

# GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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## **BEST BET: Beaming Babe (2nd race)**

### **First Race: 1.Shoot the Chute 2.Alabama Boy 3.Taneum Canyon**

SHOOT THE CHUTE seemed to like the stretchout last time in his second start when he dropped from the straight maiden ranks to this level. Was part of a contentious pace scenario and held on well despite slipping back a bit in the stretch. Was game enough to save second by a nose and has worked nicely since, including an easy six-furlong move. Note that leading rider takes over today, while previous rider stays with Kalookan Storm. ALABAMA BOY didn't have the cleanest of trips last time as he rallied for second on the turf. Don't know if he liked turf or distance better, but he came flying late, and Tapeta plays fairly so closers are not disadvantaged. Barn does pretty well with 2YOs. TANEUM CANYON finished a nose behind the top pick last time and did make up ground late after stalking. Never could get past top pick, though.

### **Second Race: 1.Beaming Babe 2.Newport Topper 3.Fergie's Fantasy**

BEAMING BABE hasn't run for this low a tag since she was claimed as a maiden in the spring of 2007. Has had two starts since spending nearly nine months on the sidelines. Came back a winner in an optional claimer and ran well against allowance types in her next start. Has three nice works since then, each one showing improvement. Has speed and is drawn advantageously to the outside. NEWPORT TOPPER scored a game win at this level last time, just holding off late-charging FERGIE'S FANTASY. Newport Topper has some speed herself, but she'll probably stalk and be in first-run position behind the top pick. If she can put some pressure on, that will help Fergie's chances. She's been sitting a bit closer of late, but she draws the rail and will have to do a little bit early to maintain position.

### **Third Race: 1.Sacred Light 2.Suffolk Punch 3.Choctaw Chief**

SACRED LIGHT returned to the main track last time and scored a nice win over a runner that came back to win his next start. Prior to that he hooked a tiger — literally — on the turf. Can handle turf or synthetic equally well as he proved in his main track debut here. SUFFOLK PUNCH probably needed his last one after a nearly three-month break. Dueled early, started to edge clear in the lane but then tired. Should be tighter with that one and two works since. CHOCTAW CHIEF was able to get past the second choice last time. He was favored that day and probably should have won instead of finishing second, but he got caught in a traffic jam for just a moment inside the eighth pole. That was his first start here, and he was claimed by the leading barn.

### **Fourth Race: 1.Ron Bob 2.Scalding Passion 3.King of Bling**

Although 1-for-19 doesn't sound like much, RON BOB has been a pretty consistent runner, hitting the board in 11 other races. He's never finished off the board here and did get his lone win here. All 12 of his placings have come on turf, and he's hit the board in all four starts at this distance. SCALDING PASSION was third to Wasserman at Emerald Downs late this summer and has run all right in three starts here. Handled turf well in his troubled debut on the surface but didn't get comfortable for a while last time. He did finish well, but being rank early ultimately cost him. KING OF BLING graduated on the turf here and missed by less than a length on the turf at this level. He and entrymate Gray Alycatta form a solid one-two punch.

### **Fifth Race: 1.Mim's Man 2.Crosscut 3.Headed for Home**

MIM'S MAN completed a hat trick last time, showing improvement once again as he ran his win streak to three. He's two-for-two on Tapeta and has scored all three of his wins at this distance, while adding a third in six tries. CROSSCUT steps up a notch off a wire-to-wire win. Has shown a fondness for this track, even back when it was a dirt track. More speed here so he'll have to come off the pace here. He's done that in the past with some effectiveness. HEADED FOR HOME broke slowly from the rail, trailing for the opening half mile, but he finished nicely, settling for second in a race he should have won. Lack of early foot no help, but he is drawn off the rail here.

### **Sixth Race: 1.Stag On the Run 2.Spoils of Excess 3.Jamin Ben**

STAG ON THE RUN was dropped to the bottom maiden level two back and ran second. He then came right back and graduated in career start No. 16. Set decent pace last time but may find more speed pressure here as he drops one level for the second condition in a low-level football game. SPOILS OF EXCESS cuts his claiming price in half here as he comes north. Did miss by a head in a race against allowance company this spring. Ran evenly last time and may move up against softer company. JAMIN BEN has a pair of seconds, including a loss by a head here against open company at this level. Seems at the top of his game, and top barn has given him a pair of decent works since raced.

### **Seventh Race: 1.Ultra Blend 2. Fashionita 3.Truthy**

ULTRA BLEND graduated by six and came back to nearly double the margin in a wire-to-wire attempt here. Has proven quite a bit here at this level. Won last race when favorite lost rider. That one, Shakenwithanolive, returns her as well after ducking in and losing her rider last time out. FASHIONITA sat just off the lead last time before fading late. Has been having trouble closing the deal of late but talented enough to be a legitimate contender. TRUTHY debuted and graduated in a six-figure maiden claimer at Del Mar this summer. Gave way quickly in a stakes in her next start and has been freshened again with some solid recent works.

### **Eighth Race: 1.La Misteriosa 2. Teacher's Rule 3.Greenstone**

LA MISTERIOSA is currently going in good form as she steps up a notch off a turf win. Met better when second on the main track two back. She seems capable on any surface and has won, two seconds and three thirds in eight starts at this distance. TEACHER'S RULE has hit the board in four straight with a win for twice this tag. Got passed late for second last time and also the time before that. Both career wins have come at this distance where she has hit the board in five of six starts. GREENSTONE had a two-race winning streak snapped last time when she tried turf for the first time since her debut. That followed a pair of one-mile victories. Did have some trouble last time and drops back to her winning level here.