

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Swen Ray (4th race)

First Race: 1.Baby Let It Roll 2.Madame Moon 3.Chars Problem

BABY LET IT ROLL was not going to win her debut around two turns last time. She was meeting better, set the pace early, stalked nicely and was still in third when she jumped tire tracks in the lane and lost her rider. Dropping today, and expect improved performance with that race under her belt. Can see her cruising on an easy lead. MADAME MOON set a slow pace, losing a photo last time in a three-way stretch duel. Has been showing improvement and will be advantaged with rail draw. She's not one that needs the lead; she simply inherited it last time. Stalking trip may work better for her. CHARS PROBLEM drops and stretches out after fading in her comeback race following a seven-month layoff. First try around two turns, but breeding suggests she'll like distance.

Second Race: 1.Gold On Gossamer 2.River Island Honey 3.Bunny At the Lake

GOLD ON GOSSAMER returns from a year on the sideline, coming north to a new barn and getting a big drop. Past classer has worked steadily for her return and adds blinkers today. Has done her best running routing on turf, and this is undoubtedly a prep, but she has shown an ability to sprint, gets a perfect outside draw, and should be finishing strong. RIVER ISLAND HONEY has hit the board in every start since her debut. She was second at this level last time in her first try against winners. Has hit board in six of seven starts here and should be sitting wherever she wants under the capable direction of the best speed rider in the local jockey colony. BUNNY AT THE LAKE finally broke her maiden last out. She broke slowly from the rail but unleashed a strong late kick. Cannot afford any mistakes here and will have to break better so she doesn't get shuffled too far back early.

Third Race: 1.Hecouldgoalltheway 2.Rika Jika Jack 3.Follows None

HECOULDGOALLTHEWAY has raced only once since last October and faded badly in that race nine weeks ago. Has been sent north and has been training nicely over this track. He has a bit of speed and could get a good trip with his outside post as he drops for this. Could provide value in the first leg of the Pick Six with its modest carry-over. RIKA JIKA JACK has speed, which he can use to good advantage from the rail. Looms the one to catch and should be able to establish an easy lead. Has trained nicely since his last start and has not missed a paycheck running at this level. Could be a Pick Six single. FOLLOWS NONE actually follows frequently. He's 1-for-20 but has hit the board seven times in addition to his win. Just dropped to this level at Santa Anita and did run second against better in his only previous start here.

Fourth Race: 1.Swen Ray 2.Prime Ruler 3.No Boundaries

SWEN RAY guns for a hat trick here after winning two photos for this tag following a photo loss. At the top of his game since his comeback from a five-month layoff, he will have some pace pressure here from comebacker Runaway Spirit, but we'll go with the sharp horse to continue on with the comebacker a candidate to fade. PRIME RULER will enjoy a pace battle as he sits back early and makes his move late. Won two straight and was favored when dropped to this level. He failed to fire and will need to improve to make an impact here. NO BOUNDARIES just won a conditioned race for this tag. He, too, will benefit from a pace battle up front, and he's run well here, hitting the board in four of five starts.

Fifth Race: 1.Storm Fleur 2.Tilted Angel 3.Dumaani Came Home

STORM FLEUR has had a number of chances. Has hit board in both starts since dropping to this level. Stretched out off a string of sprints last time and ran second, hanging late. Should benefit from that race, and leading jockey takes the call back. TILTED ANGEL is another that stretched out last time. She made a good midrace move but then had little left, although she did finish evenly and was never threatened for third. Dropping a notch for this. DUMAANI CAME HOME returned from a two-month layoff, racing very wide on the second turn as she passed tiring rivals. Wasn't really a threat, but she'll be tighter with the race under her belt, and she did hit the board at this distance down south.

Sixth Race: 1.Rosemount Lad 2.Ra'a Action 3.Danny James

ROSEMOUNT LAD has shown improvement and turned in a career best last time despite getting off a bit slowly when breaking from the rail. Gets a better post today, and he'll probably be sitting closer than last time when he finished well. Has solid six-furlong work since raced. RA'A ACTION makes his debut here. He's from a stakes-winning mare and half to a multiple stakes winner. Sire not known for runners winning early, and barn's lone win with a first-timer in the past two years came with a straight maiden runner. DANNY JAMES is the first foal of a stakes-placed mare. New sire has shown win-early ability, and barn shows a flat-bet profit with first-timers. Decent drills and like the fact he has a six-furlong move.

Seventh Race: 1.I'm a Princess 2.Summer Day 3.Islandhoppertopper

I'M A PRINCESS opened early and held to win at this level last time. Looked as if she might be passed in the lane but dug in late and was actually increasing her margin late. Outside draw will help speedster, who has easy work since raced. SUMMER DAY went wire-to-wire in her debut. Was never challenged in that five-furlong heat and now will go an extra furlong. Has an easy maintenance drill since her winning debut. ISLANDHOPPERTOPPER was claimed from a maiden win for this tag. She fell back into the lane in her first start against winners. Her claiming price is cut in half here, and leading rider, who was aboard for the maiden win, gets back on here.

Eighth Race: 1.Event of Siam 2.Shenodino 3.Highjinks

EVENT OF SIAM returns from a two-month fresher after winning as the favorite in her last start. Barn does well off layoffs, and she has worked steadily of late. Dropping a notch down the claiming ladder here. Has hit the board in her past five starts. Seems only a question of condition. SHENODINO set the pace against similar before fading a bit late. Expect to see her on the lead again, and she may be able to slow things enough to have a bit more left in the lane even though she's stretching out here. HIGHJINKS surprised the second choice last time, outfinishing her despite being forced five wide. finished evenly as the second choice hung in the late going.