

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS



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BEST BET: RACE 6, SO GOLDEN

FIRST RACE

El Camino Real Week gets off to a great start with a contentious race for runners that could be stakes types. When looking for an angle here, **ALLABOUTACTION** draws your attention with his lone speed and his rail draw. Last year, he was an El Camino possibility, but he was better sprinting than routing. He still may be a better sprint, but he has won around two turns. Has a solid half-mile work following a third-place finish when favored sprinting. You'll have to catch him. **TERRYS TOM CAT** scored a game win against easier in his return to the main track in his first start of the year. He then ran second when boosted up to this level last time. Can't argue with his current form. **UNUSUALLY GREEN** is better on turf, but he has a win and two seconds, all at this level, in his past three starts here. Stalker type makes his presence felt in the lane.

SECOND RACE

SAVROLA is making his third start. He showed improvement in start No. 2 and has a pair of easy maintenance drills since. It's a plus that rider takes the call back. He flashed brief early speed in his first start and sat back a bit last time, closing better. Third time could be the charm. **BECOME AN INSIDER** was claimed for this price when second two back and then ran third against better last time. He's hit the board in all three route tries but is cutting back in distance today. He'll be plenty tough in the lane at a distance where late runners surprisingly thrive. **MEET THE TRUTH** cuts his claiming price in half today. He has flashed speed against better and has the advantage of the outside draw here as he meets easier.

THIRD RACE

Here's another good, contentious race despite the short field. **GRAND PRIX** has run here twice, breaking her maiden and then losing by a nose as the favorite when closing out her 2 YO campaign in the Golden Gate Debutante. She makes her first start in 2 1/2 months but wound up preparations with a pair of six-furlong bullets. **TIZ DELITEFUL** has finished worse than second only once when fourth in the aforementioned Debutante. She's run nicely since, hooking a tough runner, Makaha Heat, while running second both times since that stakes tray. She makes her presence felt in the lane. **DARKWINGOVERDUBAI** won her debut for Hall of Fame train and has come with two good works since then, including a five-furlong bullet. Barn has an embarrassment of riches in this division, and she could be another. She broke slowly and was last early in her debut but rallied to win by a length.

FOURTH RACE

WHISK cuts her claiming price in half as she prepares for her third start off a comeback. She's turned in a pair of decent tries and showed mild improvement last time since coming north to start the year. Those were her first two starts for this Hall of Fame barn, and she seems to have transferred her decent turf form to Tapita nicely. **TIKI TORCH** has settled in nicely at this level since her return from an Emerald Downs excursion last year. She's been second both times at this level in widely spaced appearances. She has a pair of decent works since a runner-up effort in her 2017 debut. **FOREVERINSUMMER** is sharp and on an uptick with two straight wins as the bottom level. She's been part of the exacta in five of her past six starts and was totally eliminated by trouble in the other one.

FIFTH RACE

MARK YE WELL is definitely on an uptick. He won at the bargain-basement level in his first start of the year and finished second, closing well before hanging late when boosted to this level. He looks tough right back. **ON FIRE** was ahead of the top pick early last time but couldn't match strides with him last when bidding for a repeat at this level. He's hit the board in all three starts here at this level. Stalker always seems to put in an even effort and does have something left late. **THIS DANCE IS MINE** sored a professional win at the bottom level for winners last time, making a strong move into the lane and holding on well through the stretch in his best try yet. Meets tougher today but is putting things together and coming into this off the best race of his career.

SIXTH RACE

SO GOLDEN has been the runner-up in two of her three starts here, including last time when she missed by a head when favored. She's making her third start after a seven-week freshener and showed improvement last time. She's willing to assume a stalking role and can finish well. **MCDOVE** is a stakes-placed runner in Canada who has concentrated on routes since arriving here. She just dropped down to get a confidence-building win in a race that didn't count against her eligibility here. Though fanned wide, she dominated the field and pulled away late. She's on the improve, but she is meeting tougher. **ALY'S LAST MAGIC** is going in good form. She lost a stretch-long duel when nipped late to lose a photo last time. She has earned checks in all her starts at this level, including a second in her most recent try at it. She's not a win machine but always gets a check, which can pay off at the back end of exotics.

SEVENTH RACE

We'll close the day just as we started it with, opting for potential lone speed from the rail with **PRAY ANYWAY**, whose stretching-out stablemate could be the only pace foe. Pray dropped to this level for her 2017 debut after being eased last September. She faded in the lane, but that happens frequently with speed horses on this tiring track. Barn does decently with second-timers off similar layoffs. **BIG ALICE** is making her debut against winners in her first start of the year. She sat far back early in her 2016 finale and unleashed a strong closing kick to win going away at the bargain-basement level. She returns at the bottom level for winners but has form that shows she can run a bit. **GAME SEEKER** has outrun her odds in her past two starts, finishing third both times and beating the top pick last time. At 1-for-29, she's a nibbler at best but may add value at the bottom of your exotics.