

## GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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**BEST BET: Gold Trippi (2nd race)**

**First Race: 1. Run All Day 2. Malibu Prayer 3. Film Charm**

RUN ALL DAY turned in a promising 3yo bow in her first start on conventional dirt, rallying from far back despite trouble to just miss in a race that was completed just .67 seconds slower than Dunkirk's final time winning his maiden about an hour later on Jan. 24 card. Might actually offer some value considering her Beyer number far slower than likely favorites MALIBU PRAYER and FILM CHARM. Malibu P. chased, proved no match for Calder based firster Golden Mystery who ran off and hid in her debut. Should benefit from the outing. Will stand some catching if able to get loose here from Strolling in Paris and Won Token. Film Charm broke slow, steadied early, finished willingly to outnod Malibu P. for second money in their previous meeting and another who should benefit from the experience.

**Second Race: 1. Gold Trippi 2. Storm in May 3. Hal's My Hope**

GOLD TRIPPI, the day's best, looks nicely spotted in this high priced claimer. Exits extremely well graded 6.5 furlong dash and already proven at a one turn mile. Lone caveat the fact he has had issues at the gate in the past. STORM IN MAY gets some class relief after being overmatched in his last couple. Was not embarrassed by likes of Yesbyjimmy. It's a Bird and Hypocrite in the Kenny NOe at Calder on Dec. 13, all of whom would be tough to handle at this level. HAL'S MY HOPE showed a little improvement in his last and looks like the one to catch if away running from his outside post. Might hold on for at least a share at a fair price.

**Third Race: 1. Albali 2. Senorita Beitz 3. Right Special**

ALBALI gets the call pretty much by default debuting against a very weak bunch for top connections. Half to turf winner Violin Sacre. SENORITA BEITZ showed some promise against better in a couple of turf tries launching career across town. Also has some breeding for the going being kin to multiple grass winner Wild Blonde. RIGHT SPECIAL back to what may ultimately prove her favorite surface off improved showing on the main. Not disgraced in either of her two previous grass outings, one of which came against the boys.

**Fourth Race: 1. Mean Demand 2. Gone Missing 3. Shone**

MEAN DEMAND returns to his favorite surface off a solid showing over the inner here last month. Finished in front of next out winner Caesare Beware despite falling far back from tough post in just his third career start on grass. GONE MISSING rallied off a slow pace to earn near career best Beyer when dropped in price earlier this month and eligible to return quick dividends off the claim despite the class hike. SHONE turned in a very disappointing effort following unlucky start when coming up tagged for the first time three weeks earlier. One more chance with these.

**Fifth Race: 1. Cut for Luck 2. R Vicarious Girl 3. Nikkiandme**

Not much separating several of these hard knocking turf mares so why not look for the best value and that figures to be CUT FOR LUCK who could not overcome some real trouble in the opening furlong before ultimately succumbing to both R VICARIOUS GIRL and NIKKIANDME last month at Tampa. Like the fact she's had more time than usual off between starts. Speedy mare at her best on the lead. Might not look back if she gets loose. R Vicarious and Nikki hard to fault in their sensational current form. Logical choices once again at this level.

**Sixth Race: 1. Tiger's Frolic 2. Mareana 3. Greedy Debby**

TIGER'S FROLIC in potent hands off the claim and the lone three time winner in the field. Must avoid potential speed duel with Greedy Debby. Logical pick at a short price. MAREANA chased top one home in her 2yo finale at Calder and may prove the best alternative for those looking to upset the favorite. Gets an eight pound weight shift in her favor for the rematch. GREEDY DEBBY back to the main and a more suitable distance and class level after stopping badly in her two turn, turf bow. Could give preferred one all she can handle on the front end during the early going.

**Seventh Race: 1. I Need Ya Coach 2. Risque 3. Outta Space**

Like the earlier, bottom level maiden claimer on the grass we'll look at the new faces and try either I NEED YA COACH or RISQUE to key this one. Former by a mare who won five of her 17 starts on grass and certainly well prepared for her debut with a slew of works under her belt since arriving here two months early. Risque by above average turf sire HORSE Chestnut out of a dam who won a couple on the lawn. Lures barn's first call rider for this. OUTTA SPACE looks best of the experienced ones off that second place finish on the turf at 2.

**Eighth Race: 1. Ruby's Red Socks 2. Chasing the Prize 3. Death Valley**

RUBY'S RED SOCKS has made a pretty good living over the past year in this type of starter allowance race. Good enough to just miss winning overnight stakes at Tampa in his '09 debut while finishing ahead of multiple stakes winner Dukes Flying Tiger. Main drawback the fact he's yet to run over the local strip. Should the favorite not be up to the task, CHASING THE PRIZE could prove a nice alternative. Proved an easy winner against \$20,000 sellers on Jan. 22, some how winds up back with the same owner despite being claimed out of the race by Maker barn. Hmmm. Has won seven of 12 career starts, five of eight on conventional dirt. DEATH VALLEY could not quite get the seven furlongs against \$10K starters earlier this month, might be better suited to turn back to this distance. Might not see lead in here but figures forwardly placed throughout.

**Ninth Race: 1. Criticism 2. Dress Rehearsal 3. Lamentation**

With some question marks regarding several of the top contenders regarding their ability to get the distance, we'll opt for the proven commodities at the route. CRITICISM rallied to clear tally over hard knocking J'Ray going 12 furlongs in the Long Island Handicap and training forwardly for her return. Barn already has won three stakes at the meet, two on turf. DRESS REHEARSAL and LAMENTATION step up off recent allowance wins. Former turned back to nine furlongs to take U S bow at Tampa but won a Listed Stakes beyond 11 furlongs in Europe. Lamentation truly a long distance specialist and perhaps poised for her best yet since shipping to the states.

**Tenth Race: 1. Yes It's Barbara 2. Out Post 3. Jane's Gal**

YES IT'S BARBARA showed some speed, faded late while failing to run to her backing over the artificial stuff at Turfway but has worked forwardly for her local bow and first start on conventional dirt. May be best suited to grass considering her family history but expecting a big effort on turn back to five-eighths for top owner-trainer connections. OUT POST dueled through some fast fractions, proved no match for well meant winner returning from a lengthy layoff and strictly the one to beat with that race under her belt at this distance. JANE'S GAL a \$300K 2yo purchase who like all her stabelmates in Pletcher-land will come well prepared for her debut.