

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Luck Be a Lily (2nd race)

First Race: 1. Seeingsbelieving 2. Beam Me Up Topper 3. Lucky Bet

SEEINGSBELIEVING turned in an even effort in his debut. Young sire has no first-out winners, and barn shows a high win percentage and flat-bet profit with second timers. Rail probably doesn't help, but may be able to avoid the wide trip he had last time. Has four works since that start and should improve. BEAM ME UP TOPPER debuts for the leading trainer who has signed up his main man, the leading rider, to ride. Like the six-furlong drills and steady drills. Sire is good with first-timers, and dam is multiple stakes winner. LUCKY BET is the lone winner in this maiden field. He finished well last time but was disqualified. Has hit board in all three career starts and has speed to sit in a good position throughout.

Second Race: 1. Luck Be a Lily 2. Polish Charmer 3. Storybook Story

LUCK BE A LILY was claimed for this tag last time when she ran second as the odds-on favorite. Moves from one good barn to another and keeps the leading rider for this. Making third start since comeback and has two bullets, one a bullet, since the claim. POLISH CHARMER graduated last time when dropped to the bottom claiming level. Has run consistently and did meet some decent rivals since starting her career against straight maidens. Had a six-week break, but barn does well off layoffs, and there have been three nice recent works. STORYBOOK STORY has hit the board in her past three starts, trailing the top pick after leading in the stretch last time. Has hit the board in both starts at this level.

Third Race: 1. Corvallis Dee 2. Yvett's Pride 3. Choctaw Chief

CORVALLIS DEE bids for a repeat here, getting up in the final strides to score his first career turf win last time. Has enjoyed his best success at this distance. Been running well since his return here and shouldn't mind stepping up the ladder a notch. YVETT'S PRIDE will be taking a giant step up the ladder as he, too, comes off a win. Has won two of past three and was second after leading in the lane in his one loss. Did win at this level earlier this year in a Santa Rosa turf race. Has two wins and a second in three starts here. CHOCTAW CHIEF has hit the board in three straight and has hit the board in all three starts here since coming north. He's a legitimate contender, dropping a notch for this and shouldn't be ignored in exotics.

Fourth Race: 1. Rain N Jewels 2. Bajan Kitty 3. I Catherine

RAIN N JEWELS battled hard from the rail last time. Turned in solid effort despite tiring late. Gets off rail and gets an important drop today while shortening up. Has thus far alternated running good ones and bad ones. If she can put two good ones together, she could prove tough here. BAJAN KITTY comes north for the first time and gets a drop for this. Does have a bit of speed and should appreciate being drawn to the outside. Certainly should be worth a long look with her early foot. I CATHERINE has hit the board in both starts since coming here. She's another with a bit of speed and draws the perfect outside post. Both starts have come at this level so you know she fits well.

Fifth Race: 1. Haja Boy 2. Chumash Joe 3. Irish Harmony

HAJA BOY is sent north for a chance to get a diploma running at the bottom level. Hasn't done much down south but has shown some talent in each race but has never put a complete race together. Fell apart badly last time but has a couple of works here for barn that wins 31 percent with new faces. CHUMASH JOE showed improvement last time when running a route. Doesn't have that much speed, but outside draw will allow him to avoid trouble. Expect him to be a factor in the lane after pair of races at one mile. Barn shows positive ROI on route-to-sprint switch. IRISH HARMONY dropped a notch last time and showed improvement. He drops another notch here and gets off the rail. Although he hasn't threatened, he has handled sprinting on the main track fairly well.

Sixth Race: 1. Mtn Ranch Willy 2. Hexbreaker 3. Mutak Gold

MTN RANCH WILLY brought a three-race win streak into his last start. Didn't get away all that well from the rail and then got bumped around. Did rush up to duel for the lead for the opening half mile before tiring late. Gets better draw here and could return to the winner's circle again here with cleaner trip. HEXBREAKER ran second to the top pick two back. He scored a solid win as the odds-on pick last time when he dropped a notch in the claiming ranks. Meeting allowance foes here, but he's going in good form and should be able to handle the competition. MUTAK GOLD was claimed by the top barn last time. Comes off a good year and has three nice works for barn that wins 25 percent off the claim.

Seventh Race: 1. Cantrick's Folly 2. Thundering Justice 3. Royal Brass

CANTRICK'S FOLLY hasn't won since 2007, but he has been nibbling of late, coming off a third and a pair of seconds. Has solid form but low-percentage human connections. He's able to get decent position and has shown an ability to close. Should offer a bit of value. THUNDERING JUSTICE drops to the bottom level for the first and moves from open to conditioned company. He's a sprinter but seems to have the breeding to handle two turns. Draws the rail, which could help him as he tries to use his speed to dictate the pace. ROYAL BRASS makes his third start following a nine-month layoff. Has gone off at high odds without threatening in both starts and will be a real value play here.

Eighth Race: 1. Chocolate Candy 2. Merus Miami 3. Gallant Son

CHOCOLATE CANDY has been showing improvement. He won the Real Quiet at Hollywood Park two back and then closed nicely after a wide trip to run third in the Grade 1 Cash Call Futurity in his last start. Has worked nicely since, including a good drill over this track. MERUS MIAMI is unbeaten in two starts. Made a huge move to win the Gold Rush in his first try around two turns and has worked well since. He'll offer value as he gets his toughest test yet. GALLANT SON won four straight, including three stakes victories, before finishing a better-than-looks seventh in the Breeders' Cup. Despite traffic woes that forced him to steady, he was only beaten 3 1/2 lengths. Making first start in 11 weeks and may need this before running in the El Camino Real Derby.

Ninth Race: 1. Floating On Air 2. Spoolish 3. Twilight Trail

FLOATING ON AIR has been well-traveled, including one stop at Pleasanton. Making her debut here in a new barn after running in Louisiana. Drops for this looking for a win. Does have a pair of works for barn that wins 31 percent with new faces. SPOOLISH got a good stalking trip in her debut at Santa Anita. She stopped badly in the lane, but barn does really well with second-timers so it's logical to expect improvement here. Has some speed and was flying in a speed-sharpening three-furlong work in her last work. TWILIGHT TRAIL draws the rail for her debut, but the rail isn't as bad at this distance as six furlongs. Dam was stakes winner and sibling is a winner. Like the six-furlong work and does have a five-furlong bullet gate drill.