

## GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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**BEST BET: Miss Catalyst (3rd race)**

**First Race: 1. Squires Wingman 2. Epic Warrior 3. Whatsthetruth**

SQUIRES WINGMAN continues to knock on the door at this level although remains winless since '07. Might finally be ready to break throughout if main rivals EPIC WARRIOR and WHATSTHETRUTH need one off the bench. Epic W. has been away since late Dec. and making only his second start since the fall of 2007. Limited work tab for return. Tough call. The same goes for Whatsthetruth who plunges to the bottom in his first outing since breaking maiden for five times the price last summer in N.J. Another with limited work resume' showing only two recorded trials, both slow half miles, since that last outing.

**Second Race: 1. Tri to Dance 2. Emma's Candy 3. Cape Girl**

TRI TO DANCE steps up off the claim and a sharp win, this distance, just 11 days earlier. Might be good enough to take another despite the hike. EMMA'S CANDY winless for quite some time but down to a level at which she figures to prove contentious. Encountered trouble with this same kind ini her last. CAPE GIRL takes another suspicious looking class drop after closing out '08 with an easy allowance win in Maryland. Had little excuse when beaten as the 8-5 choice for \$16K in early February. May prove vulnerable at a short price.

**Third Race: 1. Miss Catalyst 2. Touch of Charm 3. Proven Right**

MISS CATALYST hard used contesting pace before succumbing grudgingly under similar conditions early in the session. Working steadily for return. Out of a three time turf winning mare. TOUCH OF CHARM disputed a lesiurely pace with ultimate winner Stage Trick before fading badly in her only previous start which came on dirt but figures to handle the switch to grass being a full sis to multiple G3 winner Elusive Diva. PROVEN RIGHT somewhat of a hanging sort but competitive in all three previous tries with this kind and Beyers continue to head in the proper direction. Addition of blinkers should help the cause.

**Fourth Race: 1. Prince Alphonie 2. Value Driver 3. B L's Tsumani**

PRINCE ALPHIE right back against same kind he handled rather easily over a wet track four weeks earlier. Hard to look past here. VALUE DRIVER rarely runs a poor one with this kind. The main threat should preferred choice not be at his best. B L'S TSUMANI has been away since being haltered for \$20K back in January but working forwardly for his return against a notch cheaper. Top one's uncoupled mate.

**Fifth Race: 1. ScalinateLLa 2. Catching 3. Cut for Luck**

SCALINATELLA turned in a promising local bow vs. better when making a nice run into the stretch before flattened out through the final furlong of his first start in more than five months. Drops a notch, can be along if able to sustain a similar run with one under his belt. CATCHING comes off her best yet around two turns when easily handling softer after setting a contested pace. Must respect in her current form. CUT FOR LUCK always dangerous when allowed to relax on the lead as she might in this spot.

**Sixth Race: 1. Indeedingly 2. Hopefully Lucky 3. True Ally**

INDEEDINGLY disappointed returning from a long layoff when well backed against high priced maiden sellers in his local debut now plunges right to the bottom hoping to salvage some of that \$200,000 purchase price at the July sales. Should be could enough to handle this weak bunch. HOPEFULLY LUCKY has shown a bit of improvement from a Beyer standpoint in each of his last two starts and another forward move puts him right in the thick with this group. TRUE ALLY a major disappointment while continuing to descend class ladder. Fast but with stamina issues. Must avoid early duel with preferred one to have any chance of hanging around at the end.

**Seventh Race: 1. Grand 2. David K 3. Leadwithyourchin**

GRAND turns back to what may be his most effective distance after faltering late going nine furlongs after making a little middle run in his last. Second best in key Divingmaxandmtzie race two back at a mile and one sixteenth. Repeat of that try would be good enough here. DAVID K easily outfinished preferred choice in their previous encounter in a race that did fall apart at the end. Needs a legitimate pace to set up his closing surge. LEADWITHYOURCHIN another late running type who is winless for quite some time but capable of running on for at least a minor share if Bandits Prince and Concertos Song hook up as expected.

**Eighth Race: 1. Big Red Hope 2. Blue Pepsi Lodge 3. Blind River Fox**

BIG RED HOPE has sandwiched a couple of smashing main track outings around a troubled third place effort on turf this winter and should trip out perfectly from his outside post. Can be along to take another in his current form. BLUE PEPSI LODGE has been away since early August and in new hands to boot but did run a career best number over local soil and with the speed to prove extremely dangerous if able to clear off from the inside. BLIND RIVER FOX down from Tampa while moving back to the main track and his most effective distance. Worse than third but once in 23 career six furlong outings. Obviously tough to leave off this ticket.

**Ninth Race: 1. Beyond Our Reach 2. Dame Ellen 3. Dyani**

BEYOND OUR REACH gives the Pletcher-DeCarlo combo another strong hand in the nightcap. Group 1 placed at 2 and idle since trailing throughout in the Breeders'Cup Juvenile Fillies, she has worked steadily and at times smartly for her return to maiden ranks. Looks ready to graduate. DAME ELLEN, kin to Grade 3 winner Gentlemans Deal, turned in a very strong grass bow when run down late by well meant first Meli. Turned in a bullet main track prep for this. Strictly the one to fear. DYANI showed promise in her debut when rallying along the hedge following a tardy beginning. Expect improvement at second asking especially with a cleaner start.