

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Motorboat (6th race)

First Race: 1. Stretchinthe Limits 2. Bakers Beach 3. Olive Queen

STRETCHINTHELIMITS has suffered only one loss, that coming in a seven-furlong stakes. She's won her other three starts and gets to run at this allowance level since she's a Cal-bred and won a restricted allowance race earlier. Has speed to sit in perfect position and has worked steadily since her last victory. **BAKERS BEACH** has run well in both starts, graduating here earlier in the meet after missing nearly eight months. Both starts have been good ones and don't expect a bounce as she has worked nicely and been given five weeks since her comeback effort. **OLIVE QUEEN** has won two straight, a maiden claimer and starter allowance. She's looked good winning but meets the big girls today. Has improved in each start and had a bullet drill last Saturday. Should be a definite factor here.

Second Race: 1. Stella's Posada 2. Stag On the Run 3. Rave Rave Rave

STELLA'S POSADA gets the nod in this contentious race because of his consistency. Had excuses last time when he had no room at the quarter pole and then had to finish on his own after his rider lost his whip. Does like this track with three wins here and should be sitting in a comfortable stalking position. **STAG ON THE RUN** has three wins and two seconds in six starts here. Just won a conditioned heat for this tag and has been showing steady improvement of late. Outside draw to avoid trouble and enough speed to be nicely placed throughout. **RAVE RAVE RAVE** edged the top pick last time, losing a win photo after battling on the lead all the way. Was sent to Los Al for a confidence-building win prior to that. Is being asked early again and seems to respond to that style of racing.

Third Race: 1. Lady Railrider 2. You Lift Me Up 3. Film Editor

LADY RAILRIDER won her last stakes when she met Cal-breds. Since then she's run second in the Sunshine Millions Distaff and third here when she made a quick turnaround. That was five weeks ago so she'll come into this race perfectly and has shown she's ready with a solid 1:12.80 six-furlong bullet work last week. Stakes-winning **YOU LIFT ME UP** has some speed and has been proven against tougher. She doesn't need the lead to win, in case comebacking Warm 'n Toasty really wants to gun early, but she'll be on or very close to the front. Couldn't hold off the top pick in her only other start here, but she was compromised when she stumbled leaving the gate. Probably a bit better on turf. **FILM EDITOR** has hit the board in all three starts since coming up here in December, including a second to the top pick in the Pacific Heights. Sits off the pace early and does need some help and luck.

Fourth Race: 1. Kalookan Ghost 2. Undeniable Truth 3. Bubsy

KALOOKAN GHOST adds blinkers for his second start after rallying nicely for second in his debut. Was fanned wide into the turn in a compact field and didn't really fire in the lane, finishing evenly as the winner pulled clear. Showed some moxie, winning a three-way duel for second and has a nice work since. **UNDENIABLE TRUTH** comes north for the first time with some gaudy numbers. Tried a route last time and was never really in the hunt after a good sprint try six weeks earlier. Need only match that sprint form to pick up a diploma here and should be well bet. **BUBSY** set the pace last time before losing a photo for second to the top pick in his debut here. Outside post helps strategically, but others seem to have more reason to improve than he does.

Fifth Race: 1. Roaring Times 2. Dial Four Peace 3. Chumash Joe

ROARING TIMES makes his third start following a brief fresher and drops to the bottom level. Beaten favorite last time, fading in the lane, but he's had two works since, including a five-furlong bullet work. Must show some improvement here but is capable of doing that. **DIAL FOUR PEACE** has flashed speed in the past and draws the rail here. Tactics seem obvious as he drops to the bottom run after making his debut here 10 days ago. **CHUMASH JOE** will need help here. Has no early speed, but he can close, which makes him a perfect fit on the back end of your exotic tickets. Ran third two back and missed hitting the board by just a head in his last start. Has a pair of easy works since his last start.

Sixth Race: 1. Motorboat 2. Pasta Time 3. King Nazario

MOTORBOAT is the type of horse you like to bet against. He's been favored in his past six starts and has been odds-on in four of those occasions, including both starts here. He's run well enough to merit support each time and drops to the bottom level here with an easy maintenance work since missing by less than a length last time. He's the one to beat, but he's hard to bet. **PASTA TIME** tries sprinting again after being a pace factor in his past three route starts. Has gotten away with easy fractions, but he'll have to gun a bit more today with his rail draw. He's legged up enough that he shouldn't have any problem finishing strong. **KING NAZARIO** finished directly behind the top pick last time after nine months on the sidelines. He was never really a threat as he won the photo for show. Has a work over the track since then.

Seventh Race: 1. Old Ed 2. Dance Chief 3. Warren's Pepe

OLD ED fell short in his bid for a hat trick last time, finishing second as a talented runner pulled away down the stretch. Managed to hold second with relative ease. Has the speed to sit close and is at the top of his game right now. **DANCE CHIEF** had a string of four straight seconds snapped last time out when third behind the top pick. He made a nice move on the second turn to gain contention but hung a bit late. Both his wins have come at this distance, but he settles for second too often. Doesn't mean he should be overlooked in exotics. **WARREN'S PEPE** was favored over the top pick in their last meeting. He was coming off a win but couldn't hold his rival off. Has good speed, but there's other speed in here in Babu and Mon's the Man, and that could hurt him.

Eighth Race: 1. Sunset Tijuana 2. Afleet's Desire 3. Minutes Apart

SUNSET TIJUANA was the runner-up for this tag last time in an open race and now gets a softer spot in a conditioned heat for runners that have not won since Nov. 15. She has hooked some decent runners here since a southern sojourn and will have a chance in the lane with her stalking style. **AFLEET'S DESIRE** has been running consistently here and was the runner-up when dropped to this level and condition last time. Likely favorite given her current form, and she sports the biggest bankroll in the field. **MINUTES APART** has run only once since December of 2007 and now has been off three months since that start. Has some OK drills and did run that badly in her comeback. She'll add value to your exotics.

Ninth Race: 1. Fool Me Once 2. Astraea 3. Lady Butterfly

FOOL ME ONCE has fooled handicappers several times, running second in three straight starts. Has been well backed but was only favored last time out when she turned in her best effort yet. Her biggest problem is a lack of early foot that leaves her with an awful lot to do in the lane. Rider has hit the board with her all four times he's been aboard and once only missed by a head going longer. **ASTRAEA** drops to the bottom level here after coming north last time. Was in good position early before fading, and the easier company here should make her a bigger factor in the lane. **LADY BUTTERFLY** stretches out and adds blinkers today. Barn shows profit with both moves. Has a pair of improved works since her last start and is bred for the distance. She's a filly who will enjoy moving to turf.