

# GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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## **BEST BET: Lucky Wise Guy (4th race)**

### **First Race:1.Mother Nature 2.Baba Zula 3.Desert Siren**

You can't fool with MOTHER NATURE in the lane. Although she has no speed whatsoever, she comes flying late. She is at her best around two turns but probably would like even more distance. Despite the outside post, she'll be able to tuck in, saving ground in the short run to the first turn. She was given a boost off her maiden win but has her claiming price cut in half here to run at a more realistic level. BABA ZULA was on the sidelines for 11 weeks and returned at the bottom maiden claiming level. She was far back early but rallied wide and got up in midstretch before pulling clear late. She has a second and a third at this distance on the turf and will be flying late just like the top pick. DESERT SIREN has routed all right in the past. She has some speed and should be able to get the lead against this group as she cuts her claiming price in half.

### **Second Race:1.Silver Dust 2.Affirmator 3.Hebesmallbutmighty**

SILVER DUST met much tougher in a starter allowance race last time and is back at a level where he's been effective, running second and third in his past two tries at it. Demand a price because he's winless on synthetics and is only 1-for-26 in his career. Doesn't have that much speed but had been finishing well before his last start. Note that despite failing to threaten, he maintained good form. AFFIRMATOR just picked up his diploma, finishing well after a five-week rally. Favored in his past two starts. Moving into new barn that does well with new faces. HEBESMALLBUTMIGHTY has been bouncing around barns of late and comes here after a private sale. Hung a bit in the lane last time when passed late by longshot Galahad, one of today's rivals. His consistency makes him a must-use in exotics.

### **Third Race:1.Devilofaprice 2.Rooftop 3.Laser Logic**

DEVILOFAPRICE can put together strong efforts, but he can also disappear. Has been alternating between good and bad tries of late, and the pattern suggests a regression today. But he dropped to this bottom level last time, has a decent maintenance drill since and should be able to repeat his last effort today. Should offer a bit of value. ROOFTOP defeated the top pick two back. He's hit the board in his past two starts and now drops to the bottom level. Has shown improvement in each start. LASER LOGIC showed vast improvement in his second start, showing more early speed. He faded late, but still finished better than he had in his debut. Gets first try around two turns, and breeding suggests he'll appreciate the distance.

### **Fourth Race:1.Lucky Wise Guy 2.Devil Cielo 3.Letsgobyebye**

LUCKY WISE GUY has problems, but he's a game competitor at this bottom level. He's at the top of his game right now, scoring a win in his debut for this barn after getting a seven-week break. Has won four of his past five starts, losing the fifth by only one-half length. There's other speed in this race, but has the advantage of being drawn outside his pace rivals. DEVIL CIELO ran all right last time when he debuted for a new barn. He drops back to his claiming level for this. He ran second to the top pick, snapping a two-race win streak when he was claimed. LETSGOBYEBYE proved very game last time battling through the lane and prevailing by a head. Won his lone main-track start at this distance and also has a first and second at distance on the turf. Tolnai and Proud Cajun are a formidable entry that shouldn't be ignored.

### **Fifth Race:1.Avondelay 2.Sierra Echo 3.American Avenue**

AVONDELAY was sent north and dropped last time. She was favored and gave it a good try in the lane, finishing third while losing by only one length. Getting another drop here and has a pair of works since that last race, which provided her highest career Beyer. SIERRA ECHO ran third the whole trip in her debut. She got a nice stalking trip in a full field, and held third easily despite fading a bit late. Has a pair of maintenance drills since her debut and should be more of a factor in the lane today. AMERICAN AVENUE has been a consistent check earner. Can maintain contact early and has been finishing evenly. Should be a worth a look at a price.

### **Sixth Race:1.Refinery 2.Thundering Justice 3.Alley Fighter**

REFINERY has been the runner-up in his past two starts. The past classer is a stalker who was claimed when he missed by a neck and led in the lane last time before being outfinished. Has an easy maintenance drill since his last start and has beaten several of today's rivals. Has never won on a synthetic track. THUNDERING JUSTICE and the top pick dueled pretty evenly last time with only a neck separating the two. Has picked up a check in his past six sprints. Last win came here 14 months ago. ALLEY FIGHTER didn't have much left in the lane last time as he routed and made a good four-wide move to get into contention by the quarter pole. Will appreciate the return to a sprint.

### **Seventh Race:1.Campfire Wish 2.Shannon's Whisper 3.Thelifeoftheparty**

CAMPFIRE WISH retruned from a two-month layoff and was a good second in her 3 YO debut. Has only one easy maintenance drill since raced but should be tighter with that comeback start. Wasn't rushed back so not expecting a bounce, although she did that last year in her second start. Has run second in two of her three starts here. SHANNON'S WHISPER has worked all right for her debut. Barn does well with debut runners and has a six-furlong work in her. Three of five siblings are winners, but sire is only 4-for-42 with debut runners. THELIFE-OF-THEPARTY ran gamely in her debut. She was bumped at the break, getting away a bit slowly. Was last to the quarter pole and finished evenly while rivals were tiring. Has three works, including a six-furlong bullet move from the gate, since and could show vast improvement here.

### **Eighth Race:1.Rule the Storm 2.Carissa 3.Continental Cream**

RULE THE STORM has shown steady improvement. Pulled away late in her graduation score following a layoff. Came back at this level and stuck her head in front between calls in the stretch but couldn't maintain the lead. Has pair of works since and should get a good rail run here. Just call CARISSA Miss Congeniality with six straight second-place finishes, the past three times as the odds-on pick. She'll try two turns for the first time here, and she should love the distance. Stalks in sprints and should be able to sit wherever she wants here. CONTINENTAL CREAM has moved up from low-level claiming ranks to be competitive at this level. Was no match for the top pick last time, finishing fourth, but that was the first time she failed to hit the board here.

### **Ninth Race:1.Mia Angelina 2.Maggie's Patches 3.Ryan's Jaded Star**

MIA ANGELINA makes her debut here with a nice series of works for a barn that shows a flat-bet profit with first-timers. She's first foal of 0-for-3 dam to race. Sire not much with debut runners, but this is an easy spot, and the barn must be respected despite the cold start. MAGGIE'S PATCHES is the lone winner in the field but was disqualified that day. Has some early foot and a rail draw, which could prove an advantage. Barn has been dropping her, but she has two decent works since her last start six weeks ago. RYAN'S JADED STAR has spent most of her career routing where she has been able to establish good position early before fading. Lone work in the month since her last start was a three-furlong bullet.