

GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Gozzip Girl (8th race)

First Race: 1. Fappies for Chance 2. Dancin Samba 3. Pago Island

FAPPIES FOR CHANCE stays put off the claim, continues to hold her form extremely well. Should trip out nicely stalking likely pace of Nena Bella. DANCIN SAMBA another coming off a claim for the same tag. No match for preferred choice in their previous two meetings but getting a big break in weights if the 10 pound bug honors the call. Lake above average with new faces. Upset threat. PAGO ISLAND took a run at Fappie, flattened out when pair last met on 2/26 and another who has chased that rival with little success this winter.

Second Race: 1. Abundantia 2. Ice Mint 3. Choice Play

ABUNDANTIA turned in game effort off the bench when debuting last summer at the Spa. Came out second best to a filly who has proven to be competitive against stakes company on turf and dirt while finishing in front of Light Green, a Pletcher trainee who won a MSW here earlier in the meet. Seems to be well prepared for her return. Pletcher may have the one to beat in first time Ice Mint, a daughter of Awesome Again and a half sis to Grade 3 grass winner Iron Lips. Obviously must respect any first timer from this barn. CHOICE PLAY looking to rebound from very disappointing try under similar conditions earlier in the session. Ran well enough on a couple of occasions in Ky. to beat these but now a beaten favorite in three of her last four starts.

Third Race: 1. Teriffany 2. Sailing Time 3. Pink Gloss

TERIFFANY has been working terrifically for her second career start. Beat a field that included Tiffany Royal, now a three time stakes winner on the southeast circuit. May be the swiftest in a field full of front running types. SAILING TIME turned in a disappointing effort albeit in a very well graded dash in her local bow but note the bullet work since that outing. Might be able to carve out a nice trip stalking all the speed to her inside. Addition of blinkers could help PINK GLOSS move forward to a new level. Tossing last when hung wide over quirky OBS track.

Fourth Race: 1. Elle Tempo 2. Flash the Silver 3. Bevy

ELLE TEMPO and FLASH THE SILVER debut in what does not appear to be the toughest of five furlong turf dashes. Former a half sis to graded SW Can't Beat It. Works have been steady if not spectacular and barn certainly better than average off the bench. The same can be said for connections of Flash The Silver who cost \$300K at the 2yo sales and who worked a sub 1:00 five furlongs over the Palm Meadows turf. BEVY turns back to a sprint after showing speed, fading late in a race that has produced a couple of return winners and two next out runnerups. Has already proven she can handle both the course and distance.

Fifth Race: 1. Early Release 2. Santuri 3. Mr. Conover

Just a question of which EARLY RELEASE will show up today. The one who trounced \$6,250 claimers two back or the one who showed next to nothing after being allowed to drop well off the pace stretching to a mile four weeks later. Like the fact he'll reunite with Rivera who has guided this guy to each of his last two wins. Should be with or better yet on the lead in a field lacking much in the way of any real early gas. SANTURI and MR. CONOVER finished second and third respectively behind Flint Mountain, this tag, on 2/15. Former slipped through along the rail after breaking a step or two tardy from the inside post. Draws outside for tough off the claim trainer. Mr. C. had even more trouble at the break, finished full of run when dropped to this level for the first time one month earlier.

Sixth Race: 1. Steppedoutofplace 2. Self Made Man 3. Due East

STEPPEDOUTOFFPLACE hard to fault in his present form. Can't look past despite the short price. SELF MADE MAN has the Beyer power to handle the preferred choice but a question mark returning at this distance off a five month layoff. DUE EAST has finished second in both previous tries at this distance.

Seventh Race: 1. Power Express 2. In Debt Joanne 3. Ilyssa's Turn

POWER EXPRESS drops off the claim, never a positive sign, although does show a couple of a.m. trials since switching hands. Finished off the board as the 3-5 choice for higher tag on 1/29 albeit in a race which produced a trio of next out winners. Figures prominently from the outset with these. IN DEBT JOANNE comes off an improved effort in her last although was handily defeated by 49-1 chance Dance N Run. Drops, added blinkers. Won't get that kind of value today. Hoping addition of blinkers might wake Ilyssa's Turn up in her local debut.

Eighth Race: 1. Gozzip Girl 2. Bluegrass Princess 3. Dream Empress

GOZZIP GIRL, the day's best, looks like she's got a future on grass. Still a bit green but talented enough to circle, draw off against much this same bunch in the Coconut Grove and added distance should prove no obstacle. BLUEGRASS PRINCESS fanned extremely wide turning for home, did well to picked up several lengths in much needed local and 3yo bow. Improving filly could offer a little value stepping back in against stakes opposition. DREAM EMPRESS the BC Cup runnerup GOZZIP GIRL back to the grass for the first time since winning her maiden at Saratoga but has been idle long enough to perhaps prove vulnerable at a short price especially with her first major objective of the season only a few weeks away.

Ninth Race: 1. Game Face 2. Keep the Peace 3. Any Limit

GAME FACE wound up in an uncomfortable position and in some traffic down near the inside when upset by ANY LIMIT in their last encounter but outside draw could be just what the doctor ordered to reverse the decision. Figures to trip out well behind the speed. KEEP THE PEACE was frustrated on several occasions in graded races at 3 and coming off a sharp '09 bow although at her best on or with the pace and thus must avoid early conflict with Any L. The latter has turned in some big ones on occasions and three of seven over the local strip but distance and potential pace duel not likely to enhance her chances in rubber match with Game Face.

Tenth Race: 1. Rich Citizen 2. Sky Five 3. Laffans Bridge

RICH CITIZEN could be primed for best yet making third start of her form cycle. Was beaten less than four lengths for second money after dropping well off the pace when trying conditioned claimers for the first time in her last. Too good for these if able to move forward to level she was at on the grass last summer in Ky. SKY FIVE tries conditioned claimers for the first time after being overmatched in her last. Earned nice marks for her maiden win. LAFFANS BRIDGE a beaten favorite in three of four starts since graduation day. Exits a very disappointing effort following series of sharp outings. Figures to get bet again returning at this level.