

GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Forest Bell (10th race)

First Race: 1. Carnita 2. Jazz Her Up 3. Hickory Gray

CARNITA gets a little more class relief and while most of her starts have come on grass, she did win his maiden over the inner dirt in N Y Held in well enough despite being hung wide off a slow pace in local bow on turf returning from a three month layoff. Figures to benefit from the effort. Should be good enough to handle this crew. JAZZ HER UP dueled, faded badly taking on open coming in her local bow and could prove the one to catch on stretch to a mile. HICKORY GRAY exploded to win her last after making switch to Collazo barn and must respect the effort stepping into winners ranks for the first time. Used to be a bet against but cannot ignore off that last performance.

Second Race: 1. Wild Blue Dreams 2. Saturn Five 3. B L's Noise

WILD BLUE DREAMS plummets in price once again but his two races since the claim good enough to deserve top billing against bottom level conditioned claimers. SATURN FIVE returns in less than a week off an "all out" maiden win according to chart footnote. Must prove he can duplicate the effort wheeling back on short rest at another short price. B L'S NOISE follows preferred choice down the claiming ladder and with enough speed to respect on turn back to five-eighths.

Third Race: 1. Dancin Samba 2. Favorite Baby 3. Untuttale Gal

DANCIN SAMBA and FAVORITE BABY give the entry a solid one-two punch although almost certain one of the pair will come out. Former was awarded the victory after being impeded by apparent winner in her last and that Beyer was a career best off the Lake claim. Outside draw only enhances her chances to take another against bottom level sellers. Favorite Baby plunges below level of recent claim and looks like the right alternative for Lake barn should they opt to run Dancin Samba on Friday. UNTUTTAL GAL logical but a hanging sort who has burnt plenty of chalk here already this meet.

Fourth Race: 1. Autumn Ash 2. Margaret Smile 3. Threetimesawonder

AUTUMN ASH an improving filly who did not take the turn well before finishing with good energy under similar conditions off the claim. Stretch to a mile looks like a plus considering her easy maiden win at the distance. Can be along with another forward move. MARGARET SMILE couldn't be better but stepping up a notch or two in company off easy starter win. Hard to ignore in her current form. THREETIMESAWonder has suffered a couple of tough beats here this winter, both at the hands of red hot NO Speed Limit. Not facing that kind today but still a bit of a question on stretch to a mile.

Fifth Race: 1. Big Bad Blue 2. Mogul Maker 3. Cove Star

BIG BAD BLUE drops to the bottom for barn looking to win the training title. A beaten favorite in his last pair. Hope he doesn't get the hat trick here. MOGUL MAKER deserves another chance after breaking slow, beating half the pack debuting at this grueling distance. Sure to improve with that one under his belt. COVE STAR gets a break over the top pair drawing inside post and he has held own with more expensive maiden types this winter. Should prove forward factor throughout.

Sixth Race: 1. Tiffany Rock 2. Majestic Wonder 3. Ruby Lipstick

TIFFANY ROCK exiting career best performance from a Beyer standpoint, doing so despite breaking through the gate prior to post time. Looks too good for these with main caveat the tricky inside draw at this distance. MAJESTIC WONDER turned in a game performance to apparently win this condition two weeks earlier only to have her number taken down for causing interference in deep stretch. Has kept a busy schedule of late. RUBY LIPSTICK unlucky at the break when dropped to this level for the first time over a weat track last month. Deserves another chance with this kind.

Seventh Race: 1. One Flying Trend 2. Aerin She Lovely 3. Aliens Last Strike

ONE FLYING TREND shows up for a mid-tag off an extended vacation but working well for the return and perhaps capable of showing her heels to this bunch if away running off the bench. AERIN SHE LOVELY the logical choice after turning in improved effort with addition of shakes in her 3yo bow. Figures to move forward off her first effort in eight months although not crazy about the fact she shows no published works in the five plus weeks since that outing. ALIENS LAST STRIKE back from Tampa where she proved second best after getting loose on the lead in a pair of tries with this kind.

Eighth Race: 1. Exchanging Kisses 2. Chihulykee 3. Silver Timber

EXCHANGING KISSES unlucky in her last when shuffled back on the far turn, doing well to finish third off the trouble. In new hands off the claim, might prove bit of a sleeper with a cleaner beginning. CHIHULYKEE made a nice run to close contention into the stretch but proved no match for winner when second best for higher tag nearly two months ago. Limited work tab since that outing a bit of a caveat for those willing to take a short price here. SILVER TIMBER has been away since October but this is five furlongs on turf and he hails from astute barn with this kind. One time stakes type winless since '07 but looks like a pretty good fit at this level.

Ninth Race: 1. Finallymadeit 2. Fierce Wind 3. Nistle's Crunch

FINALLYMADEIT has worked hard thus far during the current session but rewarded with some big paychecks on a couple of occasions against Grade 1 and 2 competition. Facing no such opposition dropping to Grade 3 level and unless completely knocked out by now figures too fast for this group. FIERCE WIND's lone loss since December of '07 came in the Fla. Derby and must respect the way he's come back from the subsequent layoff. Looks like he would be the best alternative for those thinking preferred choice maybe a bit over the edge at this point. NISTLE'S CRUNCH has won two straight but that last tally somewhat misleading since it came in a match race over a wet track. Better on turf than dirt but he is multiple graded stakes placed and that makes him a contender with these.

Tenth Race: 1. Forest Bell 2. Dr. Smarty Jack 3. Ducduc

FOREST BELL, the day's best, caught some real monsters in one of if not THE best maiden 2yo race of the 2008 Spa meet. Like the looks of his recent work tab and he should have no trouble adapting to turf being by Forestry out of a Kingmambo mare. DR. SMARTY JACK exits a troubled trip and a couple of close calls to open his career and third might just prove the charm with cleaner sailing in the nightcap. DUCDUC another who has been very competitive in a couple of runs over the local course this winter and got to respect the directions his Beyers are heading at the present time.