

GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Little Miss Julien (9th race)

First Race: 1. Going Gray 2. King's Fleet 3. Intrusive

GOING GRAY flashed brief speed, faltered badly trying to go seven furlongs off a long layoff now wheels back quickly while turning back in distance and plunging to a much weaker spot. Ran well enough in N.Y. before hitting the shelf to merit respect at what should be a generous price. KING'S FLEET second best behind odds on Pick Off after winning early speed duel with INTRUSIVE and likely facing a similar prospect again today. Improving sort the logical choice with another forward move.

Second Race: 1. Itohe 2. Intense Elvira 3. Count Me Out

ITOBE cruised to an easy win when returning locally just 19 days earlier and could stand the slight hike to N3L level especially if she leaves running and can clear off from all the other speed types in here. INTENSE ELVIRA has been away since posting big figure N2L win at Gulfstream when setting fast pace, drawing off at will under a \$16K tag. Limited work tab. Obvious danger with repeat of her last. COUNT ME OUT returns to selling ranks for the first time since near miss in early November. Both wins have come at this distance and she also got her picture taken here last year.

Third Race: 1. Jelly Roll 2. Lunar Beach 3. Go Go Pink

JELLY ROLL steadied early, fanned five wide turning for home when narrowly defeated as the 8-5 favorite dropping to this level for the first time in mid-January. Should make amends with clear sailing. LUNAR BEACH drops to claiming ranks for the first time since game, near miss in her inner debut. Bugged down by a tough post in her last. GO GO PINK away since March, returns for a tag for barn that can surely have one ready off the bench. Ran well enough to beat this kind from bad post when last seen in March.

Fourth Race: 1. Il Divo 2. Red Hot Candy 3. Nana's Appeal

IL DIVO drops in price, turns back to his favorite distance and gets shaky nod in a wide open bunch. RED HOT CANDY drops below level of recent claim eight weeks earlier at Calder, returns to the main after being hard used over the local lawn against far better than he'll encounter in this spot. Lures top jock today. NANA'S APPEAL should come away running from the outside gate., figures to control this one as far as she goes on the front end.

Fifth Race: 1. Unbridled Essence 2. Regrettable Romance 3. Triqueta

UNBRIDLED ESSENCE was forced to drop to rear of pack after being hung five wide to opening bend, had some run once finally getting clear at midstretch in promising turf bow. Lures Lezcano, might be a sleeper in this wide open mix. REGRETTABLE ROMANCE another who took the worst of the trips in her last when switching to the lawn for the first time. Encouraged enough by that effort and the fact Prado takes the call to give her a big shot despite the hike in price. TRIQUETA among the logicals after holding her own in both previous tries at the MSW level.

Sixth Race: 1. Wish Me Success 2. Choragus 3. Tembisa

WISH ME SUCCESS flashed some promise last fall in N.Y. Had her N1X win subsequently flattered when runnerup Holistic returned to capture her next start and more recent take an N2X allowance dash at Oaklawn. Might have wheeled back a bit too quick in her seasonal finale. Training forwardly for her return to south Fla. Taken to be along in time if at her best. CHORAGUS a question mark making her first start off a long vacation. In new hands since her last and obviously a talented sort. Just a question of whether she might need one off the bench. TEMBISA training forwardly for her return and will likely show her heels to this bunch for a long way. Might get brave if allowed to relax long enough on top.

Seventh Race: 1. Pull Dancer 2. Beso Del Sur 3. Gold Record

PULL DANCER yet to try grass but did earn her diploma over the Poly at Keeneland which bodes well for today's surface switch. Caught a good bunch that included Old Hat winner Gemswick Park in her 2yo finale. BESO DEL SUR was impressive at first asking, deadheating with MOtt trained firster Kiaway Cat despite a slow start. Can take another if improving, as expected, off her bow. GOLD RECORD lagged early from tough post, circled four wide and finished willingly enough under similar conditions several weeks ago to earn another chance from today's more suitable starting position.

Eighth Race: 1. Cosmic 2. Dr. Pleasure 3. For You Reppo

COSMIC flashed some speed, faded late against a tough bunch in much needed try on 1/14. Stretches out to his favorite distance, should find himself on or with pace throughout in a race lacking much in the way of any real early speed. Earned diploma and near career high Beyer Fig making second start off a similar layoff last winter. DR. PLEASURE obviously none the worse for wear after taking a spill in the Fayette. Another with the speed to take advantage of the lack of pace in this lineup. Ran well over this strip a year ago. The logical choice especially if able to repeat that big N1X win last summer at the Spa. FOR YOU REPPA returns to perhaps his favorite course but must overcome tough starting position at the distance. Worth tossing in at a square price.

Ninth Race: 1. Little Miss Julien 2. Valid Humor 3. Shadow Giant

LITTLE MISS JULIEN, the day's best, working bullets for her local bow. Missed a length to Matz trained, 6/5 Life Lesson in her turf debut. Kin to turf winner Cute Operator. QUIET HARBOR turned in sharp main track debt when launching career here last winter and certainly bred to handle the lawn being a half to seven time turf winner Minister's Joy. Working well enough to handle the distance off the bench. SHADOW GIANT a half to stakes types Enders Sister and Enders Shadow. Works nothing to rave about but barn always dangerous with grass runners and this one owns a whopping 346 turf Tomlinson.