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Track: Golden Gate Fields

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Race 1

Ian's Dreaming

Ran evenly splitting field at this level in his debut. Improvement possible in second start.

Break the Line

2nd Pick. Showed improvement in second career start and debut here as he stretched out and set the pace on the turf. He gave way ground day and has easy maintenance drill since.

Lingua Franca

Top Pick. He has yet to hit the board, but his two best races have come at this distance. Note that they were on the turf. Faded badly on track here last time in a contentious heat that saw the top two picks score next-out victories. He's a legitimate contender with this drop claiming ranks for the first time.

Ancient Ruler

Adds blinkers after beating only one horse when going off at 45-to-1 in his debut. Dam has produced little thus far. He's dropping into and shouldn't mind stretching out.

Nova Scotia

3rd Pick. He's shown improvement in each start and ran third behind the second choice last time. All four siblings are winners, two show figure bankrolls.

Secret Mania

Debut runners gets a seven-pound weight break. He's worked steadily for two months, but barn is not known for cashing with first-time

Race 2

Panshir

2nd Pick. She steps up off a confidence-building win at the bargain-basement level. Was runner-up in both starts at this level fall. Although a solid sprinter, she's yet to win at this classic sprint distance but lost by less than a length in her past two tries at it.

Happy Margarita

She was a factor for the opening half in her debut here on New Year's Day. She was given a drop for the race and could improve in her start on Tapeta after returning from three months on the sidelines.

Yalla

3rd Pick. Has run all right since coming north and settling in at the lower levels. She hit the board in her past two sprints at this level and pace factor while hanging on all right despite tiring in the lane when stretched out to a mile last time. She'll stalk here.

Dressed in Prada

Comes north and moves into a new barn while getting a significant drop. She'll be making her debut on synthetics and past form suggests could be a factor in her GGF debut.

Song of Thorns

Top Pick. She's a cheapie, but she does like to win. She's hit the board in all four starts and is coming off her best race yet, beating winners being claimed in her maiden victory. She has decent speed but doesn't need the lead to win.

Colonel Deering

She's one of those runners that can't be dismissed as she drops. The concern on a win bet is she likely won't offer proper value as she makes second start after a six-week layoff. May not be a bad idea to include her in exotics.

Race 3

Shez Wicked Fast

She's been overmatched since breaking her maiden. Little to recommend despite today's drop to a more realistic level.

Get None

Top Pick. Barn has enjoyed early success since shipping here from the Midwest. She set the pace before hanging late and settling for third. She dropped to this level in her debut here. Prior to that, she set the pace in a stakes route. She merits another chance.

Whoop It Up

2nd Pick. Decent sprinter didn't fire last time, splitting the field in a disappointing effort. Has an easy half-mile maintenance drill since. Look for improvement and a rebound effort.

Her Hush Money

3rd Pick. Stablemate of top pick ran her best race to date but couldn't match her more accomplished rival. She was disqualified for both in the lane as she tried to get out for room to run.

Royal Kiss

Maiden has never hit the board and has trailed by double digits in all three starts here.

Fiesty Coach

She looked good in her maiden win but was placed too high in her first start against winners. She was a pace factor to the quarter pole but level. She sat back a bit last time and fared better, grabbing a third at this level.

Sittin and Thinkin

She ran consistently in the maiden ranks and scored a nice win at the bottom level. She was boosted up to this level for debut against winners. She was a factor until tiring in the lane.

Race 4

Our Favorite City

Began headed downward last spring and went to the sidelines for nearly seven months. Was given a big drop for her return and was a factor in the lane before tiring badly. Claiming price cut in half for second start off layoffs. No listed works since comeback, but barn does show a number of similar races.

R U Tough Enough

Graduated at the bargain-basement level and then won at this bottom level in her debut against winners. She's earned checks against winners in two starts for new barn, but this drop makes sense.

Tangled Up in Ju

Top Pick. Showed ability early in her career down south, although she was never a world beater. She's hit the board running against top claimers since coming north and did have a win against bargain-basement types two back. Showed not speed last time but did finish well, scoring a front-running win in her previous start. She's going in good form and has enough versatility to be a factor no matter where she starts early.

Passion for Papa

3rd Pick. Has enjoyed decent success here and also at this distance. She's willing to sit early and make her move when the real running starts. Has an easy work since her last start.

Norwegian Spy

2nd Pick. Has never missed a check when running at the bottom level and outfinished top pick last time to win photo for second. She has a ceiling than the second pick but hasn't been as consistent of late. She did outwork her on Jan. 13.

Coronado Cool

While she's hit the board in five of seven starts here, her best efforts of late have come when falling apart late against better. Seven-pou break and outside post could benefit her chances but it's hard to like her on the win end.

Race 5

Luck Is My Name

Has a decent pedigree and shouldn't mind stretching out for first start in two months. Full brother of One Lucky Dane, who ran second in a Santa Anita Derby and is a half to a Japanese millionaire. All seven sibling are winners.

No Name Fred

Top Pick. Shown improvement in each start and seems to like routing. First foal of an unraced dam set pace and was fourth going longer in his second start following six weeks on the sidelines and then dueled all the way when second at this distance on the turf last time.

