

GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Roman Silver (3rd race)

First Race: 1. Shake the Moon 2. Bahia Girl 3. Encanto Park

SHAKE THE MOON might be a bit of an overlay considering the layoff and turn back from her favorite distance but she could have enough of a class advantage to run these down off the bench. BAHIA GIRL comes off her best yet albeit when having the luxury of setting an uncontested pace. Will be chasing speedy ENCANTO PARK in this one but hard to ignore in her present form.

Second Race: 1. Santuri 2. Hold'em Or Fold'em 3. Chihulykee

SANTURI steps up off a couple of second place efforts after being re-claimed by Plesa barn. Should trip out nicely behind speed of Great Victorian and CHIHULYKEE who is obviously a giant question mark on the drop and switch to dirt. HOLD'EM OR FOLD'EM returns off an improved second place effort at Tampa. Winless over this strip but rarely runs a poor one at six furlongs.

Third Race: 1. Roman Silver 2. Mask and Wig 3. Bizzie Light

ROMAN SILVER, the day's best, drops to weakest level yet after beating more than half his field against MSW conditions seven weeks earlier. Has not missed a beat in the a.m. during the interim. Should be too classy for these. MASK AND WIG also getting some much needed class relief after finishing mid-pack behind return N1X winner Justenuffumor. Another who has trained well following a lengthy break. BIZZIE LIGHT also gets some class relief off a decent run with better.

Fourth Race: 1. Princess Buddha 2. Out Hopping 3. Cacun Cacun

PRINCESS BUDDHA looks like another McPeek dropping into the right spot to help in battle for trainer's crown. Couldn't have caught an easier spot. OUT HOPPING drops to this level for the first time off a troubled outing in her local bow. Has the speed to be dangerous if able to relax on top ala her CRC finale. CACUN CACUN on the improve. Should have the stamina to contend late on turn back from nine furlongs.

Fifth Race: 1. Tavata 2. My Sweet Natalie 3. Absolute Salt

TAVATA and MY SWEET NATALIE look like the two key contenders in this weak 3yo turf dash. Former will offer the better value of the pair and rarely runs a poor one on grass. MY SWEET NATALIE takes a bit of a suspicious drop after being a beaten favorite when tagged for the first time earlier in the session. Shows no published works since that outing. ABSOLUTE SALT flashed speed against undefeated Snow Lass at Tampa and could be a bit of a sleeper if taking to the surface.

Sixth Race: 1. Anansi 2. Bedrock Blues 3. Jazz Hands

ANANSI flashed speed, faded late coming off a one year hiatus against MSW foes. Drops for second start of his form cycle. Should not look back. BEDROCK BLUES BEDROCK BLUES broke well behind his field, made a solid middle move before fading from the effort while also returning from a one year layoff. Should give preferred one all he can handle at the end. JAZZ HANDS had some early trouble, lost considerable ground turning for home when tagged on 3/22. Fits with these if able to overcome tough inside post out of the mile chute.

Seventh Race: 1. Icon Project 2. Reata's Vixen 3. Pretty Elusive

ICON PROJECT was pounded at the tote for her U.S. bow but had little chance after being hauled back early off a very slow pace. Like the fact she's gotten in four works since that outing. Showed enough across the pond to get another chance with any help up front. REATA'S VIXEN in top form at the present time. Trounced N2L's two back, got shuffled on turn before finishing with good energy in her last. Lures Bravo off PRETTY ELUSIVE. The latter outfinished preferred choice earlier in the meet. Lost all chance when taken about eight wide turning for home in her most recent try.

Eighth Race: 1. Flight to Eden 2. Woodland 3. Kellys Rx

FLIGHT TO EDEN could prove beneficiary of what figures to be a very honest pace, might return quick dividends off the claim if able to repeat come from behind win, this level, early in the session. WOODLAND failed at 1-5 after engaging in torrid speed duel and has since changed hands via the claim box. Facing prospect of being similarly challenged by Taking Over and perhaps Beyondcomprehension. KELLYS RX benefitted from a perfect trip to upset Woodland in pair's last meeting but wheeling back in just three weeks off career best Beyer try. Must not bounce off that effort.

Ninth Race: 1. Chapin Beach 2. Sleepless Knight 3. Sneak Peek

CHAPIN BEACH, kin to Grade 1 winner Sand Springs, adds blinkers after being roughed up a bit in his return to grass. Worked a bullet on the main with, we assume, the shades on in preparation for this. Repeat of debut run makes him good enough to beat these. SLEEPLESS KNIGHT hard to fault off his razor sharp debut when outdueled by more experienced rival. Does show a gap of 24 days between last two works. SNEAK PEEK not all that fashionably bred for turf but handled the surface well enough in his first two tries and continued to hold his form well in recent pair on dirt.