

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: He's in Charge (8th race)

First Race: 1.It's Happy Hour 2.Alley K'Kats 3.Ohtobeexcessive

IT'S HAPPY HOUR cuts his claiming price in half and returns to a sprint here. Has been overmatched in two starts since a nice maiden score. Tried routing last time and was a factor for six furlongs before falling out of the picture. Has a pair of works since then and could be legged up for a nice stalking trip here. ALLEY K' KATS dropped to this level last time and hit the board for the third straight time. He's another that will stalk, and the outside post should keep him free of trouble. Has a pair of half-mile maintenance moves since raced. OHTOBEEXCESSIVE returned to the races after 51 weeks on the sidelines and didn't show much. That was against a tougher field, and, if you check his PPs, you'll see that after running evenly in his debut, he graduated in his second start. Does have a work over the track since raced.

Second Race: 1.Alex and Me 2.Swen Ray 3.Breezy Johnny

ALEX AND ME bids for a repeat here after holding on for a hard-earned victory last time. Meeting many of the same runners today and figures to get another good stalking trip again for leading barn and rider. SWEN RAY had a two-race winning streak stopped by the top pick last time. Set the pace but had little left late. Speed is always dangerous, and he's going in good form. Worth another look and may offer a bit of value. BREEZY JOHNNY also has a bit of speed and is drawn outside his principal pace rivals, which works to his benefit. Dipped a bit last time with move to new barn, but barn may get a bit more out of him here. Prime Ruler missed by a nose to the top pick last time and should be a factor again here with another stalking trip.

Third Race: 1.Newport Lulu 2.Oh the Joy 3.Newport Topper

NEWPORT LULU is on a major roll. She's won four straight while moving up the claiming ladder. Steps up again here but figures to be in the thick of things throughout. Loves this track with five wins in seven starts and is a top-notch sprinter. Don't think they're asking too much of her here. OH THE JOY has won two straight photos and gets a big jump, doubling her claiming price here. Like the top pick, she's at her best here, winning six of 12 starts while adding three thirds. She, too, is a bona fide sprint, but the top pick will have first run on her. NEWPORT TOPPER caught a pretty tough field when she dropped to this level last time and hooks another tough group here. Rail draw may work against her as she'll have to step on the gas a bit early, but she does have some speed.

Fourth Race: 1.Ohmyohmy 2.Check Out the Cat 3.Dial Four Peace

OHMYOHMY ran all right against straight maidens in his debut and finished with interest. Dropped into a high-level claimer by sharp barn that shows a flat-bet profit with second-timers. Has series of nice works since his debut. CHECK OUT THE CAT was the runner-up at this level in his debut. Drifted out but was still finishing all right. Barn also does well with second-timers, showing an even better ROI than the top pick, and he'll likely finish straighter here. DIAL FOUR PEACE comes north for this. Set the pace last time and was right there at the six-furlong mark while going longer last time. Been pretty consistent performer down south and appears well meant here.

Fifth Race: 1.Scandalous 2.Hexbreaker 3.Tango Mango

SCANDALOUS runs for a lower price than he was claimed for in January. That move is no longer the red flag it once was, and barn always spots horses where they have the best chance to win. Has been training down south so you know this move is geared to getting a quick win. HEXBREAKER is a consistent check earner. He has enough speed to lead but is willing to rate. Scored double-digit victory last time he started at this level. Going in good form and finished gamely despite being fanned wide last time. TANGO MANGO couldn't hold off the second pick last time as he, too, had a wide trip. He'll be sitting close here and could get a first-run trip.

Sixth Race: 1.Jolly Ollie 2.Rose's Lad 3.Trieste'd N True

JOLLY OLLIE makes his debut for barn that does well with first-timers. Sire is OK with firsters and dam had five winners from her first six foals, including Dancin Candy, who has topped \$330K in earnings. Bullet six-furlong drill adds to allure. ROSE'S LAD adds blinkers after running evenly following a troubled start when bumped around in his debut. Has a pair of works since then and should be improved. Unraced dam has been useful producer. TRIESTE'D N TRUE is the first foal of an 0-for-2 dame. Has been working at Pleasanton and has nice series of works, winding up with a pair of six-furlong gate drills. Probably will be overbet because of connections but is by a proven win-early sire.

Seventh Race: 1.Punch Up 2.Tijuana Tuesday 3.Tritium

PUNCH UP has the lowest win percentage in the field with his 1-for-14 record, but this is the easiest spot he's run in, going for a tag for the first time in his last start. We're looking at a potential value play here with strong efforts in recent starts. A repeat of his last would be good enough for this with his ability to close. TIJUANA TUESDAY won his debut impressively at the bottom level. Surprisingly, he was a strong favorite at this level last time and did lead in the lane before fading late. He proved he's a fit here, and the outside draw works in his favor. Doesn't need the lead to score a win. TRITIUM swung wide and rallied nicely to be a good second at this level last time. In his previous start he lead in the lane before getting passed late. Won't offer the generous odds he has lately, but he's on an uptick and attracts the leading rider.

Eighth Race: 1.He's in Charge 2.Rich Mocha 3.Grap

HE'S IN CHARGE ran all right in his first two starts. He dropped to this level last time and ran second, holding on easily after he was passed for the lead. He can use his speed and the outside post to his advantage, although the turn does pop up pretty quickly here. New faces better bring their running shoes. RICH MOCHA drops a notch and adds blinkers for his second start. Barn shows a huge profit with second-timers. Ran evenly, finishing all right although not a factor last time. Expect improved try today. GRAP draws the rail for his debut, which isn't that bad a spot at this distance. High-percentage barn not known for winning first time out. Decent enough works for what appears to be a pretty ordinary field.