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Track: Golden Gate Fields

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BEST BET: Wicked Ultimatum (8th race)

First Race

1. Warrens Lil Margie

2. Fast Bid

3. Northern Alliance

WARRENS LIL MARGIE has earned checks in her past four starts, hitting the board three times, including a win. She moved up to this level last time after beating easier and ran third as the favorite in an even effort. **FAST BID** is looking for her first win here, but she's getting a significant drop. She got off slowly and may not have liked a good turf last time, but she should be a legitimate factor on the drop. **NORTHERN ALLIANCE** has shown an affinity both on synthetic surfaces and turf, which earns her a long look here. Like the fact she does have a work here after fading after a half mile in her comeback. She can better that effort as she stretches out to her preferred mile distance.

Second Race

1. Lucky General

2. Smiling Matt

3. Hejustkeeps giving

All six of **LUCKY GENERAL**'s siblings are winners, including two full, one of whom is stakes placed. He been off for nine weeks but has been working steadily. He's stretching out but ran evenly at Del Mar in his lone try at a mile before fading late. **SMILING MATT** makes his third start and stretches out for the first time. Has finished all right sprinting so distance isn't a deal breaker. Two siblings, one full, are winners. **HEJUSTKEEPSGIVING** puts blinkers on as he makes his third start off a layoff. Was not really a factor when he went one mile on the turf last time. He should benefit from that experience and will appreciate the return to the main track.

Third Race

1. Aalsmeer

2. Hank the Tank

3. Singing in the heat

AALSMEER has enough speed that the rail draw should not be a problem. He scored a front-running win at this distance two back when favored against easier. He was overmatched against better last time in a sprint moved to the main track from the turf. Has a pair of works in the five weeks since that last start. **HANK THE TANK** has run only once since last Sept. 8. He scored a nice win on Nov. 30 and is stepping up a notch today. He's hit the board in his past four starts and has worked decently for this. **SINGING IN THE HEAT** has come west with a new barn and is ready for his first start in 11 weeks. Did have a bullet work at Hawthorne on Dec. 23, and he's 4-for-7 on synthetic tracks. Would like to see a work over this track, but he figures to be a pace factor as he drops for this.

Fourth Race

1. Out Ofthe Ordinary

2. Flika

3. Life No Parole

OUT OFTHE ORDINARY makes her third start following a 5 1/2-month layoff. She's been the runner-up in both starts. She was claimed in a comeback sprint and lost a stretch-long duel against better at this distance in his last start. She'll be in good position from the rail when the real running begins. **FLIKA** drops back to the bottom level today. When she ran for this tag last fall, she scored a game win at this distance, sitting closing and rallying to win a photo as the odds-on choice. **LIFE NO PAROLE** is a veteran campaigner. She's a bottom-level type, but she is a trier and could offer value at the bottom end of your exotics.

Fifth Race

1. Perfect Come Back

2. Saxon Lord

3. Manila Mischief

PERFECT COME BACK is dropping for this as he runs at his best distance. He beat better two back but came up short on the rise against a solid field in his last start. Has a pair of easy maintenance drills since that last start. **SAXON LORD** is a solid mid-level claimer who is dropping to the lowest claiming level of his career. He's at his best on the main track here. He put together back-to-back wins against better at this distance here early last year. **MANILA MISCHIEF** would probably prefer turf, but he's at the top of his game since returning from a nearly two-month freshener this summer. He's dropping a notch today after running second on the turf and beating the second choice last time.

Sixth Race

1. C C the Bartender

2. I Love Romance

3. Sweet Rafaela

C C THE BARTENDER had a two-race win streak snapped last time when running at the first allowance level. She drops back into the claiming ranks today. Others have higher Beyers, but she is sharp right now and could offer a bit of value. **I LOVE ROMANCE** has been part of the exacta in her past four sprints, three coming on the turf. She's a solid sprint and has a decent series of maintenance drills since her runner-up effort for this tag almost two months ago. **SWEET RAFAELA** has been working steadily for her first start in seven months. She has run well fresh in the past, beating better in her 2018 debut after a similar layoff.

Seventh Race

1. Power of Fifteen

2. Pulpit's Dirty Red

3. Sequoyah Sunset

POWER OF FIFTEEN makes his debut today. He's worked steadily for this, including a six-furlong move. He's by a decent win-early sire out of dam who finished in the exacta in all three career starts. All five siblings, including three full, are winners, including one stakes winner. **PULPIT'S DIRTY RED** looms the one to beat. He's making his first start since running second here at this level in his last start seven weeks ago. He's run consistently and has never missed a check on the main track. **SEQUOYAH SUNSET** is a stablemate of the top pick. He's shown some ability in each of his first two starts and is dropping to the bottom level for the first time. His lone sibling is a winner but was only 1-for-19.

Eighth Race

1. Wicked Ultimatum

2. Drinkin and Dialin

3. Ur Not My Presidnt

WICKED ULTIMATUM likes the front end, and he'll love his outside post where he can use his speed to best advantage. He faded late in a fast heat last time and is cutting his claiming price in half today as he runs for the cheapest tag of his career. **DRINKIN AND DIALIN** takes the blinkers off today and cuts his claiming price in half. Showed good early speed last time and will likely be asked to go early with his rail draw. He's been off for six weeks but does have a bullet drill while working steadily. **UR NOT MY PRESIDNT** will be hoping the top pair duel to set things up for his late kick. He's 0-for-17 here but race could set up for him to get a piece late.

Ninth Race

1. Mo Dinero

2. Look At My Star

3. Legendary Night

MO DINERO ran third after leading in the stretch in his lone GGF start, which did come against easier. He was claimed that day and then went south again where he ran third. Outside post should guarantee a clean trip, and, while he may not be a pace factor as he was in his first start here, he should be able to get a good stalking trip. Three of four siblings are winners, including a multiple stakes winner who won a graded stakes. **LOOK AT MY STAR** showed some ability in his debut. Didn't flash much speed but did finish evenly. Improvement seems likely. **LEGENDARY NIGHT** drops into the claiming ranks for the first time. He's been routing, and his fractions suggest he'll be a legitimate contender here. Six of seven siblings are winners with three showing six-figure bankrolls.