

# GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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## **BEST BET: Prime Ruler (5th race)**

### **First Race: 1.Perfect Cast 2.Legal Love 3.Ax Me a Question**

PERFECT CAST cuts her claiming price in half as she ventures north for the first time. Obviously seeking easier as she makes her third start off a layoff, and that 'For Sale' is also written in pretty big letters. Check her fractions last time. If she can match those, she's the one to beat. LEGAL LOVE never finished worse than second in her first four starts in Canada. Stalked early in debut here but was fading when she reached the turn. Could walk up with a race, a work since and today's drop. AX ME A QUESTION makes her third start after a brief freshening. She's run second in both starts and cuts her claiming price in half as she bids for her first win on Tapeta.

### **Second Race: 1.Drewsboro Road 2.Our Emily 3.Ai Se Va**

DREWSBORO ROAD has shown steady improvement through her first three starts. While she's not crying out to route, she should be able to handle the distance. She's finished nicely in her starts and figures to be in contention turning for home. OUR EMILY has only run in routes and has flashed some ability, including a runner-up effort last time. Take as a positive the fact barn is willing to move her up. AI SE VA has had a few chances but has never tried two turns. Stepping up for this, which isn't necessarily a plus. She did come home all right last time after being four wide on the turn.

### **Third Race: 1.Stag On the Run 2. Portland Storm 3.Thefourorus**

STAG ON THE RUN had a two-race win streak snapped last time when doubling his claiming price. Led in lane and held on for second. This drop puts him back at what may be his preferred and also his best distance. PORTLAND STORM is going in good form right now. He beat easier two back and ran second at this level and condition last time. Outside draw is favorable for runner that has some speed. Hasn't missed a paycheck since his return from Seattle. THEFOUROFUS steps up after scoring a solid, late-running win against easier following a six-month break. Though he should be capable of stalk, barn seems content to let him lag and make on late run.

### **Fourth Race: 1.Kiss Kiss Kiss 2.Shawklit Sundae 3.Good Time'n Dixie**

KISS KISS KISS has won two straight at this level but has been off for nearly six weeks. She has worked three times for barn that does well off similar layoffs. She has always run well here and has the advantage of an outside draw over SHAWKLIT SUNDAE, who is stepping up in search of her fourth straight win. She draws the rail, but she has the early foot to avoid getting shuffled back here. Opened by daylight immediately when breaking from the rail in her last start. May face a bit more pace pressure here and hasn't had to hold off a runner like the top pick. She has hit the board in all six starts here, winning four. GOOD TIME'N DIXIE dropped to this level and set the pace last time. She lost her lead in the lane but held on well despite finishing third, beaten less than a length.

### **Fifth Race: 1.Prime Ruler 2.Afleet Pete 3.Breezy Johnny**

PRIME RULER returned to Nocal following a three-month layoff and promptly won two straight. He dropped for the second victory and drops again here as he goes for a hat track. He's been remarkably consistent with eight straight Beyers in the eighties. AFLEET PETE drops again after getting a confidence-building victory. Has hit the board in all three starts here and is a solid sprinter. BREEZY JOHNNY bids for a hat trick after winning a conditioned heat followed by a starter allowance win at this level. Has lead to sit wherever he wants.

### **Sixth Race: 1.Sand Harbour 2.Commander Tom 3.Point of Origin**

SAND HARBOUR wasn't that impressive a year ago. Returning from a 10-month layoff and residing in a new barn led to a new career best for him. Has four works since his comeback. That fact adds a little to the intrigue. COMMANDER TOM turned in two solid efforts in his first two starts has been off for two months now. Has good enough speed and outside draw that may give him value in this spot. Note the six-furlong work and five-furlong bullet to wind up preparations for his comeback. POINT OF ORIGIN got shuffled back on the turn in his debut but finished nicely to run third for a tag. Confidence builder that barn moves him up against staright claimers here. He'll have to be running all the way to win.

### **Seventh Race: 1.Stanford Dolly 2.Forest Miss 3.Trick Soso**

STANFORD DOLLY has never lost at this distance on the main track but is stepping up here after being claimed last time. New barn wins 26 percent with runners off a claim. She's been popular miss at the claiming box with three claims in her past four starts, including her past two. FOREST MISS has been running against better and continues her descent down the claiming ladder. Winless here, but this drop could change that. TRICK SOSO has settled in at this level. Won a Ferndale stakes last year that was basically a starter allowance race for runners of this level. She'll make her presence felt in the lane.

### **Eighth Race: 1.Halo's Angel 2.Northwest Wine 3.Black Cinder**

HALO'S ANGEL had been showing improvement and broke her maiden last time after she bounced horribly in her second start off a layoff. Barn is realistic despite that success and is not overreaching where she will make her first start against winners. NORTHWEST WINE is 1-for-26 in her career, which may tell you all you need to know. She's outrun her odds of late, but may offer some value because of the low percentages of her human connections. Let others underestimate her and get some value for yourself. BLACK CINDER is another coming off a maiden win, scoring a nice upset last time in her second start following a six-week layoff. Last was her best yet, and she seems on the improve.