

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Surf Academy (7th race)

First Race: 1.Liver 2.The Supply Program 3.Candlestick Park

LIVER gets a double jump here as he bids for a hat trick. Rallied from off the pace to win two back and got a nice stalking trip last time. Like that versatility and the fact he has really put things together of late. Jock is perfect on him. THE SUPPLY PROGRAM was claimed at this level two back. Ran well when a runner-up against better and drops back to his claiming level again here. Barn has been on a hot streak. This one is going in good form and can continue the barn's hot run. CANDLESTICK PARK has been claimed in his past four starts, including last time when he was re-claimed when the beaten favorite on the turf. He will appreciate the return to the main track and the drop. Has two maintenance works since his last start.

Second Race: 1.Little Bug 2.Devilish Denae 3.Frisco Fox

LITTLE BUG had a good year last year but is looking for her first synthetic surface victory as she drops a notch today. Has been running consistently and has a pair of maintenance works since her last start. High-percentage barn does well with this rider, who is ready to break out of an early-meet slump. Could offer some value despite the drop. DEVILISH DENAE won her debut for this barn in a sprint at this level. Won her lone try at a mile here and also won at a mile on the turf so distance is no problem. Should get good trip here and may offer more value than stablemate Movie Star R.N., who gets the leading rider. FRISCO FOX gets her first start at this distance. Has speed and the rail, but she was caught sprinting by the second choice in her last start. Should be able to get an easy lead, and the breeding suggests she can handle a mile.

Third Race: 1.More Than Class 2.Mr. Monkey Jones 3.Sonny's Tornado

MORE THAN CLASS has trained nicely for his debut for sharp barn that is not afraid to send maidens north for easier pickings. By an excellent debut sire. Love the series of six-furlong drills and the half-mile bullet drill from the gate. Colt appears to have early zip, and the leading speed rider takes the call. MR. MONKEY JONES is the first foal of a 2-for-40 dam. Sire doesn't do much with debut runners, but barn shows a flat-bet profit with first-timers. Has worked steadily for past month after missing three months of training. Does get services of leading rider. SONNY'S TORNADO puts on blinkers today after breaking a bit slowly from the rail last time. Was hustled early and did hold second. Barn shows profit when blinkers go on, and he's had a bullet drill since raced. All three siblings are winners.

Fourth Race: 1.Newport Lulu 2.Madame Hook 3.Imagunna

NEWPORT LULU steps up a notch after blitzing a conditioned field last time. Stalked nicely and pulled well clear late after perhaps moving a bit too soon in her previous start. Lot to like here with sharp barn and solid rider who work well together. Loves the distance and has won two of four starts here. MADAME HOOK won at this level two back. She made up some ground in the lane last time when moved up a notch and drops back to her winning level today. She runs well here on a surface that plays fairly for her style where she's content to sit back a bit early. IMAGUNNA gets a drop here of what may be a better-than-looks race. She tired in the lane but was part of a hot duel so the fade can be explained. Her outside post here gives her some strategic advantages, and she did beat better two back.

Fifth Race: 1.Storm Fleur 2.Nail Polish 3.Bunny At the Lake

STORM FLEUR gets another drop, finally dipping to the bottom level. Had only one race in 10 months before resurfacing here. Has put three solid efforts together with a pair of runner-up performances and a third last time when favored. Top rider remains aboard but will have to overcome rail draw. NAIL POLISH woke up last time in her third start and she ran second. She hung a bit, but she was forced to go five wide on the turn and simply ran out of gas after ranging into contention at the top of the stretch. Was three in front of her nearest rival, Black Cinder, who also runs here. BUNNY AT THE LAKE returned after a year on the sidelines and did little in her first start. Came flying as she circled the field last time when a strong second while nearly doubling her previous best Beyer. Is it a sign of how good she is now or will she bounce off the big effort?

Sixth Race: 1.Keepin It Deep 2.Rosiana 3.Texana

KEEPIN IT DEEP has been showing improvement of late and seems to like this distance. She grabbed the lead in the lane last time as she circled her rivals, but she hung a bit late, losing by one-half length. Seems to like this distance but unlikely to offer double-digit odds here. ROSIANA ran so poorly last time after a solid second-place finish that we're willing to give her another chance. She stopped badly but probably tired after racing quite wide. Blinkers come off. She'll get seven-pound weight break for apprentice that has had his greatest success with this barn. TEXANA has split decisions with the second choice in their past two starts. Her race two back was almost as bad as her rival's was last time. Has hit the board in three of five career starts, each time with this rider.

Seventh Race: 1.Surf Academy 2.Whatsamillion 3.Niccolo Dream

SURF ACADEMY has been a money-burner of late, failing three straight times as the favorite, including last time when he was odds-on when dropped to this level. The 1-for-20 record is a cause for concern, but he's been consistent while meeting better down south and also here. Had the lead in the lane last time before being outfinished but still dug in to save second. WHATSAMILION takes blinkers off again here. Has hit the board in all three starts here since graduating last fall at Fresno and all four times he's raced here. Steady with six on-the-board finishes in seven starts last year. NICCOLO DREAM finally broke his maiden last time in start No. 21. It took him a few tries at the bottom maiden claiming level to graduate, and he's facing better here. He's definitely worth looking at to provide a bit of value in exotics.

Eighth Race: 1.June My Love 2.Diamond Berries 3.Dixieland Sky

It took JUNE MY LOVE 16 tries to graduate, although she did win a straight maiden race before being the third head in a photo at this level in her last start 11 weeks ago. Those races came on the turf where she's done her best running. The Social import has run well in her two starts here and has worked all right for her comeback. Demand some value with the layoff for barn that is not known for firing first time back. DIAMOND BERRIES was stakes-placed at Emerald Downs last summer and has come close here in two tries at this level. Was unlucky loser by a nose last time and has a solid maintenance drill since raced. DIXIELAND SKY ran second in her debut here, then went down south, stepped up a notch and won going 7 1/2 furlongs but around one turn. Has easy maintenance drill since raced and should be a solid fit in this spot.

Ninth Race: 1.Kitten Heels 2.Voodoo Sue 3.Via Cari

KITTEN HEELS finished with interest in her debut after being shuffled back on the turn. Has a smart maintenance drill since raced and should improve. Getting a seven-pound weight break with shift to apprentice rider. Watch result of fifth race where Bunny At the Lake is running since that one finished second in front of this one in that Dec. 21 race. VOODOO SUE is a first-timer debuting for barn that has good success with debut runners. Like the fact she has a six-furlong bullet drill on her resume in preparation for this. VIA CARI debuted in the same race as the top pick, finishing behind her. Did not get away well and was never a factor, but barn shows a flat-bet profit with second-timers so give her a good look.