

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Ashley 'n' Nicole (1st race)

First Race: 1. Ashley 'n' Nicole 2. Halo's Angel 3. Secret Bargain

This race is at the lowest level for winners and to make things even easier, it is carded for only five furlongs. ASHLEY 'N' NICOLE has been the runner-up in her past three tries at this level and seems faster and more consistent than her rivals. Lone win did come here. HALO'S ANGEL chased the top pick last time when dropping to this level for the first time. She opened the year by breaking her maiden and set the pace when third in her debut against winner. She, too, has been consistent but not as fast as the top pick. SECRET BARGAIN makes her first start since last May when she faded in the lane at this level. Solid set of drills for the comeback, winding up with a nice six-furlong bullet.

Second Race: 1. Adonia 2. Kaweah Princess 3. Cee the Lady

ADONIA duelled head and head in her debut, finally settling for second, beaten only a length. She's had a bullet work since. She's the first foal of a multiple stakes-placed dam to race and has attracted the services of the leading rider for her second start. KAWEAH PRINCESS is have to a multiple stakes winner and by a young sire who is 2-for-12 with debut runners. Has a nice sprinkling of bullets among her works, including five- and six-furlong moves at Pleasanton before cruising around the track her to get a feel of the surface. Leading barn shows nice profit with first-timers. CEE THE LADY stalked behind the top pick in her debut, hanging a bit in the lane at 30-to-1. Was a good try, and she has three works since raced and should improve. Beware of Bob's Lady Bee, stepping up off a claiming second in her debut and hailing from a barn that has great success with second-timers.

Third Race: 1. Silver Dust 2. Little Duanie 3. Hebesmallbutmighty

SILVER DUST is only 1-for-27 in his career, hardly a glowing recommendation. He has been running better of late. Ran third last time despite self-inflicted problems stemming from rankness early. Trained Hurricane Deputy, who ran well but seems eligible for a bounce in his second start off a layoff. Outside post shouldn't hurt because he tends to sit back a bit. LITTLE DUANIE has hit the board in eight of 12 starts. Lost a four-way photo in his last start at this level and has been turning in some decent numbers before faltering last time against better. Figure he'll be tough on the drop. HEBESMALLBUTMIGHTY gets blinkers back on again. Made a strong mid-race move before faltering late and has a three-furlong bullet work since raced. That work and the blinkers hint he'll be asked to do a bit more early here.

Fourth Race: 1. A Daisyfield 2. R Mattie 3. Galinda

A DAISYFIELD has enjoyed success here in the past. She has settled in at this bottom level, missing by a neck two back and then running third in a contentious heat that has seen the two that beat her come back to win their next starts. That was a conditioned race but may have been a tougher field than this one. R MATTIE is another that seems to have settled in at this bottom level. She's a trier and is always well positioned with her stalking speed. Has been given a brief freshener but has worked steadily during the period. GALINDA must won a conditioned race at this level in her first start for a new barn. Has a pair of works since, but barn has not enjoyed great success off similar layoffs.

Fifth Race: 1. Evia 2. Magic Potion 3. Spring Run

EVIA duelled to the lane but stopped on a dime late in her debut. Was wearing blinkers but takes them off here in a switch that has been a high-percentage move for the barn. Has a pair of works, including a half-mile bullet drill since raced. Barn has hit a lot of home runs with second-timers and may do so again here with a runner that went off at 11-to-1 in her debut. MAGIC POTION regressed a bit in her second start when she ended up on the lead in a race where there wasn't much pace. She did better chasing in her debut and should be able to get her preferred stalking trip again here. SPRING RUN got bumped early in her first try here. She was never a factor but kept to her task and did improve her position a bit. It was an encouraging race, and she's worked steadily since. Could be a factor at a bit of a price.

Sixth Race: 1. North of Time 2. Miki's King 3. Muskie

NORTH OF TIME has turned things around since stretching out. He ran an improved race in his second start, stepping up and trying turf after a sprint debut. He been second in two starts at this level since then, rallying wide last time. Continues to work regularly in the morning and gets the nod for his consistency. MIKI'S KING never got untracked when favored in his debut here, but he ran much better last time, losing by a nose while three in front of the third-place finisher, Laser Logic, who also returns in this spot. Had a bit of an excuse with a little bumping late in that race. MUSKIE moves to a barn that is having a good meet. Showed improvement when stretched out in his second start and could be a factor for barn that enjoys great success when spacing races as it has with him.

Seventh Race: 1. Beulah Fay 2. My Popcorn 3. My Leading Lady

BEAULAH FAY returns to a sprint where she lost by a nose after leading in the lane two back. She was a pace factor in her route debut last time and held third despite fading a bit late. Should be much more at home sprinting and has three works since then. Is also picking up the leading rider, who opened the week with a pair of triples. MY POPCORN broke alertly in her debut but took a while to get rolling. She raced into contention while three wide on the turn and grabbed the lead in the stretch before faltering late. Has a pair of works since raced for a barn that, as mentioned earlier, has great success with second-timers. MY LEADING LADY moved to a new barn and also dropped to this bottom level last time. The result was her best try yet and a solid second-place finish. She's worked nicely since so something positive is happening.

Eighth Race: 1. Madear 2. Queen Snake 3. Mother Nature

MADEAR gets the nod here for consistency, although her race record is far from sterling. Small barn doesn't have high win percentage but is pretty consistent about picking up check. Reunited with rider that guided her to her lone victory. QUEEN SNAKE has been something of a nibbler. She has run at this distance, finishing third on the turf. Getting a big drop here to the lowest level of her career. Faded last time against starter allowance rivals but has a solid work since then. You don't fool with MOTHER NATURE, who dropped to this level following a disappointing try in her debut against winners. Graduated at this distance, rallying very wide from far back in a full field. Has one run and needs some luck, but she should be flying late.

Ninth Race: 1. Drewsboro Road 2. Tiz Bizzy 3. Natpolean

DREWSBORO ROAD cuts back in distance, signing up for a sprint. Has hit the board in all five career starts and has stalked nicely when routing. Not the quickest of runners so the rail draw doesn't work in his favor, but like his consistency, and he seems able to finish. Should be well legged up after two routes. TIZ BIZZY chased the top pick sprinting two back and sat close to a slow pace last time when third in a route. Adding blinkers here for his first start in six weeks. Has worked all right in the interim. NATPOLEAN has run second in both starts here. Was worn down by the favorite last time and was upset in his first start here. Has speed and will be the one to catch.