

GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Yogaroo (2nd race)

First Race: 1. Brewman 2. Behind the Pew 3. Ocala Cruz Missile

BREWMAN run down late by firster Medicine Man when making first start off the Walder claim. Was well clear of the others for second money, hard to ignore despite the short price. BEHIND THE PEW has the speed to give the preferred choice a run for his money if away running from the outside gate. Ocala Cruz Missile exits a bullet work at Calder for this.

Second Race: 1. Yogaroo 2. Convoy Ahead 3. Uaintseenalligot

YOGAROO, the day's best, one of two in here for high percentage 2yo debut barn and the more forwardly prepared of the duo for his bow. Outside draw should keep him out of any real serious trouble exiting the quarter pole chute. CONVOY AHEAD the preferred one's uncoupled mate and perhaps chief rival off a bullet three furlong work of his own on 3/29. UAJNTSEENALLIGOT demands some attention having brought \$90K at the OBS Feb. sale.

Third Race: 1. Burns Up the Track 2. Officer Bill 3. Sir James

BURNS UP THE TRACK had his best chances compromised by a poor start, made a little middle run, tired late but still beat three of seven rivals skipping a condition facing N3L types in his '09 bow. Drops to more suitable spot, nicely posted outside all the speed types in this lineup. Once classier sort can be along with the right trip. OFFICER BILL one of many in here returning off lengthy vacations and perhaps the best of that bunch having won his only previous start over conventional dirt with consummate ease here last winter. Worked a bullet for his first start in nearly 11 months. SIR JAMES has changed hands since his last when dropping into selling ranks to prove popular winner racing on short rest in his 3yo finale. Sheds the shades for his new mentor.

Fourth Race: 1. Edge of a Shadow 2. Caixa Eletronica 3. High Ceiling

EDGE OF A SHADOW has done his best from off the pace so we'll ignore his most recent try when fading late after cruising on the front end against entry level allowance types. Drops into conditioned claiming ranks for the first time since winning his '08 finale at Calder. Barn beginning to heat up of late. CAIXA ELETRONICA has done most of his work on dirt but did finish a decent enough second, earning 79 Beyer, over local sod earlier in his career. Love his last on the main when necked by 3-5 Air Lord. Could be a bit of a sleeper in this spot. HIGH CEILING a versatile sort with wins both on and off pace. Will be better suited to latter strategy considering the make up of this lineup which features a ton of speed types. .

Fifth Race: 1. Polynesian Sunset 2. Irish Gypsy Rose 3. Darby Lee

POLYNESIAN SUNSET the only member of this lineup coming off a victory and an impressive one at that up at Tampa. Gets slight edge in her current form. IRISH GYPSY ROSE exits key race early in the session but idle now nearly three months. Fits with these. DARBY LEE had three race win streak snapped with a disappointing try in her last at Tampa although wonder if she's peaked and heading the wrong way at the present time. Dancin Samba an obvious factor if she goes here but assuming she's coming out having been entered back on Saturday and coupled in this spot with the preferred choice despite coming from different barns.

Sixth Race: 1. Sette E Mezzo 2. Wild Entry 3. Pagan Ruler

SETTE E MEZZO overcame trouble on the turn to miss just over a length in promising inner course bow earlier in the session and expecting further improvement with clean sailing. WILD ENTRY the logical choice coming off near miss behind next out N1X winner Conservative in his debut. PAGAN RULER beaten a head by front running winner despite slow start in his only previous start. Another eligible to move forward with one under his belt.

Seventh Race: 1. Hanchó 2. Brantzen Gone Wild 3. Duke of Hazard

Taking a flyer with firster HANCHO in this relatively weak bottom level maiden claimer. Barn has nice marks with first time maiden claiming types as well as runners launching career at a mile or further. Outside draw a plus and dam was a five time winner in her career. BRANTZEN GONE WILD overcame slow start to finish third behind a debut winner and the horse who will be odds on to win the opener on today's card. Clean beginning makes him the one to beat. DUKE OF HAZARD hard to fault off promising bow, this distance, three weeks earlier.

Eighth Race: 1. Awakino Cat 2. Midnight Ridge 3. Big Train

AWAKINO CAT has already won this condition a couple of times and well spotted returning from Tampa with a price on his head. MIDNIGHT RIDGE showed his heels to weaker in a strong turf debut although facing prospect of getting some heavy pace pressure with Aircraft Intercept and Edge of Chaos in the lineup. BIG TRAIN has some serious gaps on his form and away now nearly three months since game effort behind odds on Salute the Count on 1/15. Look for him to be much closer to the leaders from the outset this time around.

Ninth Race: 1. Feline Delite 2. Placid Waters 3. Purses and Shoes

FELINE DELITE like a first timer in this spot after being eased trying two turns on grass against MSW opposition in her debut. Dons blinkers, working forwardly for much of the winter. Barn can win off the bench. Might wake up at a square price. PLACID WATERS a logical choice returning to the main where he finished a game fourth after finishing full of run in her debut. Turf to dirt, long to short switches should have her ready for her best yet in the nightcap. PURSES AND SHOES looks like the best of the two new faces in here. Must respect off that 1:00 and change work on 2/26 although wondering why she did not work again for another month.