

GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: D'wild Ride (1st race)

First Race: 1. D'wild Ride 2. Ashlee the Great 3. Even Road

D'WILD RIDE, the day's best, defeated the likes of the stakes placed Choragus and graded stakes placed Zee Zee in his last and nicely spotted moving into mid-level starter allowance company in the opener. Lone question mark the stretch to a mile. ASHLEE THE GREAT and EVEN ROAD finished one, two following the latter's disqualification under similar condition last month. former rallied from last off a slow pace, might have been best if not for being put in tight quarters and clipping heels late. Like the fact she's had a couple of works subsequent to that outing.

Second Race: 1. Forefathers 2. Spin Master 3. Dr. Pleasure

FOREFATHERS returns to the right level after stepping out of conditions to get a race under his belt earlier in the session. Was hard used contesting a fast pace on that occasion but still managed to hold on for third money. Has come up big out of the mile chute in the past. Too good for these if near his best. SPIN MASTER stretches out to a mile for third start of his current form cycle. Once stakes caliber sort did not get the best of trips in his Fair Grounds finale and could try to steal this one on the front end especially if preferred choice does not leave cleanly from tough inside post. May be just a question of whether he can handle the added ground. DR. PLEASURE has never quite lived up to expectations but looked good beating softer going nine furlongs early in the session. Just missed out of the mile chute here last winter.

Third Race: 1. Newport 2. Morethan Fourhours 3. Fair Catch

NEWPORT back to the main after rallying from rear of pack to finish third when tagged for the first time four weeks earlier. Looks like the controlling speed if he leaves with the pack. MORETHAN FOURHOURS has had his best chances compromised by tough post position draws in his first two starts. Runnerup in his last came back to finish third against MSW competition on the turf. A full to five time grass winner Nowmorethanever. FAIR CATCH adds blinkers, drops into selling ranks for the first time after holding own with much better in both previous tries on the sod.

Fourth Race: 1. Untutable Gal 2. Bros Sis 3. Emma's Candy

UNTUTTABLE GAL could not match strides late with suddenly red hot It's a Miracle while easily second best when dropped back for a \$10K earlier this month. Does not appear to be facing that kind here. BROS SIS perhaps the main threat to preferred choice dropping into the category off much needed '09 bow against better. Should trip out nicely stalking likely pace of First Lady On Tour. EMMA'S CANDY finished second when taking sudden plunge to bottom level maiden claimer in her last. Steps up a notch off the claim.

Fifth Race: 1. Gran Estreno 2. Hard Top 3. Fleet Appeal

GRAN ESTRENO ran into big trouble, took up sharply near the quarter pole to lose best chance against a notch stronger in his last. Four place finisher from that race returned to beat \$25K foes in his next start. Worked near bullet for this on the main. Will have his hands full should former stakes type HARD TOP draw in off the AE list. Plunged to this level to prove popular winner despite slow start, wide trip just 16 days earlier. FLEET APPEAL was forced out leaving the turn while unable to make up ground late on loose on the lead Mustfuhr in his last. Figures to get a little more help up front with that rival in today's rematch.

Sixth Race: 1. Secret Vendetta 2. Aiuni 3. Qualquin

SECRET VENDETTA beaten all but runaway winner and odds on Disperse when dropped to the bottom for her first start in four months and facing no such opposition wheeling back with same kind here. Could finally be ready to earn elusive diploma if able to come away cleanly from tough post. AIUNI comes off her career best after slow start from the rail in her 3yo and local bow. More favorably drawn outside and getting huge break in weights from her older rivals with the seven pound bug boy taking the call. QUALQUIN had little excuse when beaten as the 1-2 choice when dropped to this level on 3/13.

Seventh Race: 1. Averymerrymoment 2. Arbeka 3. Ramya

AVERYMERRYMOMENT came away poorly when knocked around at the break, flashed some speed before fading badly in a race which produced a couple of next out grads. Switches to the turf and bred to handle the surface being a half to three time turf winner Cute Cognac. ARBEKA a \$430K yearling purchase who debuts in a relatively soft spot for high profile connections. Kin to several grass winners. RAMYA another firster with license to handle the course being by Mutakddim out of a six time turf winning mare. Half to multiple stakes placed Leap In The Sun.

Eighth Race: 1. Justwhistledixie 2. Gatorette 3. Casanova Move

JUSTWHISTLEDIXIE has done little wrong since leaving Saratoga and her experience could give her the edge over main rival GATORETTE. Figures to stalk that one from the outset. Gatorette could be any kind after cruising to a pair of easy wins. Will get a class check here.. CASANOVA MOVE no match for preferred choice in their previous encounter but could prove major beneficiary should the two favors get involved in a potentially suicidal early battle.

Ninth Race: 1. Scotchontherocks 2. Notecard 3. B B's Song

SCOTCHONTEROCKS was hard used contesting pace with Country Monarch before settling for second money in very game try first off the Lake claim. Eligible to get loose if able to come away running from the fence. Tough to catch with another forward move. NOTECARD broke slow, took up nearing the quarter pole going five furlongs on the turf and likely to be close up from the outset switching back to a surface over which he won his maiden at 2. B B'S SONG turns back in distance, drops into conditioned claimer for the first time off even try going a mile with stronger. Should be coming on strongest at the end.