

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Perfect Hostess (8th race)

First Race: 1.Teenage Dancer 2.Caroline Elena 3.Exclusive Game

TEENAGE DANCER comes north and makes her first main-track start. Has notched good Beyers, but this is a different game for her. Fractions suggest she should be a factor by the end of the race. Unless first-timer CAROLINE ELENA has speed, this appears to be a relatively paceless heat. Caroline Elena is a half to stakes-winning Dexter Drive and also has two stakes-placed siblings. She's a half to winless Tis R Tanner. Has bullet five-furlong work two back. If she has any speed, she could prove tough here. EXCLUSIVE GAME showed stalking speed in her earlier sprint tries, but doesn't have great quickness. She has run second in each of her sprint tries.

Second Race: 1.Jules J 2.Bleach Blonde 3.City to City

JULES J beat a similar allowance field in her turf debut by 15 lengths and wasn't beaten all that badly in the Grade 3 Miesque on the turf at Hollywood Park last time. May have caught an easy field here in her turf win, but she seems to like the turf a lot. BLEACH BLONDE has won both her turf starts. She's hooked California Oaks winner and Corte Madera winner Salty Fries in her past two starts, finishing third behind those two, both times. Was surprised when she wasn't at least nominated to the California Oaks given her recent improvement. CITY TO CITY makes her turf debut here as does Notoriously. Pretty Kinzie has two turf wins and Moon Quist Rose one. City to City is a half to Purfect Punch, who was stakes-placed on the turf, and her sire enjoys success with debut runners on turf.

Third Race: 1.Zohan 2.Global Destiny 3.D J Magnus

Rivals should heed the warning: you don't mess with the ZOHAN, who comes north looking for a graduation spot. Has earned checks in his past five starts down south and may outstyle his rivals here. Runs for a high-percentage barn and gets the leading rider. Has decent speed and should get a good trip from the rail. GLOBAL DESTINY just ran second against similar. Has shown marked improvement since stretching out. Easily handled his favored stablemate D J MAGNUS last time with a strong finish after DJ stick his head in front in the lane. Both of them, like the top pick, have the speed to get good trips here.

Fourth Race: 1.I B Bad 2.Prize of the City 3.Any Wager

Ten-year-old I B BAD returned from 20 months on the sidelines last fall and scored two victories while finishing third three times in five starts. He was claimed two back for this tag and drops back to this level again today while adding blinkers. Has a pair of maintenance drills in the month since his last start. PRIZE OF THE CITY held gamely for a wire-to-wire win last time out at this level. Draws the rail here so you know he'll be asked early. Top pick beat him in November, but he should be a factor up front. ANY WAGER was the third head in the photo behind the second choice last time as he closed with a rush. Has always run well here and could offer some value in a contentious heat.

Fifth Race: 1.Real Coffee 2.Lady Dawn 3.Tripped the Light

REAL COFFEE had a two-race win streak snapped last out. She beat easier on the turf before winning on the main track for this tag. She was a beaten favorite running second the whole way last time for this tag on the turf getting outfinished late. LADY DAWN is winless on the turf but keeps coming close. She has a pair of seconds and a third in three tries over the Lakeside turf course and should prove a factor in the lane again. TRIPPED THE LIGHT ran evenly last time when she finished third behind the top pick in an improved try. It was her second start after an eight-month layoff, and she should be set for her best now with those two races under her belt.

Sixth Race: 1.Maidens Justice 2.Lordgivemealift 3.Skimasco

MAIDENS JUSTICE was a stakes winner here as a 2 YO. All three of his career victories as well as his three runner-up finishes have come here. The should be a pretty contentious pace picture here, which should benefit him as he sits early and makes his move late. Has a pair of maintenance drills since meeting better last time. LORDGIVEMEALIFT was claimed when an odds-on favorite at this level in his return here last time. Does like to win and has speed, but he's willing to stalk. Could get a first-run trip here. Barn wins nearly one-third of the time off a claim and has given him two works. SKIMASCO figures to get a good trip with his outside draw. He's another that will benefit if a speed duel develops. Did his best running as a 2 YO. Like that solid five-furlong work last time in preparation for this.

Seventh Race: 1.Lang Field 2. Judge's Verdict 3.Moscato

LANG FIELD has enjoyed good success on the turf in the past. He's earned checks in both of his turf starts here while meeting better. He dropped to this level and ran second on the main track last time. Expect him to run even better for solid barn with return to turf as he makes his third start following a freshener. JUDGE'S VERDICT was claimed last out by the leading barn. He won his lone turf try against easier and has won sprinting at this level in the past. Barn does very well with new faces off a claim. Has handled a mile well in the past and shouldn't mind the extra distance here. MOSCATO also won his turf debut. He brings a two-race win streak into this, but he's getting a double jump up the claiming ladder here. His numbers seem a good fit, and his is at the top of his game.

Eighth Race: 1.Perfect Hostess 2.Salsa Express 3.Dixieland Classic

PERFECT HOSTESS has won three straight, beating her primary rivals the past two starts. She's gone wire-to-wire and is dropping for this. Has a pair of five-furlong works for the leading barn, which is generally a tipoff that she remains in good form. SALSA EXPRESS has been the runner-up to the top pick in two of her wins and ran third the other time during that one's winning streak. She also ran second when favored going long last time and was claimed. She usually sits close to the lead and could prove tough if the top one falters at all. DIXIELAND CLASSIC won her last start at this level, but she was dropped off that win. Won a conditioned heat for half this price two back, then lost her rider last time out. Figure she'll offer some value in exotics.