

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: J's Stormtracker (5th race)

First Race: 1. Affirminator 2. Benezit 3. Novelty Hill

AFFIRMATOR just won at this level and steps up one condition here. Has hit the board in four of five starts at this distance and will enjoy his rail draw as he saves ground with a stalking trip. Is running well and has put together good races in the past. **BENEZIT** has never run for this cheap a tag. Passed tired horses last time on the turf in his first start around two turns in six months. Should be tighter today. **NOVELTY HILL** stretches out today. Hasn't run that badly going long in the past. He's primarily a nibbler and could offer value in exotics.

Second Race: 1. Ms. Salt Mine 2. River Breeze 3. A Year Of the Coins

MS. SALT MINE ran second as the favorite in her debut here. Was able to get the lead but faded a bit late. She's been working nicely in the month since her last start and should be a major player here. **RIVER BREEZE** returned to the sprint game 1st time and also ran second as the favorite. She was second and did gain in the lane but was passed late by **A YEAR OF THE COINS**, who sat back and closed nicely. Today's distance is a bit longer, but we like the nice stalking trip **River Breeze** should get and expect her to hold on better today. **A Year Of the Coins** does need help up front.

Third Race: 1. Surley Temple 2. Pete's Glory Girl 3. Gloria Jeanne

SURLEY TEMPLE is stretching out again. She loves this distance and has enjoyed success over this track in the past. Has been running consistently of late. Expect an improved try as she stretches out here. **PETE'S GLORY GIRL** just won a conditioned heat for this tag with a wire-to-wire effort. That was a new style, and the result was good. Figure she'll be gunning early again, and the lead is there for the asking even though the top pick has been sprinting. **GLORIA JEANNE** has won four of six starts over the Tapeta here, although the last one was on a disqualification. She has two wins and a second in three tries at this distance on the main track, winning her past two tries at this claiming level.

Fourth Race: 1. Swiftette 2. Teacher's Rule 3. Trick Soso

SWIFTETTE didn't do much in her first start following nearly 10 months on the sidelines. That snapped a two-race winning streak, but it came in a sprint, and she has proven better around two turns. Has never missed a check when routing and should be legged up with that sprint prep. **TEACHER'S RULE** has hit the board in her past two starts, showing vast improvement last time. Likes this track and this distance. Held the lead in the lane last time while losing a three-way photo while going longer. **TRICK SOSO** was winless last year but has been the runner-up in her past two starts. Lacks early foot and does need some help up front, but she does finish with a rush.

Fifth Race: 1. J's Stormtracker 2. Baracho 3. Crazy Wager

J'S STORMTRACKER showed improvement in his second start. Has speed and did finish better last time, although it came with a drop to the bottom level. It's a positive that he moves back up a notch here in his debut for a high percentage barn that shows a profit with new faces. **BARACHO** ran last the whole way last time in an abbreviated field. Actually recorded a career-best Beyer with the effort. Has a bullet work since then as he drops for this. **CRAZY WAGER** adds blinkers again as he cuts back in distance today. Has recorded decent route fractions of late, but he'll likely have a lot to do late to win.

Sixth Race: 1. Johnny the Watch 2. Waves of Honour 3. Nsync Lynx

JOHNNY THE WATCH has won half of his 18 starts here, hitting the board five other times. Had a two-race win streak snapped last time but was closing late against better. Has two maintenance drills, one a bullet since his last start. Has enjoyed good success at this distance. **WAVES OF HONOUR** is also dropping a notch here just like the top pick. Scored a game win, getting up in the finals strides after running third at the same level in his previous start. Willing to sit in midpack and, like the top pick, is able to unleash a strong kick late. **NSYNC LYNX** steps up after being claimed from a winning effort last time. Has been running on the turf, and that is his preferred surface. Has a bit of speed and will be the one the top two will have to deal with in the lane.

Seventh Race: 1. Amazing Feat 2. Mr Gear 3. Capital Cat

AMAZING FEAT cuts his claiming price in half as he comes north to make his debut here. Had trouble at the break in his California debut but showed his usual speed last time. He looks like a wire-to-wire possibility here and has a solid work to remain sharp since his last start. **MR GEAR** has been the runner-up in his past two start at this level. He's hit the board in all four starts at this level, running better at it than he has against easier. **CAPITAL CAT** was the third head in a four-way photo, trailing the second choice two back. Lack of speed no help, and note that his lone victory came on the turf.

Eighth Race: 1. Pleasant Prospect 2. Pure Silver 3. Royal Shrine

PLEASANT PROSPECT seems to have the most chance for improvement here in this nonwinners-of-two event. Did run second at the level previously and was claimed by a sharp barn last time. New barn that wins 30 percent off the claim has given him three works. **PURE SILVER** gets a big drop from allowance company to this low-level conditioned race. Has been running on the turf since his return here. Lone win did come at this distance, but note that he is winless on synthetic surfaces. **ROYAL SHRINE** graduated at this distance two back. Met better in his turf debut in his first start against winners. Didn't run that badly and should appreciate the easier company.