three starts and breaking her maiden. Tried two turns for the first time in her last start and ran second after leading in the lane in a race that also marked her turf debut. She's put in a pair of maintenance drills since and will be quite happy returning to the main track. NEWMONEYSPENTWELL graduated at this distance in September then returned seven weeks later on the turf where she finished immediately behind the top pick. She's shown improvement in each start and can improve again here. SMOKINJOMOKO just broke her maiden at this distance. Two turns seems to suit her well with three seconds in four other tries going a mile.

Third Race: 1. Special Venture 2. Loveinamist 3. Krissy's Flygirl

SPECIAL VENTURE is going in good style right now, hitting the board in five straight starts at this distance. She's met better in her past two starts after winning a nonwinners-of-two race at this level. In three starts for this tag she has a pair of seconds to go with that win. LOVEINAMIST and KRISSY'S FLYGIRL both fit in nicely here, and both come off victories for this tag and now move up a step on the conditions ladder. Loveinamist was claimed from her win and has been freshened. High-percentage barn has given her steady works in the five weeks since her last appearance. Krissy's Flygirl beat the second choice after running third behind the top two in her previous start. She's spent seven weeks on the sidelines but has a couple of strong six-furlong works to maintain her conditioning. She's a stablemate of Loveinamist and is the one that gets the leading rider.

Fourth Race: 1. Brave William 2. Big Liberty 3. Blushing Roman

BRAVE WILLIAM is a half brother of the talented stakes winner A.V. Flynn. He was involved in a contentious pace duel in his debut and was nipped late in a fast race while holding second easily. Has a maintenance drill since raced. Leading rider takes the call again. BIG LIBERTY showed vast improvement in his second start while chasing the top pick. The two alternated on the lead before this one began to hang late in the lane. By a stakes-winning dam, whose previous five foals have all won. BLUSHING ROMAN draws the rail for his debut. Like the solid work pattern. Rail not as bad at this distance as at six furlongs. Put together some good works before getting an easy gate drill for his final preparation.

Fifth Race: 1. Robs Hero 2. Stalking Gold 3. Phantom Warrior

ROBS HERO has earned checks in each of his two starts at this level on the turf at this distance. He has the speed to sit in perfect position but has hung late in both tries around two turns. Hasn't had the best of luck, losing his whip the first time and getting stuck three wide in a contentious pace duel last time. STALKING GOLD drops into the claiming ranks for the first time for his turf debut. Ran evenly in his first attempt at a mile. Meeting easier here, but the turf is a bit of a question mark. PHANTOM WARRIOR takes the blinkers off today. Getting a step up for his turf debut. Has gone a mile in his past two starts, picking up a pair of checks and showing improvement in his second start.

Sixth Race: 1. Betterwinsome 2. Stylishellie 3. Madear

BETTERWINSOME is a less than inspiring 1-for-23, but has turned in some pretty good effort of late, including a second-place finish for this same condition last time. Was able to sit closer early last time and can run faster than she did there in order to get good position. STYLISHELLIE just broke her maiden at the bottom level for maiden claiming types. Has turned things around of late after stretching out around two turns and could improve again against this bunch. MADEAR is another last-out maiden winner on the bottom level. Although the claiming price is lower and this is a conditioned race, the race is not necessarily softer than what she's been facing.

Seventh Race: 1. Wavy Lass 2. Gadget Queen 3. Hartfelt

WAVY LASS carried a four-race win streak into a start in the Marina Stakes on the main track. She lost and then met an equally tough field when returned to the turf in her next start. This is a solid field, but she met much better last time. She'll get to stalk here and could be a big factor late. GADGET QUEEN was a Washington stakes winner this summer. She has won on turf in the past. Could offer some value with a desultry performance last time out in the same race the top pick exits. HARTFELT is a well-traveled 3 YO, who heads to Northern California for the first time to race. Going in good form now and may be asked to go a little quicker early by masterful speed rider.

Eighth Race: 1. Eight Below 2. Surf Academy 3. Supersecretdevice

EIGHT BELOW drops into what barn figures to be an action spot as he comes north for the first time in two years. Ran fifth in a straight maiden race on the turf at Bay Meadows in his only other sojourn north. He's winless in three tries after spending 17 months on the sidelines. Getting a big drop here and figures to have a much easier time of things here. SURF ACADEMY ran second as the favorite when dropping to this level last time. Seems a good fit at this level off his last try and a maiden victory for a similar tag. SUPERSECRETDEVICE returns to the main track since trying the turf in June. Distance should be no problem, and he has two works since his last start. Getting a chance vs. easier here for barn that sparkles when moving horses from turf to Tapeta.