

## GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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**BEST BET: Exclusive Hopper (1st race)**

**First Race: 1. Exclusive Hopper 2. Girl Sleuth 3. Miss Fleetfoot**

EXCLUSIVE HOPPER comes off two straight losses as the favorite against similar, but should offer more value in this spot and is the choice based on her consistency and top-notch barn. GIRL SLEUTH finished a length in front of the top choice when second Mar. 25. That followed a close fifth against starter \$16,000 runners. MISS FLEETFOOT splashed her way to an easy win in the slop Mar. 19 when returning from a lengthy layoff. She has run third in both of her turf starts and can transfer her fine form to turf.

**Second Race: 1. Unbridled Cherokee 2. Walkers Beach 3. Unholy Night**

UNBRIDLED CHEROKEE drops in for a tag for the first time and should outclass these maiden \$15,000 runners. Big edge in figures, but must overcome a two-month layoff. WALKERS BEACH has hit the board in all three of her starts against similar this meet and might not receive the proper mutual respect here, coming out of a slow race. UNHOLY NIGHT showed nothing off a layoff when returned at this level Apr. 2 but starts for a winning barn and could easily bounce back with a quality effort. Note the sharp recent work at Calder.

**Third Race: 1. Kit Cat Caton 2. Sextant 3. Judge's Pride**

The speedy KIT CAT CATON finished third against similar going a route Mar. 15 and is cut back to 5f, a distance at which she won her one race in August of last year. SEXTANT is the class of the field and starts for a barn that excels with turf sprints, but she is unraced since July. JUDGE'S PRIDE ran deceptively well in her last two, particularly last time when fifth in an open \$25,000 claimer. This N2L contest suits her better.

**Fourth Race: 1. Brantzen Gone Wild 2. B B's Song 3. Transporter**

BRANTZEN GONE WILD won easily in his debut start, drawing off as much the best with a wide trip. Although that race came at a mile, he appears to have the speed to adapt to this shorter race. B B'S SONG comes off a pair of fourths this meet against better opposition, and could be ready for a peak effort in her third start of her current form cycle. TRANSPORTER is returned quickly in his third start off a layoff after showing speed and fading against classier Apr. 9.

**Fifth Race: 1. Poronui 2. Bobby B. Goode 3. Demolition**

PORONUUI disappointed off a layoff at Santa Anita this winter, but shows an encouraging worktab since and gives the impressive of a quality turf sprinter. The five-furlong distance of this race should suit him. BOBBY B. GOODE closed wide to grab second Mar. 14, though he earned just a 70 Beyer. Capable of running faster. DEMOLITION adds blinkers for his second start after showing speed and fading to seventh as the favorite against straight maidens going a mile.

**Sixth Race: 1. Pirate King 2. Casino Gambler 3. Ode to Roy**

PIRATE KING has been prone to minor awards over the past year or so, but could break out with a victory here. He comes off a distant second in a fast starter \$25,000 allowance Mar. 26, which followed a head loss at this \$35,000 claiming level Mar. 5. CASINO GAMBLER has earned Beyers ranging from 85 to 91 over his last five starts and was a clear second in a fast \$25,000 claimer in his lone race this meet. He must overcome a two-month layoff but has the figures and back class to prove a factor. ODE TO ROY, another comebacker, hasn't raced since rolling to a 4.5-length victory against \$35,000 N3L stock Jan. 17. He is 5-1-2-2 over this track.

**Seventh Race: 1. Motion Play 2. Soul Spirit 3. City On Line**

MOTION PLAY makes his second start off a layoff for Pino and Ross - connections that excel with turf horses. This one failed to fire in his latest but posted Beyers ranging from 84 to 86 in running well from December through February. SOUL SPIRIT joins the Ward barn after a third-place finish Mar. 28 against this level of competition. He was competitive against allowance horses earlier in the meet, though he ran behind Motion Play when they met Jan. 7. CITY ON LINE woke up in his latest, rallying for second against open \$20,000 claimers. He shows two solid works since the race for Allen Jerkens and could move forward.

**Eighth Race: 1. Matchless Orinda 2. Pious Ashley 3. Camara Oculta**

MATCHLESS ORINDA has shown a fondness for this track, recording two wins and a second in three starts this meet. She just missed in her latest at seven furlongs, but is probably better suited to this six-furlong race. PIOUS ASHLEY faced much better in her latest when fifth in graded stakes company. That followed a pair of runner-up finishes at this level during the early part of the meet, when the competition was tougher. CAMARA OCULTA, on the board in his last three starts, could get overlooked here with the other Marty Wolfson trainee, PIOUS ASHLEY, likely to attract more attention. She was just a length and a quarter behind her when they raced this distance Feb. 21, however.

**Ninth Race: 1. The Best Day Ever 2. Selene's Delight 3. Lucky Lulu**

THE BEST DAY EVER hasn't started since last fall when third in a straight maiden race at Churchill on dirt. Her best performance came there in mid-November when she was a close fourth on the grass. Class of the race and her worktab suggests she is fit for her return. SELENE'S DELIGHT chased the leaders before weakening to be a close seventh in a maiden \$80,000 race Mar. 7. This maiden \$50,000 claimer suits her classwise. LUCKY LULU is a candidate for improvement in her second start after weakening to seventh in her debut when matched against a good field of maiden \$80,000 claimers Feb. 4. Better on the way, despite over two months off.