

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Holy Coyote (8th race)

First Race: 1. Sanfran 2. Lone Prairie 3. Lucky Wise Guy

SANFRAN should be sitting in a good spot here. There seems to be legitimate pace in the race, and he's happy to sit back and make a big move late. Has been going in good form of late. Retains services of Mr. Baze, which has to be considered a plus as he drops a notch off a second-place finish. LONE PRAIRIE figures to stalk and get a first-run trip here. Has enjoyed good success here and at distance. Won last start for this tag earlier this year. Has been a consistent check earner. LUCKY WISE GUY has won three straight going wire-to-wire against cheaper and won a pair for this tag prior to that. Will he get the lead here with turf specialist Motel Staff dropping into this field? And how easy will he be able to travel up front?

Second Race: 1. Narley Darley 2. Luzviminda 3. Nail Polish

NARLEY DARLEY drops into a main-track sprint after setting the pace in a pair of turf routes following a layoff of a couple months. Stalked in her career debut sprinting and did little in second start before the layoff when she broke slowly and didn't really get into the race down south. Has been favored her past pair but may offer a hint of value here. LUZVIMINDA has done nothing but sprint and may be more geared up for the quicker early tempo than the top pick. Didn't go quite as fast early last time while chasing a real speedball and closed better so a stalking style may be better for her. NAIL POLISH did not get away well in her debut, breaking a bit slowly and having to check badly. She did finish with a bit of interest and has a maintenance work since that race. Too bad she drew the rail.

Third Race: 1. Flyinthepolarroute 2. Star Diva 3. Mad for Candy

FLYINTHEPOLARROUTE might be considered a good candidate to get upset here. Has tried the turf three times and hit the board each time while showing steady improvement. But she could also be showing by her form that she is superior to this field. Needs only to run her race to reach the winner's circle here. Sat closer last time and got lead in stretch before losing photo. Has a decent work since raced. STAR DIVA adds bliners today, although that has not been a high percentage move for the barn. Has chased the top pick in both of her turf tries and showed improvement last time. Was the odds-on favorite in her first start against the top pick. MAD FOR CANDY will try the turf for the first time. Breeding not crying out for surface switch, but barn is good with 2 YOs and also shows a healthy flat-bet profit on the move to the turf.

Fourth Race: 1. Serpineserpentine 2. My Lollipop 3. Stow Lake

SERPINESERPENTINE has turned in two nice efforts here since coming north following a 3 1/2-month break. Been running at the bottom maiden-claiming level and been favored both times, running second by less than a length, then winning. This is the bottom level for winners, and she comes in sharp and fit while bidding for a repeat in this non-winners-of-two event. MY LOLLIPOP has been on the sidelines for nearly four months and gets a drop for her comeback. Has worked all right for return and top barn goes to its No. 1 man for the comeback try. STOW LAKE ran well in her first start for a new barn, running evenly with a solid stalking effort when returned to a sprint. Will need to match that and probably needs some improvement to be real contender, but she gets a good outside draw.

Fifth Race: 1. Liver 2. Seismic Thunder 3. Cliff Dweller

LIVER has been running consistently and made the switch from turf to Tapeta with relative ease last time, running second as the favorite. Seems to prefer the turf, but he's trained well here and has a solid half-mile drill since his last start. SEISMIC THUNDER dropped to this level last time and scored a wire-to-wire victory as he, too, switched over from turf. That was his second start off a layoff, and he may be even better today. CLIFF DWELLER couldn't handle the second choice two back, but he looked good winning last time out. Expect a similar try here, which makes him a legitimate contender. Can handle the distance.

Sixth Race: 1. Majaly 2. Deo Favente 3. Lotta Nada

MAJALY has proven quite competitive on turf in the past. Has hit the board in three straight and was the runner-up the past two times with a pair of wide rallies. A definite contender, but her lack of early foot means she needs a little bit of luck. She cannot be left off your exotics ticket. DEO FAVENTE comes north for the first time for her second start off a layoff. She ran evenly in her turf debut and drops from the straight maiden ranks into the lowest claimer of her career. Trainer and jockey have had some big payoffs together. LOTTA NADA missed by only a neck in her first try at this distance last time. She makes her turf debut here. No strong turf breeding and barn hasn't been successful with the first-on-turf move. Could have chance at price to provide valued in exotics.

Seventh Race: 1. Butterfly Belle 2. Funky Chanteal 3. Audaciously

BUTTERFLY BELLE makes her third start following a layoff and should have no excuses here. Did all right in a turf route in her comeback and ran third on the drop sprinting last time. Sprinting seems to be her best game now. She was favored in her last start and gets a big drop here. FUNKY CHANTEAL has run well here with two wins and hitting the board in six of seven starts. Returned from a three-month freshener with a sharp effort. Would like to see work since raced. Jockey has enjoyed good success with filly, who seems to respond well to him. AUDACIOUSLY cuts back to this sprint distance. She's never won at this distance, but her route fractions point her out as a legitimate contender. She should be able to stalk nicely here and sports a six-furlong bullet since raced.

Eighth Race: 1. Holy Coyote 2. Runaway Spirit 3. Honor Gulch

HOLY COYOTE is very sharp right now. Went for a higher tag last time when a close third as favorite as a two-race win streak was snapped. Barn puts in a claim-proof spot. Hasn't run in five weeks, but the work pattern has been steady. RUNAWAY SPIRIT, like the top pick, has shown a will to win. He's 2-for-4 here and comes off a solid victory last time. Has good speed to get perfect position. HONOR GULCH returns to the sprint ranks where he has never won but frequently come close. Also has never won here and is 2-for-55 in his career. He's a nibbler, though, so don't discount him on the bottom end of your exotics tickets.

Ninth Race: 1. Senator Matty 2. Stella's Posada 3. Man Law

SENATOR MATTY has hit the board in all three starts here, including a win for this tag in a conditioned heat last time. Has run well in two starts since a three-month break as he's dropped to the lowest level at the track. Kicked clear early and kept going last time and could get same type of race here. Has an easy maintenance drill since raced. STELLA'S POSADA won his comeback following two months on the sidelines but bounced a bit last time when moved up the ladder. Returns to his winning level here and has worked all right since the last start. MAN LAW has a win and then lost a photo in two tries at this level. Definite fit here. Rail draw could compromise a bit, but he seems to have enough speed to avoid any trouble. Likes track, having gone 3-for-6 here.