

## GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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### BEST BET: Fate Takes a Hand (4th race)

#### First Race: 1. Satira 2. Cape Girl 3. Boffo

SATIRA has been away since Sept. and showing only two published works in preparation for her return. The exact same scenario that resulted in easy claiming win, this distance, at Monmouth off a similar layoff in June. Looks loose on the lead with these. Might not look back. CAPE GIRL a win machine since last May, taking five of her six starts during that period four of those victories coming since switching to Walder shed. Should attend the top one throughout, can be along if that one not up to the task this time off the pine. BOFFO drops off easy \$25K win in Churchill finale. Working steadily for her return. A logical choice.

#### Second Race: 1. So Glitzy 2. Skylighter 3. Indy's Alexandra

SO GLITZY stretches out to her most effective distance while receiving Lasix for the first time today. Has posted two of her three career wins locally and always tough out of the mile chute wherever she runs. Will have to hold off odds on SKYLIGHTER who exits a couple of sharp efforts against G2 company. Lone question mark her effectiveness on turn back to this distance. INDY'S ALEXANDRA looks like the controlling speed if she can leave cleanly from the rail. Appears to be cycling back to top form for dangerous barn.

#### Third Race: 1. Auteur 2. Bearpath 3. Conservative

AUTEUR duelled, held through midstretch while setting early fractions that compared favorably with those posted later in the card at the same distance in the Ft. Lauderdale. Improving colt regally bred for grass by El Prado out of a mare who won four stakes on turf. Will offer a little value against likely favorites BEARPATH and CONSERVATIVE. Former finished well from rear of pack after taking up briefly on the turn in faster division of split MSW affair on 1/10. Reunites with hot Lepararoux. Conservative likely to be well backed coming off promising grass bow when finishing full of run despite wide trip. Returned with sharp half mile drill on the main.

#### Fourth Race: 1. Fate Takes a Hand 2. Gone Missing 3. Prince Alphie

FATE TAKES A HAND, the day's best, never saw the lead while returning from nine week vacation now plunges to weakest level yet and should be long gone with these. GONE MISSING outfinished preferred choice at Churchill in mid-November when FTAH set lightning fast pace over a track which did not seem to favor speed as that card progressed. Still the one to fear at this level. PRINCE ALPHIE perfect in two tries over the strip and distance should prove no object although getting a little class test on hike to this level. Still going strong at 9.

#### Fifth Race: 1. Cocktail Attire 2. Lady Rizzi 3. Encanto Park

COCKTAIL ATTIRE stumbled on the bend, recovered to outfinished Libor Lady who had won her three previous starts including a stakes coming into the P G Johnson at the Meadowlands on 10/18. Lightly raced filly seems to have found her niche on turf and training forwardly for local grass bow. Should trip out nicely stalking the inside speed types. LADY RIZZI a beaten favorite in three of her last four starts up north but did Beyer triple digits at the Spa in late August and already a winner over this course. ENCANTO PARK in new hands since her last. Speedball around two turns but eligible to hang close, come running on turn back to five-eighths at what figures to be a square price.

#### Sixth Race: 1. Vindicat 2. Love On a Wire 3. Solidify

VINDICAT looks ready to graduate making third start of his career. Has had trouble at the break in both previous tries but did recover to show speed before fading late when dropped to this level, stretched to a mile in his last. Should be on or with lead from the outset if leaving with the others. LOVE ON A WIRE comes off his best yet while finishing well in front of preferred choice in pair's previous encounter. Will need some pace help at a short price. SOLIDIFY might actually prove the one to catch at big balloons if able to break better than he did in his local bow. Not badly beaten by Love On a Wire or recent grad Texas Wedge when striking the front in N.J. this past fall.

#### Seventh Race: 1. Madam Bling 2. Dressmaker 3. Kelliher

MADAM BLING overcame trouble to earn diploma up at Tampa off an extended vacation and eligible to improve off that effort. Reunites with Garcia who guided her to a well graded second over Belmont sod at 2. DRESSMAKER the most logical choice coming off a troubled fourth under similar conditions here last month while splitting next out grads Granted Tiger and Delta Weekend. KELLIHER drew clear at midstretch, could not last while drifting late behind Delta Weekend two weeks earlier but loses Garcia to the preferred choice which may be cause for some concern. Still one of the ones in this spot.

#### Eighth Race: 1. Alota Uno 2. Skip Away Belle 3. Babylonian

Looks like a weekday dash at Calder other than the fact Kent D. is taking the call on ALOTA UNO who has knocked on the door with better in her most recent tries. Could even prove the one to catch if ridden aggressively from the outset. SKIP AWAY BELLE won the first race of the meet with a perfect, bias aided trip but nicely spotted to take another for high percentage outfit. BABYLONIAN ran a game second switching to contentional dirt for the first time albeit with the aid of some slow early splits. Dons shades, returns on short rest. Perhaps a bounce candidate at a short price.

#### Ninth Race: 1. Scolara 2. Pay Wright 3. Julia Tuttle

SCOLARA closed out her 3yo campaign in good form and looks like she's best at a mile. Late striding sort should benefit from what figures to be an honest pace scenario in here. PAY WRIGHT steps back into stakes company off a series of good claiming outings. Won a key race on opening day and perhaps more effective now that she seems to have learned to rate. Should get first run at the leaders along with JULIA TUTTLE who wheels back in two weeks off game showing behind much tougher including win machine Wild Promises in the Sunshine Millions.

#### Tenth Race: 1. I Know Why 2. Higher Peace 3. B L's Who's Who

In a race that looks ripe for one of the new faces, I KNOW WHY could prove the right choice. Kin to seven time stakes winner Bronze Abe and multiple SW Five Hero by top sprinter Whywhywhy. Showed some gas in the a.m. before leaving Maryland. Main caveat that 27 day gap in published workouts from 1/4 to 1/31. HIGHER PEACE looks best of the experienced ones after hanging in early with a good group of MSW rivals in his bow. Posted bullet half since the outing and Trujillo back for another look. B L'S WHO'S WHO has been well prepared for his debut over at Calder. Should have some gas of his own by the looks of that near bullet gate blow out earlier this week.