

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Hornung (3rd race)

First Race: 1. Crafty Power 2. Dancin Candy 3. Blue Torpedo

CRAFTY POWER has moved to a new barn and steps up a notch after hitting board in three straight starts. He's adept turf or main track but does prefer the turf. Uses his early foot to good advantage and has a nice pair of drills since raced. **DANCIN CANDY** is one of the reasons barn is having such a good meet. Has won on turf and won at this level on the main track. Dropping back a notch today after a good effort despite racing wide. **BLUE TORPEDO** runs for a cheaper price today, hoping the slight drop will prove beneficial. He has closed well against better in recent, and, if the race should be taken off the turf, he has won on a synthetic surface before.

Second Race: 1. Global Riot 2. Come Back Native 3. Dustin the Track

GLOBAL RIOT was competitive at the \$40,000 starter allowance level, which is also, basically, a nonwinners of two race. Dropped to this level last time and was favored. He closed for second but hung a bit late after racing a bit wide. Beaten favorite in his past two starts will try to make amends here. **COME BACK NATIVE** switches from a turf route to a Tapeta sprint. Graduated sprinting at Fresno and has been a pace factor in his two route tries. Has never failed to pick up a check. **DUSTIN THE TRACK** returned from a seven-week layoff, got involved in a contentious pace duel and was outfinished late. That race should do him some good, and barn has good success in the second start of a layoff.

Third Race: 1. Hornung 2. Forestry Bull 3. Sovereign Road

HORNUNG is the first foal of a graded stakes-placed dam. He was sent north for his debut and had a troubled trip. Has a nice Social maintenance drill since and is sent back here for his second start. Should improve with that one under his belt, and look who's riding. Barn wins 26 percent with the second start. **FORESTRY BULL** has three siblings, all of whom have won. Sire does well with young runners, and his six-furlong drills, including one bullet work, should have him plenty fit for debut. **SOVEREIGN ROAD** is also by a good win-early sire and is have to multiple stakes winner, Amber Hill, who did win one stakes at age two. Been working regularly over track for barn that shows a profit with first-timers and 2 YOs.

Fourth Race: 1. Smoocher 2. River Rebel 3. Devil Cielo

SMOOCHER just beat similar company despite what could have been the perfect excuse to throw in the towel leaving the first turn when he had to steady hard. He's going in very good form and seems a perfect fit at this bottom level. **RIVER REBEL** has picked up a pair of checks at this level and won a conditioned heat for this tag in his past three starts. He has won in open company at this level similar to the company he is facing today. Will stalk and get first run on the top pick. **DEVIL CIELO** is a good fit at this level. He trailed the top pick last time, turning in an even effort. Likes track and distance.

Fifth Race: 1. Dumaani Came Home 2. Swiftette 3. Unbridled Mango

DUMAANI CAME HOME was sent north tow back and made her turf debut. Switched to the main track last time, she didn't do much, but now that she's been in barn a while, we're willing to take a chance. She'll provide value and gets a seven-pound weight break. Could be the type of pick that is a separator on your Pick Six tickets. **SWIFTETTE** is stretching out today and is another who should offer some value. Note that she ran nicely before when stretched out. A similar trip here could lead straight to the winner's circle. **UNBRIDLED MANGO** should have no excuses here. After a 10-month layoff, she's had three starts, including a turf route try. Should be no questions about fitness as she tries two turns on the main track for the first time.

Sixth Race: 1. Islandhoppertopper 2. Rosiana 3. American Avenue

ISLANDHOPPERTOPPER hails from a high-percentage barn that does well with second-timers. Broke slowly, then got mugged at the start of her debut but still finished with interest. Jockey switch could prove valuable, and she's had a speed-sharpening maintenance drill since raced. **ROSIANA** beat the top pick and several others of these in her last start, which was her best race yet. Was part of contentious duel last time, sticking her head in front in the lane. She was beaten but did hold second easily. **AMERICAN AVENUE** chased the second pick two back and ran second at this level last time out. She was content to sit a bit early and did finish nicely, although she had to settle for second.

Seventh Race: 1. Half Mine 2. Unusual Smoke 3. Unbroken Vow

HALF MINE made his GGF and turf debuts last time. The Canadian stakes winner made some improvement late and gave hints he could improve. Went off at nearly 24-to-1 last time and should offer good value here, which is always important, but especially when there is a Pick Six carryover, even though this one isn't astronomical. **UNUSUAL SMOKE**, like many offspring of Unusual Heat, has responded favorably with a switch to turf. Ran second vs. winners in first start after graduating. This is actually a tougher spot than the one he ran in, but he's shown improvement and should be a factor here. **UNBROKEN VOW** is by the same sire as last Saturday's stakes winner. He's bidding for a hat trick here having won on a race switched to the main track and a turf test in his past two starts. Steps up again here, but he's sharp and should be able to handle it.

Eighth Race: 1. San Miguel King 2. Right Approach 3. Dee Rain

SAN MIGUEL KING has always knocked at the door here, hitting the board in eight of 10 starts without scoring a win. He ran second and third in two tries at this distance. Claiming price is cut half as he stretches out today with some solid works since his last start. **RIGHT APPROACH** just won the second condition at this level with a game effort, getting up to win a photo. Has been running consistently of late and has settled in at what appears a competitive level. **DEE RAIN** moves to a new barn and returns to the main track after meeting better on the turf in his past two starts. He's winless on turf so surface switch could be significant.