

GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Lohad (4th race)

First Race: 1. Little Miss Julien 2. Elusive Sparkle 3. Mattieandmorgan

LITTLE MISS JULIEN is moved from turf to dirt after showing speed in a five-furlong turf dash before tiring to fourth Feb. 4. Trainer Wesley Ward has good numbers with turf to dirt runners, and this one has the speed and pedigree to handle dirt racing. ELUSIVE SPARKLE, Street Sense's half sister, has been second or third in 5 of 8 starts on either dirt or synthetic tracks. She lacks speed but consistently plays a role in the outcome. MATTIEANDMORGAN has trained well leading up to her debut and is bred to be a runner. She is by Smart Stride and a half sister to G1 winner Shakespeare.

Second Race: 1. Indy Kings Dancer 2. Heez for Doc 3. Rejoice Royce

INDY KINGS DANCER ran well first time off the claim for his connections, finishing second at this class level. He has hit the board in 5 of 9 dirt starts and rates a narrow edge in a competitive race. HEEZ FOR DOC rallied for fourth vs. similar, finishing 2.5 lengths behind runner-up REJOICE ROYCE. He consistently posts Beyers in the 60s and has a versatile running style. REJOICE ROYCE rallied to be second here Feb. 13 at odds of 78-1 after struggling up north. His better races have come for his current trainer, Fred Warren.

Third Race: 1. Toby the Coal Man 2. Whata Tough Knight 3. Sneak Peek

TOBY THE COAL MAN overcame a troubled trip to be second Jan. 25, giving 1-2 favorite More Than Willing a scare. That runner came back with a respectable fourth behind the talented Dunkirk in an allowance here Feb. 19. WHATA TOUGH KNIGHT rallied to finish a distant third on dirt after a sixth place finish in his debut on turf. He picks up Leparoux and should be running late. SNEAK PEEK came up empty in his first start of the meet, finishing sixth in a turf maiden race. He has yet to race on dirt but starts for the red hot McPeck barn.

Fourth Race: 1. Lohad 2. Tripofalifetime 3. We Have Ignition

LOHAD ran a distant fifth in his only prior dirt race, but has the pedigree to handle the dirt. Offspring of Menifee typically do best on dirt and synthetics. This one makes his first start for a tag after a seventh on grass in a tough allowance Feb. 5. Outside post should help keep the dirt out of his face -a key with a horse trying the main track for the first time. TRIFOALIFETIME also moves from turf to dirt. He has been competitive in his last two starts at this \$50,000 claiming level on the grass, finishing fourth both times. WE HAVE IGNITION ran a close second for \$40,000 two back before finishing a distant fourth for \$75,000 Feb. 19. He has raced exclusively in shorter races but finishes like a horse that should like a one-turn mile.

Fifth Race: 1. Mambo Jumbo 2. Yes I Am American 3. She's Tripping

MAMBO JUMBO was eased as the favorite in her latest against better, but is encouragingly returned on short rest and dropped to the maiden claiming cellar. She ran third two back and can beat these with a return to form. YES I AM AMERICAN has kept the best company, running well in straight maiden races last year. She has not started since October and could be at a fitness disadvantage, however. SHE'S TRIPPING hasn't started since December at Calder, when she was twice second in maiden \$12,500 races there. Factor if ready.

Sixth Race: 1. Forbidden Colony 2. Woodland 3. Trekkie

FORBIDDEN COLONY finished a respectable fifth against much better starter \$10,000 runners Feb. 5 and should appreciate the plunge to the \$6,250 level. Reunited with Marquez, who was up for a win against \$10,000 claimers at Calder. WOODLAND ran away to a fast N3L claiming victory in the mud at Mountaineer Dec. 29. Previously, all of his starts had come on Polytrack. TREKKIE prospered against Fla-bred \$6,250 claimers Jan. 25, defeating B L's Papa Coo Coo, who subsequently scored against \$10,000 N3L opponents.

Seventh Race: 1. Monavista 2. Miss Rapture 3. Zavabelle

MONAVISTA rallied to be a wide fourth in her first start vs. winners, and being lightly raced, is eligible for continued improvement. She broke her maiden at today's distance of 5.5 furlongs. MISS RAPTURE crushed maiden \$15,000 claimers in her one race, scoring by six lengths, but earned a modest 43 Beyer. ZAVABELLE comes off a pair of runner-up finishes, including over this strip at the \$16,000 level Jan. 29. She faces a bit better here - \$20,000 stock.

Eighth Race: 1. Truelyonbroadway 2. Hey Now 3. Granizo

TRUELYONBROADWAY joins the high-percentage barn of trainer Wayne Catalano after facing much better at Fair Grounds late last year. This four-time winner makes his first start for a tag in this \$35,000 claimer. HEY NOW has compiled a 10-4-3-2 record while racing on dirt or Polytrack. He finished third here Jan. 23 and is returned at the same level off the claim by trainer Angel Salinas. GRANIZO set the pace in the Grade 3 Mr. Prospector in his U.S. bow before weakening to fifth late. Prior to that, he had won five in a row in Brazil.

Ninth Race: 1. Kule Wind 2. Tomfoolery 3. Mister Unitas

KULE WIND has run competitively in two starts in Florida this winter, including when finishing fourth at this level Jan. 30. Narrow edge in a wide-open bottom-level maiden claimer. TOMFOOLERY, stuck on the also-eligible list, ran fourth against similar as the favorite Feb. 18. Factor if he draws into the race. MISTER UNITAS continues to drop after being outrun. He was twice well beaten against straight maidens before finishing sixth here for maiden \$30,000.