

## GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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**BEST BET: My Daddio (1st race)**

### **First Race: 1. My Daddio 2. Jim Jack N Johnnie 3. Ifitwasntfor Texas**

MY DADDIO has tried the turf only once but that was a solid effort. He was off the board but he finished a close 4th despite a tough trip on the lead, as he dueled through fast fractions, and that turned out to be a key race, with four runners coming out of there to win next time out, including the top three finishers; he may be able to shake loose and control the pace here, and that would give him a big edge, as that latest work indicates he's in good form. JIM JACK N JOHNNIE turns back to a sprint and his lone win came under these circumstances; he's a stone closer when it comes to sprints, so he could be at the mercy of the pace, but he seems like the main stretch threat in this one. IFITWASNTFOR TEXAS is an experienced turf sprinter and those last couple of Beyers fit well enough; logical fear, though he has had several chances at that elusive 2nd win and he's failed.

### **Second Race: 1. Swampy Town 2. In Classic Fashion 3. Not Acclaim**

SWAMPY TOWN was up the track in his first two starts at the meet but he's back on the turf here and he's a proven turf sprinter; he has high speed and figures to be involved throughout, perhaps even fast enough to shake loose in the early stages. IN CLASSIC FASHION turns back to a sprint and this is his game, as all four of his career wins have come in turf sprints; that qualifies him as a specialist in this field, and that's the type of horse who wins these races. NOT ACCLAIM is buried on the AE list, and he's cross-entered at Tampa, but if he somehow gets to run in here he has to be respected on the strength of his record in turf sprints.

### **Third Race: 1. Take a Report 2. Flash the Silver 3. Echo Mountain**

TAKE A REPORT debuts for a barn which is lethal with firsters, scoring with five of 16 debut runners this year already, and the sire clicks at 17% with first-time starters; works are decent and this filly's main competitor in here, FLASH THE SILVER, could well get caught up in an early duel. The latter was favored when in against better in her career debut, on the turf, and that Beyer is going to make her one of the favorites against this soft field; dangerous if she can avoid a race-long pace battle with BESO NEGRO, SURPRISE KISS or others. ECHO MOUNTAIN goes back to a sprint after trying longer in her last couple, and if she gets the trip behind a contested pace she could pick up some of the speeds late.

### **Fourth Race: 1. Fog Island 2. Laver 3. Starboard Side**

FOG ISLAND ran a decent race in his turf debut despite some trouble and he could prove dangerous here if he moves forward a bit off that experience; ability to stay close is a plus, as he may get first run at possible pacesetter STARBOARD SIDE. LAVER is a clear threat on the strength of that last one, his first start on the grass and his first start with blinkers; obvious fear, and he'll take money off that line, but the drop in class and the short layoff following that solid effort could be construed as a negative sign. STARBOARD SIDE has the best back Beyers in the field, if you can overlook that last one; he can be expected to go back to his front-running ways following that sub-par effort, where he faded late when unable to make the lead from post 12, but he's also blown clear leads in the past.

### **Fifth Race: 1. Trekkie 2. Hold'em Or Fold'em 3. I've Repented**

TREKKIE makes his first start off the claim after an easy win against lesser, and the resulting Beyer makes him the one to beat in here; he showed improved speed in that one and that versatility could come in handy in this sprint, which lacks a clear-cut pace scenario. HOLD'EM OR FOLDEM is another making his first start off the claim, along with entrymate I'VE REPENTED, and both fit well here despite coming out of restricted claimers; the former has improved in terms of Beyers with each of his last three starts while the latter turns back from a mile and makes his 3rd start off the layoff, both good angles for this barn.

### **Sixth Race: 1. Nena Bella 2. Als Big Girl 3. Seven Two Offsuit**

NENA BELLA may well be better on the main track than she is on the turf but she seems to hold a pace advantage in this one, as there's little other speed in here and she could shake loose and control the pace; if that's the case she could prove tough to reel in, as the others in here seem to prefer coming from off the pace. ALS BIG GIRL has enough speed to stay close, and that could prove to be a big edge if the pace is moderate; that effort two back was deceptively good. SEVEN TWO OFFSUIT has speed and the hedge and she stands to improve off that return try, likely at a big price, since she should have the race flow in her favor.

### **Seventh Race: 1. Honest Wildcat 2. Barge 3. Galligan Road**

HONEST WILDCAT is out of a dam who won a stakes race as a 2-year-old and he's kin to the multiple stakes-placed Texas Wildcatter, who won his own debut; works suggest this colt is ready to roll and he should be expected to come out running. BARGE is logical enough here off that debut try, where he earned a 79 Beyer despite a difficult trip on the front end; very big threat today if he can get clear immediately, though the presence of M'S WILL and GALLIGAN ROAD could make that tough to do. The latter is wide and he figures to face pressure in the early stages but that 93 Beyer he earned from post 11 two back gives him strong credibility; certainly capable if he can somehow work out a trip.

### **Eighth Race: 1. Blues Street 2. T Harry 3. Gold Pageantry**

BLUES STREET and T HARRY both fit the race flow well, as there's a good amount of speed in this race and these two seem to be the best of the closers; BLUES STREET gets a slight edge given that solid Beyer in his latest but T HARRY could make the last run here if he posts another improved figure, as he's been getting better with each start. GOLD PAGEANTRY is another who stands to benefit from a lively race flow; he's up in class today after beating lesser at Tampa but the right set-up seems likely and a clean trip could be all he needs.

### **Ninth Race: 1. There Are Rainbows 2. Gold Indy 3. Under Grad**

THERE ARE RAINBOWS can certainly be forgiven for finishing off the board as the odds-on favorite when last seen, as she broke poorly from post 12 and then was forced to take up early on, but that debut Beyer suggests she has some talent and she could prove a handful late given a little help up front; clean start would help the cause. GOLD INDY, from the same barn as the top pick but uncoupled, was game in defeat when last seen, and that was the best Beyer of her short career; addition of blinkers could move her up. The Beyer posted by UNDER GRAD in her bow doesn't match up with the best figures posted by the top contenders in here but she made a late run there; a quicker pace could move her up.