

GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Sandi's Ready (7th race)

First Race: 1. Hard Top 2. Mean Demand 3. Eastern Seaboard

HARD TOP plunged from G2 company, overcame slow start and wide trip to beat \$20K claimers earlier in the session and right back against same kind with only one a.m. trial showing in the interim. Still demands the nod on class alone. MEAN DEMAND could be a sleeper despite stretching out and returning to the lawn. Ran a corker on grass here earlier in the meet despite trouble and does have a one mile win on his resume' earlier in his career at Retama. EASTERN SEABOARD's Beyers continue to head in the right direction at this time. Hard to leave out of the equation in his present form.

Second Race: 1. Lizard 2. Bold Promise 3. Renick Creek

Not much to choose from here. Will go with the Ladisernia entry both of whom drop off long layoffs. LIZARD looks best of the pair if he goes. Owns a win over the surface. BOLD PROMISE second in three of six local starts and with a turn of speed. Must avoid potential early battle with Max Alone. RENICK CREEK was 66-1 against open company in his last now returns to conditioned claimer where he comes up with a decent effort on occasion.

Third Race: 1. Powdered Sugar 2. Poetic Princess 3. Dattts Baby Selina

POWDERED SUGAR returned from seven month layoff to run a sharp second in a race which switched from turf to dirt three weeks earlier. May not look back with that one under her belt. POETIC PRINCESS challenged, could not get past preferred choice on the main but perhaps better suited to grass where he finished in front of next out turf winner Laffans Bridge on 2/26. DATTTS BABY SELINA gets some much needed class relief after a steady diet of allowance races. Late striding sort will need some help up front.

Fourth Race: 1. Wood Be Me 2. Diamond Isle 3. Mama's Wonder Boy

WOOD BE ME steps into open company off a sharp N3L win, this distance, 22 days earlier. Should trip out nicely from the outside post. Can take another despite the hike. DIAMOND ISLE also stepping up in company after plunging to bottom level open claimer to get back on winning track off the claim. Returns on short rest but with enough back class to prove formidable with these. MAMA'S WONDER BOY stumbled at the break, set a fast pace before succumbing grudgingly first off the Allen claim. Must avoid early duel with Forty Zip.

Fifth Race: 1. Triqueta 2. Beso Del Sur 3. Never Lie

TRIQUETA plunges half her value after finishing third as the favorite under a \$50k tag on April 1. Tailing off since maiden victory but perhaps still good enough to outfoot this kind. BESO DEL SUR another who failed at a short price vs. better in her last. Another key battle between McPeek-Pletcher droppers in race for trainer's title. NEVER LIE in new hands since her last. Finished behind preferred choice after chasing pace in her claiming bow.

Sixth Race: 1. Rove's Boy 2. New Yankee Man 3. Dubai Affair

ROVE'S BOY began career against MSW opposition, failed to menace now drops right to the bottom for a barn closing out the meet in high style. Dons blinkers. Goes on main despite steady diet of infield works. NEW YANKEE MAN another new face to a weak category. Owns a bullet pole work and a near bullet from the gate on his resume' and lures Trujillo. Wouldn't have to be much to score off the bench. DUBAI AFFAIR turned in a nice debut behind well backed, runaway winner before being overmatched when returning four weeks later. Back to the bottom, must overcome tough inside post.

Seventh Race: 1. Sandi's Ready 2. Chicalelee 3. Albali

SANDI'S READY, the day's best, second best behind even money Striking Dancer at a big price in her last. Faces no such rival when finally returning off the career best performance. Working smartly. Won't look back. CHICALELEE was washed off the turf but still good enough to win debut on the main at Tampa in a race which did produce a couple of subsequent grads. Kin to multiple turf winner O K to Dance. ALBALI certainly bred for the going being the daughter of a 14 time turf winner and half to one turf winner. Has shown gradual improvement since winning her bow for Pletcher under a mid-tag.

Eighth Race: 1. San Valentino 2. Endymion 3. Glittermans Cartel

SAN VALENTINO one of many contenders in this very talented field of up and coming 3yo prospects. Outgamed the well meant Antitrust to earn diploma, the pair well in front of the others, going seven furlongs on 3/7 and with ample time to recuperate from well graded performance. Working bullets for his return. ENDYMION dueled with odds on Santana Six before coming out second best in sharp 3yo bow and likely to improve with that one under his belt. GLITTERMANS CARTEL upset odds on Nicanor when switching to dirt for the first time three weeks earlier and like the preferred choice with a solid looking work on his resume' since that outing. Must not bounce off the big effort.

Ninth Race: 1. Unaccountable 2. Stroll for Acure 3. Homestead Strike

UNACCOUNTABLE hung late against a good group of MSW rivals when last postward on 2/21 but hasn't missed a beat in the a.m. since that outing. Returns to selling ranks for hot barn. Ready to graduate. STROLL FOR ACURE broke slow, turned in an even effort once recovering launching career against better. Kin to five previous grass winners from top barn. Drops to more suitable spot. One to fear. HOMESTEAD STRIKE another coming up tagged in the finale. Dangerous if allowed to relax long enough in front.