Sarni

Runner-up sprinted well in his debut, getting lead in lane before getting caught. All three siblings are winners with one capturing a turf stakes.

Jimmy G

Aptly named runner will be hunch bet for Bay Area football fans. He, too, is first foal of unraced dam. Finished nicely behind Sarni with improved try last time and certainly should appreciate added distance.

Curry Nation

Another hunch play possibility, but did not break well from rail in sprint debut and showed little. Little to recommend for any but Warriors fans.

Salah

First foal of winless dam has earned checks in all four Social starts. Did run second at this distance for a tag down south. Will merit consideration if price is right.

Classy Chasie

He's has run third in all three starts, two at this distance and once going longer. Both siblings are winners, although they were cheapies. Has worked steadily in six weeks since last start.

Boisterous Skye

3rd Pick. He's shown steady improvement and yet never been a threat. Blinkers go on for the first time, and barn does show a profit with that equipment change. Two of three siblings are winners, but their combined record is only 2-for-52.

Buen Amigo

His dam had a minor stakes placing, and he's half to a multiple stakes winners. He's a full brother to a pair of maiden winners. Breeding isn't begging for two turns.

Moon House

2nd Pick. All right, his sire has no winners yet, but his progeny have made only 13 starts. This gelding's dam has produced winners with her first eight foals, including four with six-digit bankrolls, a stakes winner and a graded stakes-placed runner. He's hit the board twice, including once going longer.

Race 6

Northern Alliance

2nd Pick. Invader won his GGF debut in authoritative style, stalking and pulling away in the lane. He steps up a notch today but ran against better back east. He likes Tapeta, winning four of seven at Presque Isles and here. He seems to know where the finish line is.

Crimson Cloud

She's more than earned her was with earning of \$141K as a consistent check earner, but she is meeting a long-time nemesis today in Skeeter Davis.

Revenue Virginius

She won her debut here and then was claimed for this tag in her second start. She's had more success sprinting than routing in the past.

Warrens Lil Margie

3rd Pick. She's earned checks in all five starts since moving to a new barn, hitting the board in all four starts at this distance. She's has always been a solid mile both on turf and on the main track.

Beauty of Autism

She steps off a notch after scoring a game win following a stretch-long duel while beating the third pick in her last start. That was in a starter race with a lesser qualifying tag, but she's a legitimate contender here.

Sea Myrtle

She moves to the leading barn off a claim when dropped to this level last time. Has an easy work for barn that wins 29 percent with new faces.

Skeeter Davis

Top Pick. She's equally at home on Tapeta or turf. She's shown she can string wins together and steps up a notch here after a an easy turf win. She's on an uptick now.

Race 7

Sixes

He has a win at this level and is a solid runner, but he seems a cut below the best of his rivals here. He will be using his speed from the rail.

More Power to Him

2nd Pick. He's better on the main track here than the turf anywhere so just draw a red line through his last effort. Prior to that he lost a photo in the Bull Dog, split the field in the Grade 3 Berkeley and got his head up for a win at this level. He's a definite threat.

Mithqaal

He's never won on the main track here, but he can be used on the back end of your exotics tickets. Ran third on the turf in his first start at the level and is making he third start off a layoff.

Montu

3rd Pick. Has hit board in three straight since getting a big boost to this level. Moved up to second in the lane in the Grade 3 Berkeley before fading late.

Respect the Hustle

2 YO stakes winner has multiple stakes placings but is 0-for-4 here. Finished all right in sprint comeback on the turf following five months on sidelines.

Oh Marvelous Me

You can toss out that turf try. He's classy enough to have run third in the Grade 3 Longacres Miles. He's won sprinting here and will likely provide decent value.

G. G. Ryder

Top Pick. We have a soft spot for this hard-trying runner. Won his last start at this level and did finish well in the Grade 3 Berkeley. Has been working nicely with a pair of six-furlong bullets since then.

Race 8

Prince Cheval

Top Pick. Invader from Midwest has enjoyed good success on synthetics, winning in dominating front-running style two back. Faded badly against better on dirt after 11 weeks on the sidelines and has two nice works here, including a bullet as he's ready for his GGF debut. Hails from a hot barn.

Cle Elum Phil

He put together back-to-back wins at Portland this fall, but he hasn't come close in two starts since then.

Lucky Views

Past classer is worth look in exotics. He did win on the turf here last year.

Press Baron (GB)

2nd Pick. He's hit the board in his past two starts after being overmatched in his comeback after eight months on the sidelines. He has some speed but will likely stalk the top pick. Another past classer, he likes the track and distance.

Ground Rules

He drops to the bottom level for the first time for his 2019 debut. Probably not a desperation move, but it's probably needed.

Majestic Journey

He scored his lone win here at this distance last May. You'll likely get double-digit odds if you do bet him.

Six Gun Smokin

He gets that final drop to the bottom level here. Should be a pace factor as he stalks. Lone win here last year came in front-running style, but he doesn't seem quick enough to get the lead today.

Pocket Prince

3rd Pick. Has run well after freshners in the past and is making his first start in six weeks here. Lost by nose at this level as his late move just fell short. Has three maintenance works since then.

Gurnick

He's enjoyed success at this level and distance in the past. Can't be overlooked totally but may be best played in exotics.