

## GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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### BEST BET: ( race)

#### First Race: 1. Even Road 2. Ashlee the Great 3. Honorable Truth

EVEN ROAD rallied from off a slow pace to capture her local bow and should get a little more help up front considering the make up of this lineup. Taken to be along with the right trip. ASHLEE THE GREAT earned a bit higher marker winning a two other than conditioned claimer in her CRC finale and now two for three at a mile although both those wins were around two turns. Another who should benefit from an honest pace. HONORABLE TRUTH back to the main off a couple of decent turf outings and likely part of early mix here with Suave Royalty and possibly True Will.

#### Second Race: 1. Bella Bella 2. Ariel Bright 3. Lady Lori

BELLA BELLA turned in na courageous effort following a poor start under similar conditions in her local bow. Overcame the tardy beginning to get the lead on the turn before fading from the effort. Prado signs on again. Might not look back this time if away with the others. ARIEL BRIGHT the question mark and key to this one returning from an extended vacation for a \$20K tag after keeping stakes company on a fairly regular basis at 3. Has been working forwardly for the comeback including bullet half 10 days earlier at Calder. LADY LORI has turned in a couple of decent tries since switching back locally from her home base across town. Can grab a share again in her current form.

#### Third Race: 1. Autumn Ash 2. Perfect Cup of Tea 3. Runnin On Sunshine

AUTUMN ASH broke last, recovered to sprint to the lead after going a quarter mile before fading badly after six furlongs debuting against high priced sellers on grass. Drops to near bottom level for switch to main for second start and Coa stays one more time. Might not look back with these if she leaves cleanly. PERFECT CUP OF TEA flashed improvement in her first start for a tag, contesting a relatively soft pace before weakening on stretch to a mile. Likely to improve with two under her belt. RUNNIN ON SUNSHINE back to the main herself off a couple of okay tries on turf. Turned in game enough effort going a two turn mile at Calder.

#### Fourth Race: 1. Steppedoutofplace 2. Munition 3. Mecke Me Free

STEPPEDOUOFFPLACE dueled, edged clear to popular tally ini his local bow and likely to trip out nicely stalking pace of Indian Arm. Can take another with repeat of his last. MUNITION overcame wide trip to finish third of 10 for a quarter and should be coming on best at the end. MECKE ME FREE another late striding type who won't benefit from the speed favoring nature of this course. Still must respect in his current form.

#### Fifth Race: 1. Dottie Booth 2. Pyramyst 3. Tip Along

DOTTIE BOOTH, the day's best, returns to conventional dirt for the first time in more than 10 months after holding his own from tough outside posts in a pair of higher priced grass starters earlier in the session. Barn starting to heat up now. Looks like a nice fit with these. PYRAMYST PYRAMYST makes just her second start in four months and was all out to beat a soft group at Calder as a 1-5 choice back in mid-December although must respect that perfect 3 for 3 mark over the local strip. TIP ALONG down from Tampa off a good allowance try. Knows her way around the winners circle.

#### Sixth Race: 1. Promulgation 2. Kim D 3. Shoshone Girl

PROMULGATION back with her own kind and at a more suitable distance after trying to stay a mile and one half vs. the boys last month. Comes up tagged for first time and Douglas gives her another whirl. Finished just behind next out MSW winner Witty Woman and recent high priced maiden claiming winner JellyRoll in her U.S. bow. KIM D was hung wide, faded late coming off a two month hiatus here on 1/15 now drops another notch seeking a winning spot. Winless in 14 career opportunities but best should put her right in the thick of things at this level. SHOSHONE GIRL made the lead, faded late two back with a notch better and with enough early lick to benefit from turf course's current bias.

#### Seventh Race: 1. Workinontrailroad 2. Masterwork 3. Southern Terminus

WORKINONTRAILROAD, the day's best, continues to improve with every start. Second best behind Dutrow dropper Silver Express going nine furlongs as the even money favorite earlier this month. Should make amends. MASTERWORK dueled, held gamely when claimed from Dutrow for half this tag 13 days earlier but could ultimately prove one to catch if able to shake loose as expected from open air box. SOUTHERN TERMINUS tried sprinting on turf and two turns on dirt now drops in for a tag for the first time making third start of his form cycle. Eligible to wake up some with these.

#### Eighth Race: 1. Striking Dancer 2. Seminole Lass 3. Eden's Storm

STRIKING DANCER stakes placed in her 2yo finale and appears to be working forwardly for her return. Class of field if she shows up off the bench with her best stuff. SEMINOLE LASS no match for preferred choice when pair met in the Caressing but does have a little edge the second time around with a race under her belt since and a winning one at that under a \$50K tag. EDEN'S STORM turned in a very eye catching performance beating maidens at Calder in her second start but like the preferred one away now nearly three months. Bred to be a good one as her older brother David Junior was a Group 1 winner across the pond.

#### Ninth Race: 1. Chary 2. Princess Malka 3. Mambo Jumbo

CHARY got bogged down on a deep and tiring rail after setting pace for a half mile in her local bow now turns back ini distance, drops into selling ranks for the first time in the finale. Prado shows confidence by signing on again. Should trip out nicely stalking the speed of PRINCESS MALKA, MAMBO JUMBO and perhaps some of the new faces in this lineup. Princess M. flattered badly after breaking slow from deadly inside post when debuting for higher tag in Kentucky. Working forwardly over the past several weeks for her return. Mambo Jumbo flashed marked improvement when switched from turf to dirt, finishing third behind repeat winner No Speed Limit despite a slow start but must avoid potential early battle at what figures to be a short price.