

## GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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**BEST BET: Lucky Lulu (3rd race)**

**First Race: 1. Mission Gap 2. Storm'n Warrior 3. River Key**

MISSION GAP continues to improve. Missed by less than the ground he lost turning for home when tagged for the first time. Should catch an honest enough pace to run at in the opener. STORM'N WARRIOR drops into selling ranks for the first time after chasing better in all three previous starts including a pair on the grass. Must avoid early duel with likes of Sothereiwas and The King Ping. RIVER KEY one of two debut types in here and with a nice, steady string of works leading up to his bow. Barn can have one ready off the bench and top jock Lezcano takes the call.

**Second Race: 1. Favorite Baby 2. Laughing Matters 3. Miss Mecke Mouse**

FAVORITE BABY the lone closer in a field loaded with speed. Returns to level of recent claim for high percentage winning barn. LAUGHING MATTERS away since posting game tally vs. cheaper during the opening week of the meet. May ultimately prove the one to beat. MISS MECKE MOUSE dominated softer when plunging to the bottom after being haltered for five times the price nine weeks earlier. Might not have the same luxury on the front end today but still must respect once classier sort with this kind.

**Third Race: 1. Lucky Lulu 2. L'Girafe 3. Nasturtium**

LUCKY LULU, the day's best, showed promise when debuting for \$80K earlier in the meet now drops against bottom level turf types and with enough class to merit top billing for team Pletcher. L'GIRAFE narrowly beaten despite losing considerable ground around the first turn when testing turf for the first time on 2/22. Main concern the fact she shows no recorded works since that outing. NASTURTIIUM walked out of the gate but made up some ground with a late burst through the stretch in her debut. Should improve with that race and five subsequent works under her belt.

**Fourth Race: 1. Mr. Dr. Professor 2. Dealing Lucky 3. Grand Central**

MR. DR. PROFESSOR steps up off the claim for barn which traditionally has good results with new acquisitions. Should trip out nicely stalking the inside speed. DEALING LUCKY hard used contesting the pace before succumbing to runaway winner against high valued starter opposition in his last. May have hands full early if GRAND CENTRAL leaves running from tough inside post.

**Fifth Race: 1. Poupon 2. Sweetbriar Academy 3. More Memories**

POUPON turned in an even effort when dropped into the category for the first time on grass and could prove the lone speed if away running. Might get brave at a square price. SWEETBRIAR ACADEMY gets some class relief after showing promise against better in her two previous starts at the meet. Finished just behind Laffans Bridge two back, the latter dropping down to beat this same kind on 3/15. MORE MEMORIES second best behind Laffans Bridge in her last and finally getting a break in the post position draw after being hung out on the extreme outside in each of her last two starts.

**Sixth Race: 1. Intense Elvira 2. Withmixedemotions 3. Count Me Out**

INTENSE ELVIRA blew a long lead before succumbing grudgingly to It's a Miracle when trying this kind for the first time on 2/19, the latter flattering the effort by returning to win her next by a couple of lengths. turns back to a sprint, may prove the one to catch with this group. WITHMIXEDEMOTIONS was elevated to the top slot via a stewards DQ against softer N2L's two weeks earlier and should be coming on strong once again turning back to this distance off a couple of mile tries. COUNT ME OUT drops to the bottom after showing speed, fading vs. better in her last pair. Can hang on for at least a share if able to avoid early duel with the preferred choice.

**Seventh Race: 1. Eden's Storm 2. Starfish Bay 3. Albali**

EDEN'S STORM steadied a long on several occasions during the early running of her local bow when not badly beaten by highly regarded favorite Striking Dancer. Deserves another chance with cleaner sailing against what looks to be a much softer bunch. Pletcher's STARFISH BAY won at first asking when outgaming Alibe to capture her debut, the latter coming right back to win her maiden at next asking. Continues to work forwardly for jump to the next level. ALBALI also won her debut for Todd but for a low tag. Changed hands via claim box and turned in a credible effort when a troubled fourth against mid-level starter allowance company. Stretch running filly figures to have some pace to run at in this spot.

**Eighth Race: 1. Sun Belle 2. Voodoo Momma 3. Diced N Sliced**

SUN BELLE drops into selling ranks for the first time since graduation day when disputing hot pace to earn diploma against \$40K rivals. Finished third at Tampa behind undefeated Snow Lass who came back to become a stakes winner on Saturday. VOODOO MOMMA claimed out of her maiden win going a mile in early February, has been sidelined ever since but returns off a nice half mile drill for top percentage barn. Lures Lezcano. Must respect. DICED N SLICED tries conditioned claimers for the first time after finishing even fourth against wide open \$35K opposition in her only previous try here this winter.

**Ninth Race: 1. Mr Super Lift 2. Wild Shooter 3. Waltzing With Blue**

MR SUPER LIFT returns for a tag, tries the turf for the first time after launching career vs. winners at Calder. Bred to handle the going by Northern Afleet out of a Kris S. mare. Kin to six time grass winner Divine Master. Should felt well if not needing one off the bench. WILD SHOOTER broke slow, trailed against the likes of Dunkirk in only previous outing. Moves to the grass, drops and should take to the surface being by Smart Strike out of a Deputy Minister mare. WALTZING WITH BLUE showed some promise on the lawn early in his career and has switched to dangerous hands since his last.