

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Thundering Starlit (1st race)

First Race: 1. Thundering Starlit 2. Our Emily 3. Mandaue City

THUNDERING STARLIT has shown that she prefers two turns to sprinting. She's been consistent, always picking up a check, but she has routed better, including one try on the turf, where she recorded her highest Beyer. Raced wide when second last time and did falter a bit at the end, although she was not threatened for second. OUR EMILY has finished third in her past two starts, closing nicely last time before flattening out a bit as she finished behind the top pick. Has shown an ability to close but is a nibbler. Worth look in exotics, but she'd be a stronger contender on the turf. MANDAUE CITY makes her third start following a layoff. Think she'll show some improvement, and willing to overlook that route try because it came on the turf.

Second Race: 1. Fruitfully 2. Tripulina Ridge 3. Gamblers Rule

FRUITFULLY gets a big drop after showing little in her comeback. She has run in claim-proof starter allowance races so this is a major drop, but it is also for nonwinners of two races. She did have problems last time, getting shuffled back at the start. Note that she graduated at this distance in her second start off a sprint prep. TRIPULINA RIDGE makes her third start here after shipping in from Canada. Ran better in her first start at this distance than last time when she sprinted. Claiming price is cut in half as she stretches out to distance she may prefer. GAMBLERS RULE has been running consistently of late and is boosted up the claiming ladder here. Like the way she finishes. She's a contender and looks like a must-play in exotics.

Third Race: 1. Adayforpickndaistrys 2. Flash Dance 3. Summer Starlet

So what else is new? The 0-for-13 ADAYFORPICKNDAYSYS looks like strictly the one to beat. But she's looked just as good — if not better — in her previous starts and still has found a way to remain a maiden. She's dropping for this, but you may not be wasting your time studying extra hard to find the one that might pop up to beat her today. FLASH DANCE falls into a similar category. The top pick has hit the board in 11 starts; she has hit the board 13 times in 17 tries. Comes north for the first time looking for easier competition. Despite the change in claiming price, she was running at the bottom level down south and is not running at it here. SUMMER STARLET broke a bit slowly, rushed up and finally tired in the lane in her debut when she chased the top pick. She'll need to break better here, and, if she does, she'll be a contender.

Fourth Race: 1. Classielyte 2. Mom Is Ready 3. Fritz Grau

CLASSIELYTE steps up a notch as he bids for a repeat. He's won two of his past three at lower levels but lost when meeting better. Has speed and the advantage of the outside draw. Has always run well here and is at the top of his game right now. MOM IS READY saw his bid for a hat trick fall short last time. He drops a notch here, but he did finish in front of the top pick that day as he rallied nicely into the lane and finished evenly. FRITZ GRAU just won when favored at this level. Has a nice stalking style that should have him in position for a first-run trip. Beat much better last summer.

Fifth Race: 1. Putmeinyourwill 2. Supersecretdevice 3. Dr. Seacliff

PUTMEINYOURWILL gets a big drop to the bottom level here. He dropped following a five-month layoff and gets an even bigger drop here. Two years ago he was stakes-placed and lost a photo in a stakes after a badly troubled trip. Has worked well since his comeback race and should show his past class here. SUPERSECRETDEVICE has hit the board in his past eight starts. Lost to a strong favorite last time, rallying wide and hanging a bit late after being re-claimed in his previous start. Should be a factor in the lane. DR. SEACLIFF won his only start at this distance two back at this level. Sat close but couldn't close the deal last time, but that came on the turf. It wasn't that bad an effort, and he can improve with the return to the main track.

Sixth Race: 1. Rule the Storm 2. Our Road Scholar 3. Mi Corredora

RULE THE STORM won a \$16,000 claimer two back and got a big boost into allowance company. Turned in a fairly even try but seems better suited to the claiming ranks. Graduated by 10 when she debuted for this tag. Either of last two good enough to win here. OUR ROAD SCHOLAR won here for this tag last summer, and she's been meeting better since then. Sprinter showed she could get this route, running second against better at Santa Anita earlier in her career. Has enough speed to sit wherever she wants. MI CORREDORA is running for the cheapest tag of her career today. Had a nearly three-month layoff before her last start and has been off a day shy of two months here. Switches back to the main track for the first time in 11 months, but she has won over the Tapeta here.

Seventh Race: 1. Magic Texan 2. Lordgivemealift 3. Merus Miami

There should be some fast fractions set in this abbreviated sprint. MAGIC TEXAN has been freshened, and his rail draw means all systems go when the gates open. Not that the strategy would be any different had he been drawn anywhere else. Has won two straight turf sprints and now returns home. He's never won on a synthetic surface. LORDGIVEMEALIFT has plenty of early foot himself and is drawn directly outside the top pick. Hasn't met quite the company of the top pick, but he's razor sharp as he steps up off an impressive win. He has won two of his past three starts. MERUS MIAMI definitely wants longer, and the surest bet of the day is that he'll probably be last early here. Was stakes winner as a 3 YO last year before going to the sidelines. Has been training well, but this is a tough spot even though the race seems to set up for him.

Eighth Race: 1. Preemptory 2. Blast'em 3. Go Giorgianni Go

PREEMPTORY ran second the whole trip in his debut. Stepping up for start No. 2, which we take as a positive. Has an easy work since raced for barn that wins a nice percentage with second-timers. Barn's No. 1 rider takes the call today. BLAST'EM has turned in two nice efforts, losing a hard-fought photo last time while showing mild improvement. He's been running at the bottom level so he's meeting much tougher here. He'll need to show more improvement, but he is a trier. GO GIORGIANNI GO returns to the claiming ranks again after faltering in his last start. He ran well for a tag and then finished third at 49-to-1 in a straight maiden two back. Regressed a bit last time and draws the rail today, but his best gets part.