

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Kentucky Outing (5th race)

First Race: 1.Liver 2.City Stormer 3.Trick of the North

LIVER, coupled here with the just-re-claimed Surf Town, has won four straight while moving up the class ladder. This is his biggest jump yet, doubling the price of his last start. Has shown steady improvement and has numbers that fit well here. Rider is 4-for-4 on him, and game gelding has four wins and a second in six starts here. CITY STORMER has been off 11 weeks since losing a photo in a straight allowance race. Running for tag here. Put together four-race win streak last year and has been an exacta participant in his past seven starts. Three decent recent works, but condition is a question. TRICK OF THE NORTH has made two widely spaced starts in the past year. Ran well last month and has easy maintenance drill since most recent comeback. Finished evenly but didn't really kick it in. Should show improvement here.

Second Race: 1.Luck Is Fleeting 2.Simply Michael 3.Pasta Time

LUCK IS FLEETING has hit the board in each start since his arrival here and need only repeat his last to win here. Has shown steady improvement since his arrival and does have easy maintenance drill since his last start. SIMPLY MICHAEL has split decisions with the top pick in their past two starts but showed a regressions last time. Doesn't have much speed and often leaves himself with too much to do in the lane. PASTA TIME should be sitting in position to get a first-run trip here if O'Fiver guns from the rail. Ran second at this level after setting the pace two back but faded against better after a stalking trip last time.

Third Race: 1.Fergie's Fantasy 2.Skimpressive 3.Born to Be Wild

FERGIE'S FANTASY hasn't won in ages but has more than twice as many wins and anyone else in here. Past classer hasn't run all that badly and has picked up check. Was runner-up against easier last time and should get a good stalking trip here. Worth look given potential value. SKIMPRESSIVE moves up for her third start following 4 1/2 months on the sidelines. She ran second in her first start and closed nicely to win last time, running against conditioned foes. Had very easy drill after the win but came back with a solid work the hints she'll be very sharp here. BORN TO BE WILD drops a notch and has three works to maintain her form. Has win and second in past two starts at this level. Likes to have races spaced.

Fourth Race: 1.Bubby 2.Kalookan Ghost 3.Smart Blues

BUBBY has made more starts than the rest of the field combined. Faded in past two starts, but this shorter distance should be right up his alley. Stalker type should be close early. Fades are a concern, and although both siblings are winners, they are a combined 2-for-39. KALOOKAN GHOST has a six-furlong bullet work in preparation for his debut. Both of his multiple stakes-placed dam's other two foals are winners. Sire not great with first-timers but has had some success. Barn also does fairly well with first-timers. SMART BLUES ran evenly at 22-to-1 in his debut. It was a decent enough race, and barn does show a nice flat-bet profit with second-timers.

Fifth Race: 1.Kentucky Outing 2.Super Likit 3.Afleeet's Desire

KENTUCKY OUTING never finished worse than second in eight starts last year and ran second in her first outing of 2009. She's making her third start following a six-week layoff. Has run second three straight times at this level but margin of defeat is less than one length. Will be factor from start and does get a five-pound weight break. SUPER LIKIT is also making her second start following a layoff. Hasn't won since '07, but ran evenly last time despite hanging a bit when third. AFLEET'S DESIRE gets off the rail here and drops again, hitting the bottom today. Got off slowly last time and was a no-threat third, passing a tired horse to hit the board.

Sixth Race: 1.Ringmaster 2.Do Boy 3.Panamanian Playboy

There are 34 reasons not to like RINGMASTER, namely the 34 losses to go with one win. Blinkers go on here after he was sent north and dropped to this level last time. He was favored and closed gamely after being forced four wide into the lane. Suspect he'll get a better trip here and does seem to hold edge based on past company. DO BOY and stablemate Jamin Ben might set the pace in a race that has plenty of speed. Like the win last time at the bottom level, but he's dropped to the absolute rock-bottom level for winners. Has run consistently during career and has a strong bullet work since raced. PANAMANIAN PLAYBOY doesn't have the greatest of speed, but in this speed-laden field that might be a plus. Ran second sprinting at this level two back when claimed. Blinkers come back on today.

Seventh Race: 1.Fractious Child 2.Relieve 3.Black Easter

FRACTIOUS CHILD comes north for the first time. She hooked some tough ones in her debut two races back against straight maidens. Dropped in for a tag last time, running third as a lukewarm favorite. Sent north and runs at the bottom level here for trainer that wins 21 percent with new faces. RELIEVE has run third in three of four starts on the main track here since coming north. Like sprinting and sat close in an even effort routing against better last time. Has easy maintenance drill since that start. BLACK EASTER stepped up a notch after a debut in which he passed tiring rivals late. Broke better and sat closer last time and drops back to the bottom level here.

Eighth Race: 1.Crafty Power 2.Dance Chief 3.Old Ed

CRAFTY POWER looked good winning in an optional claimer last time. Cal-bred eligible to win twice at the first allowance level. Won last start at this distance for a tag on turf and was third in his lone try at the distance on Tapeta after setting the pace. Sharp runner could prove tough to overhaul in the lane. DANCE CHIEF is suffering from seconditis. Has run second in past four starts and all three tries at this distance. At GGF, he has one win and three seconds. Hasn't shown as much early foot in recent tries but sometimes leaves himself with too much to do. OLD ED will be gunning for a hat trick here. Won a \$12,500 claimer and then the Cal-bred beat similar for this tag last time.

Ninth Race: 1.Breezy Johnny 2.Win to Win 3.Senator Matty

BREEZY JOHNNY was upset by SENATOR MATTY last time as he bid for a hat trick. Ran quite well, battling on the lead before getting worn down late. Has good speed but doesn't need to lead to win. No works since last start for new barn that had him earlier in his career. WIN TO WIN moves from one high-percentage barn to another that operates in very low-key fasing. Wins one-third of the time off the claim and shows a flat-bet profit in those starts. Two works, including a six-furlong move for his new barn. Senator Matty lost when favored over the top pick two back. Nipped that one at the wire last time. May need to be urged a bit early this time with rail draw.