

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Chief Bill (1st race)

First Race: 1.Chief Bill 2. Power Station 3.Mr. Rancho Vista

CHIEF BILL has hit the board in three straight starts, including a photo loss on the turf. He started at the bottom level and met better in his past two starts. He drops into a likely spot here. Has little speed and will need a bit of help up front, but he loves two turns and will be tough to hold off in the lane. POWER STATION has had a number of chances and hasn't done much, but he's never run for this cheap a tag and did show some improvement last time in his debut here. Is another that will enjoy meeting easier. MR. RANCHO VISTA returned from 14 months on the sidelines and ran the best race of his life even though he dropped out of contention before the real running began. Should benefit from that start and returned down south for two works. Gets big drop here and is bred to love the distance. The lead is his if he wants it.

Second Race: 1.Giddy Yap 2.Thoughtuknew 3.Crosscut

GIDDY YAP drops a notch off a claim and makes his first start in seven weeks. Has four works, earning bullets in the final three since the claim. Gets good outside post and has run well here in the past. Note that he's 2-for-2 running at this tag, although both wins came against conditioned company. THOUGHTUKNEW was right there for the open half mile in a stakes race last summer as barn took a shot. Stopped badly in the lane last time and has his claiming price cut in half here. Does have easy five-furlong work since that disaster. CROSSCUT scored his last win against similar. Hasn't matched that one in two races since but has run all that badly and drops back to his winning level here for high-percentage barn.

Third Race: 1.Action in May 2.Niner Genius 3.Arden Park

ACTION IN MAY split the field in a pretty even try in his debut down south at this distance. Should be much tighter here with that race and two works, including a strong six-furlong move. Gets leading rider, and barn wins 31 percent with second-timers. NINER GENIUS seems to like two turns and has turned in consistent numbers since stretching out. Actually tried winners last time but is back where he belongs with his fellow maidens now. Won't offer as much value as in recent races, but he should provide some value. ARDEN PARK makes his debut for barn that doesn't usually start runners around two turns. His breeding cries out for it, and you'll note he has works at both seven furlongs and one mile so conditioning shouldn't be a problem.

Fourth Race: 1.Lucky Wise Guy 2.Devil Cielo 3.Lewptedo

LUCKY WISE GUY has a three-race win streak snapped last time when he ran second and was claimed. Moved from one good barn to another and has four works, winding up with a nice five-furlong bullet. New barn wins 30 percent off the claim and drops him a notch back to the claiming level of his victories on the winning streak. Looms as major threat on front end. DEVIL CIELO has won his past two starts. He's the opposite of the top pick because he likes to come from off the pace. Couldn't catch the top pick in their last meeting. Leading rider stays aboard after winning four races and finishing on the board in his past six rides with this one. LEWPTEDO has his claiming price cut in half here to the lowest level of his career. Has hit the board in nine of his 10 starts here. Has been freshened with two recent works. May not challenge the top pair but should be factor in exotics.

Fifth Race: 1.Storm Fleur 2.Out of Harbor 3.Tizzalating

STORM FLEUR did nothing in her lone try at this distance, but that came when she was a 2 YO. Has hit the board in all four starts at this long meeting. Was very impressive last time when dropped to this level, breaking slowly from the rail then making a powerful five-wide move on the turn, finishing best when the odds-on favorite. Should like this distance and acts as if she will go on. OUT OF HARBOR has turned in decent enough tries around two turns, picking up checks in both main-track tries. Tired late last time after rolling into contention while five wide. Did trail one of today's rivals, Our Emily. TIZZALATING has been a pace factor routing against better. Blinkers come off here, but she has enough natural speed to sit in a good position, and she may keep going. Been off five weeks but has worked steadily, including three six-furlong works.

Sixth Race: 1.Gherig 2.Call Transfer 3.Supersecretdevice

Getting a big drop, GHERIG figures to be able to handle this field based on recent efforts. Has been no factor, and leading barn likes to win so drops into spot when he should win. Been off nearly six weeks but has three works to maintain conditioning. CALL TRANSFER makes his Nocal debut after winning an open race for twice this price two back. Has a win and third in three starts at this route and a decent work since raced. Should be tough with these cheaper conditioned runners. SUPERSECRETDEVICE won a nonwinners of two at twice this price two back and ran second in a nonwinners of three last time. Cutting claiming price in half but going in good current form. This figures to be a pretty tough heat for the level, and some of the also-rans could be worth following if they stay at this level.

Seventh Race: 1.Sidepocket Cat 2.Surf Town 3.Jamaica Bound

SIDPOCKET CAT gets a double jump up the class ladder here as he seeks a hat trick. He's 2-for-2 since returning north. Been off a month but has a pair of bullet works in the interim. Likes this track where he's 4-for-6 with a second and has won four of nine starts, with a pair of seconds, at this distance. Can he carry his form up the ladder is the big question. SURFTOWN sat just off the pace last time, running evenly but hanging a bit in the lane. Getting a double drop here to a level where he should be effective and has easy maintenance work since that start. JAMAICA BOUND ran third behind the second choice at this level two back. Dropped a notch but turned in a pair of solid turf tries since. Returns to main track today where he's looking for his first win over Tapeta.

Eighth Race: 1.Peace of Me 2.Catalina Fog 3.Muscular Marvin

PEACE OF ME adds blinkers and drops a notch after fading badly one level up last time. Took blinkers off for return here in the previous start and came home a winner. Barn does very well when adding blinkers, winning 30 percent and showing a nice flat-bet profit. CATALINA FOG was the runner-up behind the top pick two back and feat him last time when moved to a new barn. He's going in good form and rates as a solid contender. MUSCULAR MARVIN drops for this after six weeks on the sidelines. No match for the top pair in his last start. Has a pair of easy maintenance drills during his fresher.