

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: I Wanna Getaway (8th race)

First Race: 1.Mad for Candy 2.Moon Moment 3.Baby Let It Roll

MAD FOR CANDY has shown vast improvement in her past two starts. Was it because she was running on turf or because she finally got to run a mile? We'll opt that it's because she likes the distance. She has three straight seconds but could finally pose for pictures today. By the same sire as last Saturday's California Derby winner. Has nice stalking style. MOON MOMENT sheds blinkers today as she drops and comes north. Has been consistent check earner down south. Raced wide last time but did pass some rivals in the lane even though she did not threaten the winner. BABY LET IT ROLL ran evenly sprint in her debut. Barn wins at decent percentage when stretching runners out and also with second-timers. Meets better here, but that's a plus, indicating the barn saw something it liked last time.

Second Race: 1.Defensive Move 2.Giovanni 3.Code Red

DEFENSIVE MOVE has hit the board in four straight at this level while winning in alternate starts. The pattern points to a win here, and he's been showing improvement in his past two starts. Has easy maintenance drill since raced. GIOVANNI has a bit of speed but will have to gun from the rail. Not that he can't make the lead, but he may have to use a lot early. Sports win against easier and runner-up try against better in his two starts here. CODE RED has run well at this distance but has never won here. He's 0-for-7, but he has three seconds and a pair of thirds and seems one to play in exotics. Will sit back a bit early and can be a factor in the lane. He's chased the top pick in their past three meetings.

Third Race: 1.Skimpressive 2.Miss Abby Kat 3.Games We Play

SKIMPRESSIVE has had a pair of widely spaced starts since graduating last June. Ran second at this level following 4 1/2 months on the sideline. Has three works in the 5 1/2 weeks since that start. Rail draw may not be optimum, but she has enough speed to maintain position early. Has been an exacta participant in three of four starts. MISS ABBY KAT just graduated when dropped to this claiming level. She went wire-to-wire to graduate but won't get as easy a pace picture here. GAMES WE PLAY has four works during a two-month layoff. She's drawn outside and returns at the lowest level of her career. Barn shows flat-bet profit off similar layoffs. Her speed makes her very dangerous here, and she'll appreciate the distance for her first start.

Fourth Race: 1.Fighting City Hall 2.Golden Pursuit 3.Joshua's Dream

FIGHTING CITY HALL is making his third start off a layoff and drops a notch here. Likes the distance and has built up to it with a nice sprint followed by a mile race. Winless here, but, with his consistency, he seems a legitimate contender here. GOLDEN PURSUIT flashed a bit of speed in his first start here and then ran evenly in a strong race at this level. Past classer should be tighter here, but barn does not sparkle with second-timers. JOSHUA'S DREAM gets a big jump off an upset win last time. Doubles his claiming price and moves into open company after running against conditioned rivals. Has nice maintenance work since that win.

Fifth Race: 1.Summer Day 2.Love the Chase 3.Conditioner

SUMMER DAY gets the outside post for her debut. This isn't the strongest of fields, and she comes in with a steady work tab the past two months. Picked up the pace in her final work. Sire is good with first-timers and dam, who won 8-of-32 starts, has five winners from nine foals, including multiple stakes winner Hurray. LOVE THE CHASE ran big as part of an even-money entry in her debut. Couldn't match that performance last time and gets a quick drop to the bottom level. Has good work since that race and will enjoy the easier company she gets today. CONDITIONER flashed speed when dropped to the level last time but couldn't sustain it for long. If she matches her early fractions from last time, she may get brave on the lead.

Sixth Race: 1.Olive Queen 2.Gracie's Native 3.Tie

OLIVE QUEEN has run well in both starts, setting the pace before giving way late and settling for second at even money last time. Has solid work since raced and may finally be able to visit the winner's circle after a pair of seconds. GRACIE'S NATIVE just got done chasing the winner every step of the way. Has speed and pressed the top pick. This time she's drawn inside, which won't help in her duel with the top pick. TIE is also entered down south. Showed speed but stopped in the lane in her debut last fall at Santa Anita. Has worked nicely for her comeback, including a pair of six-furlong drills. Showed enough talent in her debut that she can't be overlooked here.

Seventh Race: 1.Summers Peace 2.Beautiful American 3.Merry Marino

SUMMERS PEACE stretched out for the first time and graduated in style last time. She is bred to love two turns and wired her rivals, pulling clear by five lengths at the wire. Has a nice work since that win and retains the services of the leading rider. Lots of positives from training angles, too. BEAUTIFUL AMERICAN graduated on the turf and then ran second in her first start against winners. She had problems in that race, checking early and then having to wait for room early on the second turn. Can improve off that start. MERRY MARINO has won two of three starts, finishing second in the other. She looked good winning a starter allowance race in her first start around two turns. Will get a good staking trip here and will be a real factor in the lane.

Eighth Race: 1.I Wanna Getaway 2.Country Farmer 3.Walker Rd.

I WANNA GETAWAY has won two straight since coming here four months after making his debut at Del Mar. Doesn't need the lead but has controlled things pretty much in both races. No reason to expect anything different here despite the fact she's getting a double jump up the ladder. Easy maintenance work since raced, and leading barn brings back the top rider today. COUNTRY FARMER got away poorly in his debut. He was last early, trailing by 12 at the half-mile pole. He was still 10 back at the quarter pole before shifting on the after burners and getting up to win by a head. Will be a big factor late and may not have as much to make up if he can get off to a better start. WALKER RD. met tougher in his debut against winners after graduating for this tag. Will get a stalking trip here as he did in his maiden win, when he shook off early trouble and won nicely.