

## GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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**BEST BET: Frolic On Home (5th race)**

**First Race: 1. Casey's On Call 2. La Vengansa 3. Melo**

CASEY'S ON CALL goes for a tag for the first time, which can be construed as a negative as he returns from a layoff following a sub-par effort, but he has some sharp works and he should be well positioned given his early speed and inside post; he beat Triple Crown hopeful Beethoven two back and OBS Stakes winner Pray for Action in his debut. LA VENGANSA didn't run badly on the turf last time out but he is proven on the dirt and he can be expected to threaten here in his first start for a claiming tag; dangerous if he's able to run to his best races. MELO has declining Beyers but he could prove tough in his first start off the layoff, as this is the weakest field he's met since the maiden win.

**Second Race: 1. D' Wild Affair 2. Freedom Bay 3. Admiralty**

D' WILD AFFAIR is widest in this short field but he might be the main speed, and a loose lead would give him a tactical edge; slow start cost him in his return try on the turf and he should improve today on the main track given a clean break. FREEDOM BAY is clearly dangerous off that last one, where he earned a 99 Beyer in beating non-winners of two lifetime; he did enjoy a perfect trip there but he can regress a bit in terms of figures and still win this. ADMIRALTY also put up a big figure when last seen, and though he's been off since that June try the barn does well with absentees and the works suggest he's ready; this may be a little short for him but he's quick enough to stay close given the expected pace scenario.

**Third Race: 1. Gumpy 2. She's Tripping 3. Carmen's Kiss**

GUMPY has speed and the rail, and she comes off a game loss against similar; she gets the rail again, and she didn't break all that well last time from this post, but given a clean getaway she should prove tough to reel in. SHE'S TRIPPING has had her problems getting out of the gate but she ran well last time when she finally came away in order; ability to stay close a plus in this one, as the race lacks a clear-cut pace scenario. CARMEN'S KISS is the first starter out of an unraced dam but the sire wins at a solid 16% with firsters and she has a couple of decent works showing.

**Fourth Race: 1. Golden Cove 2. It's a Miracle 3. Give Me a Smooch**

GOLDEN COVE didn't run badly in that last on the turf but she does seem better on the main track and that last work suggests she's fit despite this rise in class; wide post a small concern but she has the speed to get position. IT'S A MIRACLE has steady recent Beyers and tactical speed for a high-percentage outfit; she just missed the place last time despite having to close into mild fractions. GIVE ME A SMOOCH comes out of the same race as IT'S A MIRACLE and she's another who was hurt by the race flow.

**Fifth Race: 1. Frolic On Home 2. Hopefully Lucky 3. Beachmont Fashion**

FROLIC ON HOME is caught wide but he was stuck outside in that last one and he ran a big race, making a mid-race run to the lead before tiring late; the apparent lack of zip in this race should work to his advantage, as he should work out a forward trip, and if the pace is mild he figures difficult to catch. HOPEFULLY LUCKY chased a quick pace in his debut, and though he tired in that one this should be a kinder race flow for him; just getting off the rail figures to be a plus. BEACHMONT FASHION is also out of a race with a more difficult pace scenario, and if the pace is slower at this extended distance he has license to last for a large part of this.

**Sixth Race: 1. Alice's Halo 2. Swampy Town 3. Catalina Express**

ALICE'S HALO has run gamely in defeat in his last couple of starts and that last Beyer fits well with these; there's other speed in the race but he also showed three back that he doesn't need the lead to win. SWAMPY TOWN is another with speed, though he's more one-dimensional than the top pick and he seems to need the lead to run well; if these two can avoid a race-long duel they can complete a two-speed exacta. CATALINA EXPRESS failed as the favorite in each of his last two starts at Tampa but maybe he just didn't care for that strip, as his previous tries were solid; he's run well at Gulfstream and he has lots of room for improvement now that he's out of Oldsmar.

**Seventh Race: 1. Divine Master 2. Dynhocracy 3. Prince Rahy**

DIVINE MASTER is a head shy of a perfect record on the turf, and though he got away with a loose early lead and a slow opening fraction last time he came home fairly quickly; he has some early zip, obviously, but he can also rate off the pace and make one run and he looms dangerous here with a stalking trip. DYNHOCRACY has a good late kick and his Beyers fit very well; he's been away and this is his first start against older but he's faced some good ones on the lawn already. PRINCE RAHY has a propensity to run 3rd, which makes him a prime candidate for the bottom of trifectas; he also some of the best Beyers in the field, and he ran well off a similar layoff over this course last year.

**Eighth Race: 1. Warrior's Reward 2. Stately Character 3. Dunkirk**

WARRIOR'S REWARD certainly benefited from a clean inside trip to break his maiden at 30-1 in his debut but he also overcame a modest pace and he still earned a decent Beyer; if he gets enough pace he's capable of repeating, as his inside post could mean another rail-skimming trip under Borel. STATELY CHARACTER didn't recover from a slow start in the Holy Bull and he failed to threaten but the resulting Beyer makes him a contender today; looms a serious stretch threat if an honest pace materializes. DUNKIRK, a \$3.7 million earner, was well bet against 11 rivals in the debut try and he won like the extra distance will prove no problem; dam was a multiple Grade 1 stakes-winning runner who was of course at her best routing.

**Ninth Race: 1. Kiss the Ring 2. For Sally 3. Watch Smartly**

KISS THE RING was behind FOR SALLY last time but she was just a neck behind that rival and she may have moved prematurely; may well improve with the experience, and she worked well in the interim. FOR SALLY rallied well in that last one and that was an impressive effort given the slow fractions and the quick final fraction; logical stretch threat, especially if the pace is a little quicker. WATCH SMARTLY comes out of the same race as the top picks and she didn't run badly, as she was trying to close into that tepid pace; better set-up could help her run back to those prior Beyers.