

GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Todd Got Even (2nd race)

First Race: 1. East to West 2. Excess Capital 3. Timber Cruise

EAST TO WEST rallied off a relatively slow pace to finish fourth and in front of next out maiden grad U.S. Treasury going a mile in his '09 debut and eligible to improve with that race under his belt. Might be good enough to run down the speed on turn back to six furlongs. EXCESS CAPITAL the logical choice returning to the main where he's been close often and posted high marks on several occasions but still a maiden after 13 tries. TIMBER CRUISE working extremely well at Payson for his first start in nearly a year. Broke slow, finished distant third behind stakes quality True Quality in his only previous start. May be a sleeper.

Second Race: 1. Todd Got Even 2. Hyrule 3. Biohazard

TODD GOT EVEN, the day's best, exits career best effort when dropped in for a tag for the first time earlier in the session and well spotted to take another against mid-level N2L claimers. HYRULE drops into conditioned claimers for the first time while wheeling back on relatively short rest after flashing brief speed vs much stronger. Lone win came at this distance but over artificial surface. BIOHAZZARD finished second in his only previous try in selling ranks. Can grab at least a minor share back with this kind.

Third Race: 1. Plenty of Green 2. Fredro 3. Hez Gonna B Famous

PLENTY OF GREEN lost considerable ground when angling extremely wide turning for home against this same kind in his last although still managed to defeat more than half the field that day. Cleaner trip could lead to a much more favorable outcome in this spot. FREDRO fanned wider than Plenty of Green and also continued on willingly enough in his debut and likely to benefit from the outing. Lures Coa the second time around. HEZ GONNA B FAMOUS demands respect debuting at this level but certain to be overbet with that bullet three eighths gate drill on the resume. Would not surprise.

Fourth Race: 1. According to Plan 2. Don't Stop Dreamin 3.

Asgoodasshelooks

ACCORDING TO PLAN turns back to a sprint off steady diet of longer races on both turf and dirt. Won his maiden going five furlongs and he was the only survivor from amongst the early contenders when going a mile in her last. Should trip out nicely behind the speed of Impossible Tune, Gypsy Lov and ASGOODASSHELOOKS. DON'T STOP DREAMIN rarely runs a poor one at this distance. Should be coming best at the end with clean sailing. Asgoodasshelooks gets a little break in the posts after drawing extreme outside in her last. Earned career best Beyer under similar conditions in her local bow.

Fifth Race: 1. Kaleidoscope Sky 2. Princess Buddha 3. Openedforbusiness

KALEIDOSCOPE SKY has sandwiched a couple of turf races around an interesting main track try in which he contested a well graded pace over a wet track before fading badly. Has had some gate issues but if she can leave with the field might have enough speed to shake loose in here. Could get brave if allowed to relax up top. PRINCESS BUDDHA returns following a rather lengthy vacation and back for a tag today. Working forwardly if not spectacularly for her return. Chased home next out stakes winner Abbott Hill in her 2yo finale. OPENEDFORBUSINESS broke slow to lose all chance while taking a little action for same tag in her bow and note the very fast gate drill subsequent to that outing.

Sixth Race: 1. Car Thief 2. Bruno's a Biter 3. Wardyan

CAR THIEF survived an early pace duel through some relatively fast fractions to win his N2L condition at second asking here this winter and should be able to relax a little longer on the front end stretching to this distance. Might not look back at what figures to be a square enough price. BRUNO'S A BITER the logical choice off easy N2L win, this distance, on 2/13 but inside draw no bargain for a horse who figures to go postward a fairly short price. WARDYAN back to the main track for the first time since August while dropping to weakest level yet. Barn has already tossed a few surprises here this winter. Should come rolling at the end.

Seventh Race: 1. Solitaire 2. Tap Dancing 3. Current Case

Will just take a chance and toss SOLITAIRE's last, a disappointing try in which he was hung pretty wide around the second turn. Adds blinkers for stretch to 12 furlongs which figures to have him forwardly placed throughout. Handled distance well enough last summer at Woodbine when finishing just behind Sligoviez who recently checked home a close 5th in the Grade 1 Gulf Park Turf. TAP DANCING showed some real heart along with the stamina needed to win his maiden when stretching three eighths further than he'd ever been and switching to grass on Jan. 22. May be a natural stayer and sharp enough now to handle the hike to the next level. CURRENT CASE has had plenty of experience at the distance although with only a single win to show from 17 previous tries. Poorly posted considering the short run to the first turn but must respect enough at the route to consider among the top contenders.

Eighth Race: 1. Chef 2. Al Khali 3. Stately Character

CHEF overcame a bit of a slow start to draw off to a handy maiden win and should be able to relax a little easier stretching to nine furlongs for his second try. Could be just a question of whether he'll handle the added ground. AL KHALI an even bigger question mark making his U.S. debut and stretching well beyond anything he's tried in the past. Recent bullet drill matched that of stablemate Join in the Dance, whose bound for G3 Tampa Bay Derby, ON March 1 PM tab. STATELY CHARACTER comes off just an awful effort under similar conditions on 2/19 but his 3yo was so good, he finished just a couple of lengths behind Atomic Rain despite an awful trip, we'll give him one last chance in a race that could well favor his style of running.

Ninth Race: 1. Diplomatic Code 2. Cantrushperfection 3. Brady Thomas

Any number of possibilities in the nightcap. DIPLOMATIC CODE broke very awkwardly when making his turf bow earlier in the session, did well to finish mid-pack in a race which did produce a couple of next out winners. has the speed to sit close to if not be on the pace if able to leave with the others today. CANTRUSHPERFECTION another who came running late following a slow start, extremely wide trip when launching his career on the main track one month earlier. Must overcome tough post for top connections. BRADY THOMAS turned in even effort, finished just in front of preferred choice when pair met at the MSW level back in January. Comes up tagged for the first time today. Sal the Barber, a half to multiple turf winner Joyful Chaos, may prove best of the new faces.