

GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Tomfoolery (9th race)

First Race: 1. Waccamaw 2. Ruth E 3. Suz Slew

A lot of options in the opener. WACCAMAW's two best races have been on turf and Poly although he did finish fifth of 12 in his lone conventional dirt try in a race which graded out very fast. Inside draw a plus and last was pretty good considering he was hung very wide off the final bend. Leparoux continues to show confidence in this spot. Shaky nod. RUTH E also back to the main off an unlucky trip on the grass which began with a very rough start. Blinkers go on today and she should have enough speed to overcome the tough post assignment and perhaps even try to take this field from gate to wire. SUZ SLEW finished a couple of lengths behind preferred choice on the lawn but with a nice main track finale to go back to in her 2yo finale. Another who figures forwardly throughout.

Second Race: 1. Holy Trouble 2. Back to Reality 3. Miracle of Dreams

HOLY TROUBLE has been hard used on the front end in each of her three S. Fla. starts yet managed to hold gamely to the end on each occasion and ready to get back on winning track once again if avoiding similar battle here with First Lady On Tour. Back to Reality comes off her best in a while despite getting shuffled back on the far turn. Price won't be as juicy this time around. MIRACLE OF DREAMS won a pair with similar to close out her 3yo campaign across town but has not reproduced those efforts in two trips over the local strip.

Third Race: 1. Critical 2. Sweet City Baby 3. Lilmac's Essence

CRITICAL the obvious key to this one plunging to the bottom off a series of good tries with better at 2. Working steadily for her return. Your guess as good as ours. SWEET CITY BABY was hung wide from tough post, hung late when trying low level sellers for the first time three weeks earlier but more favorably drawn for return with same kind. LILMAC'S ESSENCE has had gate issues in both previous tries but did manage to recover to beat six of nine rivals two back. Looking for improvement if she can finally leave with the others.

Fourth Race: 1. Red Hot Bullet 2. Soldier Girl 3. Little B Rosson

RED HOT BULLET narrow beaten despite jumping up into open company on opening day, splitting next out stakes runnerup Pay Wright and next out \$12,500 starter allowance winner Sweetsouthernqueen in the process. Race also produced recent \$35K winner Little B Rosson. Just a question of whether she can duplicate that performance today. SOLDIER GIRL comes off a game N3L claiming win when returning locally last month and runnerup Choosing flattered the effort by winning her next start. Must respect in her present form. SPIRIT LINE exits same race as the preferred horse in which she chased and tired but was not all that badly beaten in the end. continues to work steadily for high percentage barn. Looking for improvement with the right trip.

Fifth Race: 1. Georgian 2. Successful Love 3. Repenthouse

GEORGIAN drops into conditioned claiming ranks for the first time since capturing his N2L condition at 3. A beaten favorite in four of his last five starts with better but should appreciate the class relief and lack of speed in this lineup enough to finally get back on the winning track if hustled along early from his inside post. SUCCESSFUL LOVE back where he belongs after being overmatched against the likes of Biker's Boy and Joppa's Flats earlier this money. In new hands since that outing. Second best despite wide trip, this kind, two back. REPENTHOUSE continues to hold his form well. Second best despite wide trip when taking on open company in his last.

Sixth Race: 1. Radical Sabbatical 2. Constabulary 3. Soul Spirit

RADICAL SABBATICAL the victim of some bad luck when checked and shuffled back lacking room between horses turning for home under similar conditions five weeks earlier. Finished with good energy once finally extricating himself from the traffic and need only get around cleanly to make amends with one over the course. CONSTABULARY idle since unsuccessfully attempting to get 11 furlongs last summer at the Spa but barn does great work with layoff types and her previous turf start at this level a good one when splitting next out winners Storming Off and ATwell in N.J. SOUL SPIRIT could not match strides with RADICAL S. in late stretch when trying grass for the first time and eligible to improve off that effort wheeling back on sod considering her breeding.

Seventh Race: 1. Storm Slew 2. Texas Hedge 3. Chapel Run

STORM SLEW back to the main off a couple of eventful trips on grass and could be well spotted to register the upset if able to repeat his better efforts around two turns at Calder. TEXAS HEDGE and CHAPEL RUN both exit easy, well graded maiden wins although both did benefit from riding the crest of a bias racetrack. Still must respect in their current form especially the fact Texas Hedge one of only two in this lineup with a victory going a one turn mile.

Eighth Race: 1. Flibberjibit 2. Rustic Flame 3. Polar Circle

FLIBBERJIBIT returns to a more suitable spot after being hard used on the lead into the stretch of the Grade 3 Suwannee River. Figures to be a bit more patiently handled with Leparoux back up. Should be along from just off the pace of POLAR CIRCLE who also may have lost her best chances when used on the lead last out at Tampa. RUSTIC FLAME was hung four wide around the first turn, six wide around the second while not badly beaten in her local debut albeit against weaker than she faces stepping out of conditions here. Still must respect in her present form.

Ninth Race: 1. Tomfoolery 2. Brewman 3. It's a Ladies Life

TOMFOOLERY, the day's best, bogged down along a dead rail, faded badly for twice this tag returning on short rest last month now plunges to the bottom and need only repeat her previous try to finally win her diploma. Barn broke a long drought here last week. BREWMAN exits a bullet work in preparation for his debut and must be respected if able to draw in off the AE list. IT'S A LADIES LIFE flashed speed, faded late trying to stay a mile in his last now follows the top one dropping to bottom level seller.