

# GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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## **BEST BET: Roar Lord (2nd race)**

### **First Race: 1.Primary Notice 2.Black Mallou 3.Any Wager**

PRIMARY NOTICE returned from 11 months on the sidelines and is going in good form now. He was no match for BLACK MALLOW in his comeback, but he won a conditioned heat for this tag in his second start and ran all right when bumped up a notch last time. Past classer looms the one to beat as he drops back down to his winning level, although this is an open race. Black Mallou was re-claimed when he won his GGF return in a conditioned heat at this level. Faded last last out, but this drop could be all he needs to return to the winner's circle. He loves this track and has won half of his six starts at this distance. ANY WAGER needs some help up front, but he's closed nicely while finishing third at this level in his past two starts. Has always run well here, and off-the-pace style is surprisingly effective at this distance.

### **Second Race: 1.Roar Lord 2.Hearts Ablazin 3.Michael the Man**

ROAR LORD has run second in both starts here after beginning his career in Canada. finished nicely in his route debut last time and has a nice maintenance drill since. Figures to get another good stalking trip here. HEARTS ABLAZIN is also coming off a second-place finish at this level in a split of a similar \$20,000 maiden claiming heat. He got the lead at the quarter pole and was an easy second despite being outfinished. Roar Lord gets the nod because he ran in a faster heat, but Hearts Ablazin did run in a race with faster fractions, which could be a point in his favor. MICHAEL THE MAN cut out slow fractions before fading behind the top pick last time. He'll need to be on his toes early here, but he seemed to respond well when put into the race early last time.

### **Third Race: 1.Full Power Ahead 2.Mim's Man 3.Six Pack Abs**

FULL POWER AHEAD has won his past three starts for this tag and could be sitting in a good spot turning for home today. All the contenders show some speed, but he appears likeliest to fall into the type of stalking trip he likes best. MIMS MAN got a big boost last time up to a second-level allowance/optional claimer race. He pressed the pace before fading in the lane. Be slightly better two back and has earned a check in all three starts since returning from a 5 1/2-month layoff. Seems the likely pacesetter. SIX PACK ABS has speed and is drawn outside the second choice. That could provide a tactical advantage as he has the option of sitting just off his rival or taking the lead if he decides to go that way.

### **Fourth Race: 1.Champali Lace 2.Tiz Cee's Ballet 3.Aunt Bessie**

There's not a lot to recommend in this bottom-level race. CHAMPALI LACE has been consistent and did finish second, just ahead of TIZ CEE'S BALLETT two back. Outside draw will help as she stalks and stays out of trouble. Depending upon early foot by a first-time, she could inherit the lead. Tiz Cee's Ballet has the best last-race Beyer, but, more importantly, she may be coming out of a live heat. The runner-up and third-place finish in her last start have come back to win. First-timer AUNT BESSIE draws the rail for her debut. Solid barn doesn't start that many maidens, but it has done well with debut runners. She's the first foal out of a stakes-placed dam and by a sire who shows promise as a win-early sire.

### **Fifth Race: 1.Red Hot Charlotte 2.Cool Allie 3.Noel's Vixen**

RED HOT CHARLOTTE has been overmatched in her two starts against winners. She graduated at the bottom level. She ran second as she stepped up for her debut against winners. She regressed a bit last time and is dropped to the bottom level. Drop should be all she needs to win. COOL ALLIE was favored in her maiden victory two back. Made her debut against winners at this level and finished all right after dueling from the rail. Should appreciate today's shorter distance. NOEL'S VIXEN ran evenly following a six-month layoff. She finished with a bit of interest and should be improved off that try.

### **Sixth Race: 1.Ressie the Cat 2.Endless Sweep 3.Spoolem**

RESSIE THE CAT has shown improvement in her past two starts. Was a factor throughout at 14-to-1 last time, and she has three works since. Barn shows nice flat-bet profit in sprints and finds what seems to be an easy spot here. ENDLESS SWEEP makes her debut today. She's by a young sire, who has done all right. Her lone sibling is a winner. Works aren't spectacular, but they're solid enough to merit attention, particularly the Jan 2 five-furlong move. Tab the tote, but she could offer some decent value. SPOOLEM is another first-timer. Barn does well with debut runners. Has a decent debut sire, and both siblings are winners. Like the way she's been working of late.

### **Seventh Race: 1.Crayon Red 2.Majestic American 3.Buck Tuddy Buck**

CRAYON RED had the most tries of any of these last year, going 0-for-13. Outside draw works nicely for him, and he has been the runner-up in his past two starts at this level. In fact, he's picked up a check in all four starts since dropping to this level. Returns after a month of freshening but does have a bullet half-mile work since raced. MAJESTIC AMERICAN is showing a bit of life of late, notching his best Beyer since 2008 last time out. May have to be hustled a bit from the rail so that he doesn't get shuffled back. BUCK TUDDY BUCK ran evenly at this level as he trailed the top pick while making his first start in nearly nine months. Barn has a high win percentage and shows a tidy profit with second-timers off long layoffs.

### **Eighth Race: 1.Atchafalaya Bay 2.Secret of Love 3.For the Lady**

ATCHAFALAYA BAY has picked up a check in all of her starts. She returned to the sprint game last time when she dropped to this level after three straight turf routes. Closed nicely with a wide trip and stuck her head in front between calls before getting nipped at the wire. May be able to sit a bit closer early now that her speed has been sharpened following her last start. SECRET OF LOVE was the runner-up in both starts down south in 2008. Making first start in 15 months after transferring to a new barn. Has decent enough works. Don't let the claiming price fool you. She was running at the bottom level down south. FOR THE LADY showed improvement in her second start off a five-month layoff. She set a pressured pace before giving way grudgingly late. Has easy maintenance drill since race and gets a weight break with an apprentice aboard.

### **Ninth Race: 1.Salah Pick Six 2.Laday Tale 3.Gherig**

SALAH PICK SIX makes his third start after a nearly seven-month break. He seems to be rounding into form and should be set for his best following a pair of five-furlong works since raced. Has enough early speed so that rail draw should not be a concern. LADAY TALE is a stablemate of the top pick. He makes his first start in one year and one day. Won his only other start at this bottom level and returns to the race with a bullet in his final drill. GHERIG has run all right since his return here. Forget the final result of his lone route. He was sitting close behind solid fractions before fading. Ran well for this jockey before.