

GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: (race)

First Race: 1. Baby King 2. Sonrea 3. Hez Gonna B Famous

BABY KING away since November but with a slew of four and five furlong works on the resume' in preparation for his return. Could fit with these off the bench. SONREA drops to the bottom for the first time off a series of dull showings this winter but did work a near bullet for this. HEZ GONNA B FAMOUS could not repeat impressive debut when wheeling back against same kind two weeks later. Could prove controlling speed here if none of the firsters have any gas.

Second Race: 1. First Is Best 2. Laffans Bridge 3. Nicole's Song

FIRST IS BEST exits much needed outing, her first in ten weeks, when dropping into conditioned claimer for the first time earlier in the month. Winless since two but good enough to run these down with any improvement off her last. LAFFANS BRIDGE steps up off popular N2L tally which was flattered by runnerup More Memories victory here on Wednesday. Must respect in her present form. NICOLE'S SONG exits good showing against wide open competition and facing softer N3L's off the Walder claim. Winless on grass but expecting a big run in this spot. Ski Sky has the look of a sleeper returning to the grass after finishing fifth in key, wide open \$25K claimer on 2/15 from which top four finishers all returned to win their next starts. Main caveat the tough outside post.

Third Race: 1. Sonzul 2. Sir Dandy Andy 3. Pantheras Charge

SONZUL SONZUL was hard used contesting the pace from a dead rail when a game second going a mile against same kind he faces today. Extra furlong perhaps a bit of a question but sharp enough to lead these a merry chase if he gets loose. SIR DANDY ANDY slipped along the same deep rail as preferred choice, bogged down late to finish a length behind Sonzul in their previous encounter. Reunites with rider who guided him to both previous victories. PANTHERAS CHARGE skips a condition off game maiden win while making first start for dangerous, high percentage barn.

Fourth Race: 1. Coffee Cake 2. Trust the Deputy 3. Joe Five

COFFEE CAKE got roughed at the break, raced forwardly and held fairly well when returning to this level off disappointing Tampa experience. Adds blinkers, draws inside for third start of his current form cycle. TRUST THE DEPUTY comes off an improved showing despite taking up and getting shuffled back near half mile pole of his claiming bow. Beyers don't match up with several in here but a clean trip could have him in the thick of this one at a decent enough price. JOE FIVE looked like a horse in need of his first start since June when shortening stride through the final furlong of a similarly conditioned maiden try. Should improve with that one under his belt.

Fifth Race: 1. Unstoppable Force 2. Top Rock 3. Greatbillsfire

Taking the stance that UNSTOPPABLE FORCE wanted no part of the wet track when a dismal eighth at 6-5 in her last. Previous showing a strong one when dueling through some fast splits before succumbing late at a mile. TOP ROCK broke slow, rushed and dueled to the stretch before succumbing in a promising debut. Gets Lasix and a better draw the second time around. GREATBILLSOFFIRE the logical one off a couple of good tries to open his career. Dueled winner throughout before easily holding second money going seven eighths while improving 10 Beyer points off his debut. Must avoid similar pace battle at what figures to be another short price.

Sixth Race: 1. Kim's Dixie Tune 2. B B's Concorde 3. Blues Brother

KIM'S DIXIE TUNE had to take up sharply near the quarter pole while full of run under similar conditions on 2/27. Limited work tab since the outing but previous pair point him out the right one if he draws in off the AE list. B B'S CONCORDE finished a neck behind Kim's Dixie on 1/23 then had best chances compromised by unlucky trips in each of his last pair. BLUES BROTHER broke slow, lagged early before offering a belated rally making his first start following an extended absence. Has shown enough over the surface to merit attention with expected improvement.

Seventh Race: 1. Haps Alphabet Soup 2. Kissimmee Kyle 3. Have One More

HAPS ALPHABET SOUP came off a 10 week layoff to wire maiden claiming opposition earlier this winter and continues to train forwardly across town. Might be sharp enough to pull the upset despite the hike to allowance company. KISSIMMEE KYLE overcame a very tough trip to win his maiden at first asking over the Fair Grounds slop while posting a Beyer number that makes him the one to beat with a similar effort. Must overcome another tough inside draw. HAVE ONE MORE lost all chance when squeezed back leaving the gate in his first venture into allowance ranks. Showed enough on graduation day to loom a key contender if away running from the outset.

Eighth Race: 1. Spicy Dubai 2. Big Al 3. Yaroslav

SPICY DUBAI steps into allowance ranks off a couple of troubled outings against starter allowance opposition. Numbers continue to head in the right direction and like the fact Lezcano signs on again. Eligible to spring the mild upset with another forward move. BIG AL owns far and away the best Figs in the field off a series of decent outings that includes a sharp second behind promising Justenuffhumor two weeks earlier. The logical choice. YAROSLAV one of several in here coming off a couple of frustrating second place finishes but stepping up even further in class exiting mid-priced conditioned claimers earlier in the session.

Ninth Race: 1. Europe 2. Together Indy 3. Quepos

EUROPE, the day's best, broke slow, had little chance in very fast MSW dash going five furlongs on Feb. 21 but has worked extremely well since the outing including bullet five-eighths reportedly in company with talented The Roundhouse on 3/6. Inside draw the main concern at this distance. TOGETHER INDY caught a pretty decent bunch, dueled following a slow start before ultimately succumbing to top pair launching career at seven furlongs on 3/7. Main concern the fact this high priced juvenile purchase shows no published works since that outing. QUEPOS training forwardly for his bow over at Calder. Son of Orientate one of several intriguing looking new faces in this lineup along with Hornpipe and Prospector's Cross.