

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Carissa (3rd race)

First Race: 1.Hava Java 2.Oh the Joy 3.Kentucky Outing

HAVA JAVA moves up as she seeks a hat trick. She has two wins at the bottom level since running third at this level two back, but she has won a conditioned race for this tag. She loves GGF with five wins and three thirds in eight career starts here. She's sharp and can sit wherever she pleases. OH THE JOY rallied nicely, getting up by a head when favored last time. Seems to be enough speed in this race for her to get a similar trip here. She's run at this level twice and won both times. KENTUCKY OUTING was nipped at the wire by the second choice last time after sticking her head in front midway through the stretch. That was her first start in six weeks, and she did break from the rail. would like to see a work, but barn wins 27 percent in the second start following a layoff.

Second Race: 1.Donas Miracle Lane 2.Serpineserpetine 3.Apollo Gal

DONAS MIRACLE LANE opened a big lead early last time and tired in the lane in her first start in six weeks. She'll benefit from that trip. It was as if she went too fast last time. She simply caught a pacesetter. May be able to stalk here, although she seems comfortable on the lead. SERPINESERPETINE steps up a notch in conditions after winning for this tag last time. She's going in good form right now and has hit the board in all four career starts here. APOLLO GAL hasn't won in a while and has never won here, but she's a nibbler that merits looks in exotics. She's usually close and is overdue for a win.

Third Race: 1.Carissa 2.Miss Riviera 3.Grey Lassie

CARISSA has run second in her past three starts at this level, leading in the lane before losing a photo last time as the favorite. That's a familiar pattern as she's surrendered the lead late in all three of those races. Would prefer to see her drawn outside, but she has enough speed that today's rail draw shouldn't be a major problem. MISS RIVIERA heads a strong entry. She's been running consistently and just chased the top pick. She is content to sit back and make a strong run late. That style should work well here in a race that should have an honest pace. GREY LASSIE set the pace before fading last time to finish behind the top two picks. She drew the rail last time and, at least, has the No. 2 post today. She's the one they'll have to catch.

Fourth Race: 1.O'Fiver 2. Yorkville Kid 3.Buccaneer's Gold

O'FIVER was sent north last time and ran evenly before tiring in the lane against better on the turf. Switches barns, moves back to the main track and drops to the bottom level here. New barn does well with new faces and has taken plenty of time before sending this one out. YORKVILLE KID ran second in his lone try at this bottom level. Has run consistently against better so this drop may be all he needs to pose for pictures finally. BUCCANEER'S GOLD had shown mild improvement of late but regressed a bit last time going a mile. Will like the return to a sprint and should be a factor in the lane.

Fifth Race: 1.Tempt Fate 2.Kid Fame 3.I Am Game

TEMPT FATE has shown steady improvement since returning from a nearly two-year layoff. Comes off a nice maiden win, but barn, wisely, is not getting carried away. Entered at the bottom level for winners and need only repeat his last to notch another victory. KID FAME is also coming off a maiden win, his coming at the bottom level. Shown improvement in his past three starts and seems to enjoy sprinting. Seems a bit quicker than the top pick but will have to hold that one off. I AM GAME drops again while staying in the nonwinners-of-two classification. Has been overmatched in his two tries against winners but did run second against better in his first try. Faded late last time after dueling between runners for the opening half mile. Should get a better trip here.

Sixth Race: 1.Beaming Babe 2.Serena Ballerina 3.For Sure for Sure

BEAMING BABE is something of a win machine here. She's won three of four starts here since last October and brings a two-race winning streak into this. Gets to run in the allowance condition again since she's a Cal-bred. Has speed to dominate and is tough to catch. SERENA BALLERINA has hit the board in all three starts here. She sat close the whole way and led in the lane when routing for the first time in her last start. She's been off for 10 weeks but has been working steadily, including a six-furlong drill to win up preparations for the leading barn. FOR SURE FOR SURE has won five of six starts here and missed by only a head in her other start. She's stepping up, but she's sharp, and she'll be finishing strong.

Seventh Race: 1.Affirmator 2.Luck Is Fleeting 3.Storms Rock

AFFIRMATOR dropped to this level last time and turned in his best effort yet. He stalked, got the lead in the lane but tired a bit. Has two works since raced and should get another perfect trip here with the speed to sit in good stalking position again. LUCK IS FLEETING add blinkers and drops a notch today. Ran second in his debut here, looming up in the lane before settling for second. Has a pair of strong works since that race for high-percentage barn. STORMS ROCK will offer value in exotics. He has run improved races in his past two starts and could be a surprise here.

Eighth Race: 1.Patriotic Prince 2.Ascari 3.Olympic Enforcer

PATRIOTIC PRINCE rates an edge for consistency and value. Though he's 0-for-4 at this level going back to his return to the races in November, he's picked up three checks and finished well. Though there doesn't appear to be a great deal of speed in the field, there should be enough pace to allow his late kick to be effective. ASCARI has run since coming here from Southern California. Comes off a dull try but rebounded with an OK work. Hope the last race scares people away so that we'll get a little value. OLYMPIC ENFORCER didn't do much sprinting at this level last time, but he's bred to like the distance, and barn is successful at stretching runners out. Has worked steadily since that last start nearly six weeks ago.

Ninth Race: 1.Out of Seattle 2. Dream Baby Dream 3.Perfect Honey

OUT OF SEATTLE got a big jump after capturing a nonwinners of two at this level and didn't run that badly. Dropped back to this level last time, she disappointed as the odds-on pick running evenly but finishing third. Has a pair of decent works since then and numbers point her out as a solid contender. DREAM BABY DREAM was claimed from a winning effort at this price. She hit the board running against better last time but drops back to her claiming level here. Sat closer last time and didn't show as big a kick as she normally does. PERFECT HONEY has decent early speed and should be able to get a good trip here. She has an easy work since her last start when she set the pace in a route before fading late. Will prefer sprinting and has run second in both starts at this distance.

Tenth Race: 1.Proud Cajun 2. Samwise 3.Cascadian Currency

PROUD CAJUN is a consistent check earner who has been meeting better since his arrival here. Graduated in a low-level maiden claimer in Washington and did win on the turf in his first start here. Hasn't really threatened of late and gets significant drop here. Has pair of half-mile works since, usually a positive sign for the leading barn even with the drop. SAMWISE has run second in two starts here since being eased. Has no speed, but he's a strong closer. At mercy of pace, which may explain 2-for-37 career record. CASCADIAN CURRENCY is a consistent sort still looking for his first win here. Hit board against better then dropped to this level. Turned in similar effort and did have lead in lane, but he faded a bit late. Good work since raced, and leading man climbs aboard.

