

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: One's Own Accord (9th race)

First Race: 1. Perfect Hostess 2. Da Bomb 3. Smooch Me

Since coming here last fall, PERFECT HOSTESS has been favored in her past five starts and was odds-on four times. After winning three straight, she's run second her past two starts. You know she'll be overbet with her human connections, but she looks tough again and has an easy maintenance drill since raced. DA BOMB returns to Northern California for the first time since last summer. She has two wins and a second in her three starts here and runs for her lowest tag since graduating at this level. SMOOCH ME has been freshened for six weeks since a win against better. She's a solid sprinter that likes this track. May get shuffled back a bit with this rail draw, but she is a stalker by nature and should be able to avoid trouble in this small field.

Second Race: 1. Sacred Light 2. Cover Magic 3. Lang Field

SACRED LIGHT returned from more than six months on the sidelines to score a game victory here. Stepping up a notch today and does have a pair of easy works. Wonder if the last took a lot out of him, but leading barn's willingness to boost him up the ladder indicates he came out of his comeback fine. COVER MAGIC would much prefer to be running on the turf. He's never won on the main track here and is 0-for-12 on Tapeta. He's going in good form, though, and did run second in a stakes here exactly one year ago. LANG FIELD has earned more than one-half million dollars. Missed by a head on the turf last time, and, previous to that, he ran second on the main track here. Has worked steadily in the five weeks since his last race and certainly cannot be overlooked.

Third Race: 1. Croxie 2. Shes a Lucky Wager 3. Lilly Fa Pootz

CROXIE is a consistent runner that always picks up a check. She's has turned in strong efforts in back-to-back tries and has turned the tables on SHES A LUCKY WAGER, another model of consistency of late, in their past two meetings. The two battled it out last time with Croxie finishing stronger after being passed down the backstretch. Shes a Lucky Wager, who runs for a tag today, has won at this level in the past and placed in her past three stakes tries. LILLY FA POOTZ steps up off a nice win here. She has turned in two solid tries since being claimed three races back. Has a pair of easy works since her last start. She's run well in the Northwest before coming here last fall.

Fourth Race: 1. Parko 2. Alottadar 3. Alashir's Storm

In what appears a pretty contentious race, PARKO should be fresh with a two-month break from racing. Claiming price cut in half off previous try, but he has four works to help maintain his form. Winner of the Humboldt Marathon won't mind this distance and might even prefer going farther. ALOTTADAR has lost two straight photos and run second three straight times at this level. Grabbed the lead at the quarter pole last time but got nipped late. ALASHIR'S STORM has finished directly behind the second choice in his past two starts. With his lack of speed, he's at the mercy of others, but he does come flying late. He's a definite play in exotics.

Fifth Race: 1. Flash Dance 2. Prophetise 3. Smoken West

FLASH DANCE has had many chances and is beginning to look like a perpetual maiden. She has four seconds and 10 third and was second in her debut here. She drops to the bottom level here, which should be enough to help her finally break through here. PROPHETISE is another with a fair share of chances. This marks her first Nocal start and comes at the bottom level. Shouldn't be ignored based on her route fractions, and barn is good with new faces, winning 27 percent with them. SMOKEN WEST ran evenly in her debut against some decent runners. Didn't get off particularly well and was a little wide, but she seemed to finish with interest after losing a little ground into the lane.

Sixth Race: 1. Dream Spotter 2. My Leading Lady 3. Kelli O

DREAM SPOTTER dropped to this bottom level for winners last time and was an easy but nonthreatening second. Has not lived up to early expectations but could prove to be a solid runner at lower levels. Seems best in this field. MY LEADING LADY snapped an 0-for-13 streak last time, winning with ease as an odds-on pick. Although she's only 1-for-14, she has hit the board on 11 other occasions. Sometimes long-time maidens turn things around after a win, but she may settle back into runner-up status. KELLI O is another that just earned her diploma. She's hit the board in five straight and goes from the bottom maiden level to the bottom level for winners. Cutting back in distance but has decent enough route fractions.

Seventh Race: 1. Jaunty 2. Nisus 3. Roar Lord

JAUNTY has not run that badly in his first two starts. He showed improvement in start No. 2 when dropped into the claiming rans and drops another notch today. Draws the rail he seems to have enough speed that the draw shouldn't affect him, and rail is not as bad at this distance as at six furlongs anyway. NISUS runs for a tag for the first time in his career. Flashed keen speed down the hill at Santa Anita but has been more of a stalker type here. Will be closing here, but that style is effective at this distance. ROAR LORD has run second in both his starts for a tag. Missed by a length at this level in his previous start on Dec. 27. Has worked nicely during his six-week freshener.

Eighth Race: 1. Big N Sassy 2. Lady Schnapps 3. Caroline Elena

BIG N SASSY is bidding for a hat trick here. Getting to run for the allowance condition for the second straight time after finishing well to win a photo last time. Been given a breather but has worked all right during her break and should still be plenty fit. LADY SCHNAPPS returned from a 16 1/2-month layoff to score a dominant victory over easier. She moved up to this level for her second start six weeks late and missed by a nose, getting caught in the last stride. Improvement seems likely here. CAROLINE ELENA looked good winning her debut, beating Exclusive Game, one of today's rivals who won her next start. Ran quite professionally, stalking and finishing very well as she wore down Exclusive Game.

Ninth Race: 1. One's Own Accord 2. Amore Di Aleyna 3. Bettingonthetruth

Stretched out to this distance two back, ONE'S OWN ACCORD has run second in both races, beating several of today's rivals in the process. Moved to a new barn last time and dropped a notch. Now he steps back up a notch and has a solid maintenance drill since his last start. AMORE DI ALEYNA has tried this distance only once against better on the turf and didn't do that badly. Was not a factor against cheaper when making her debut for a new barn but could improve as she stretches out and steps up. BETTINGONTHETRUTH has trailed the top pick in her past two starts. He was outfinished last time after stalking the whole way. Can't be overlooked in exotics here.