

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Micah's Son (8th race)

First Race: 1.Trick Soso 2.Newport Topper 3.Whims and Fancies

TRICK SOSO is a rarity, a contender that will be ridden by Russell Baze and may offer a bit of value. This is her last chance to record a victory in 2009. She just ran second on the turf and hit the board three times previously at this level. She's a nibbler, but she'll be pushed to finish strongly here. NEWPORT TOPPER qualifies for this conditioned race since she won twice at Portland Meadows for a lower claiming tag. She came back here and was a good second sprinting last time. She's stretching out here, but has the breeding to get the distance. WHIMS AND FANCIES hasn't won in ages, but she's also been meeting much better. Making her second start following a six-month layoff. Has a pair of works since her comeback, but barn not known for winning in this situation.

Second Race: 1.Glacier Peak 2.Mad for Candy 3.River Island Honey

GLACIER PEAK participated in stakes earlier this year and now is running near the bottom of the claiming ladder. She has speed that should make her tough to catch here as she runs for the cheapest tag in her career. MAD FOR CANDY has picked up checks in all three tries at this level, hitting the board in her past two starts. She has a nice stalking style and made a big move into the lane last time. Couldn't match the winner, but she was an easy second over RIVER ISLAND HONEY. She is another that is a perfect fit at this level. She's always picked up a check even in non-conditioned spot for this tag. Has done her best running here and is going in good form.

Third Race: 1.Classielyte 2.Mom Is Ready 3.Comic Review

CLASSIELYTE has been running well, albeit at the bottom level. He doubles his claiming price here as he bids for a repeat. Appears to have a pace advantage here, which could serve him well. Has been off a month, but he's worked nicely, including a pair of six-furlong moves that guarantee he should be retain his fitness and stay at the top of his game. MOM IS READY seeks a hat trick as he, too, gets a big boost up the class ladder with a double jump. Has always run well here. Might prefer a post other than the rail, but he's shown enough speed in the past to keep from getting shuffled back too badly early. COMIC REVIEW makes his third start following 17 months on the sidelines. He drops a bit here after running evenly last time. Could provide pace pressure and is drawn just outside the top pick.

Fourth Race: 1.Curvey Star 2.Gorgeous Gibson 3.Dana Sisstar

CURVEY STAR has been coming close in conditioned heats at this level. Running for the same tag, but this condition is a bit tougher than the one she's been running in. Has better speed than she's shown in her past pair, but she has finished with interest. Needs a little pace help, but she's all business in the lane. GORGEOUS GIBSON sheds her blinkers here, but she has plenty of natural speed. Turned in solid effort last time despite being forced to go wide. Has a bullet work since raced and is getting a seven-pound weight advantage. DANA SISSTAR edge the top pick in her last start when that one was favored. While the top pick came back with an improved race since, she has a very easy maintenance drill for her only recorded activity since that race. Been going off at high odds and will probably be a double-digit longshot again here, which makes her attractive in exotics.

Fifth Race: 1.Midnite in Kona 2.She's Outta There 3.Caged Mistress

MIDNITE IN KONA is 3-for-3 in her career. She's had a two-month break, but she responded nicely following three months between races one and two in her career. Meeting tougher today, but she's worked steadily. What's not to like about perfection when she's shown the versatility to win on or off the lead? SHE'S OUTTA THERE ran well her first two starts and was claimed from a victory in her second start. She tested much tougher last time without threatening. She'll benefit with this drop. Stakes-placed CAGED MISTRESS was claimed when second in her debut against winners. Makes first start for barn that shows a flat-bet profit in the first start off a claim and has an easy work since that last start. Her regular rider gets the call again.

Sixth Race: 1.Spirit to Win 2.Summer Excess 3.Ministerfrommiami

SPIRIT TO WIN ran second for this tag in his debut. He stepped up to straight maidens last time, running evenly while pinned between runners. Returns for a tag here and gets the nod based on his consistency in his first two starts. SUMMER EXCESS is the first foal of a 2-for-14 dam. Sire is good with first-time juveniles, and barn has big returns with debut runners. Works are solid, and nation's leading rider climbs aboard to pad his lead in the national standings. MINISTERFROMMIAMI did nothing in a Del Mar stakes after being claimed in his previous start. He makes his first start in nearly four months and had a pair of bullet drills last month that suggest he's ready for his return.

Seventh Race: 1.Thegreatcrosby 2.Jackpot Saloon 3.Mister Licorice

Since breaking his maiden for this tag, THEGREATCROSBY has run at this level three times against winners, finishing second all three times. Has hit the board in all five starts here and has an easy work since raced for barn that has had a decent year. JACKPOT SALOON returns to a sprint today as he drops a notch. Has beaten better sprinting here, and both his victories have come at this distance. Should be plenty legged up off his recent routes when he's grabbed the lead in the lane both times. MISTER LICORICE won his debut here in a conditioned heat at this level. Although this is an open race, it's probably really no tougher than his last one. Finishes with a rush, and has a jockey who is very familiar with him.

Eighth Race: 1.Micah's Son 2.Wicked Cash 3.Preemptory

MICAH'S SON comes north off a pair of decent races down south. Sprinted for a tag in his debut, and was on the pace before fading against straight maidens in a route in his second start. He's back to a sprint here and at the lowest level of his career. Has a series of solid works over the track. WICKED CASH steps up here after showing improvement when running against easier his past pair. Has shown a good blend of speed and staying power. Will need to show a big of improvement to be a factor here. PREEMPTORY is by a solid win-early sire out of a stakes-winning dam. Barn shows a profit with maiden claimers in their debuts, and the works are steady and decent.