

## GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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**BEST BET: Web Gem (8th race)**

**First Race: 1. Todd Got Even 2. B. B. Jazz 3. Going Gray**

TODD GOT EVEN comes up tagged for the first time after losing all chance stumbling at the break in his local bow. Should be receiving enough class relief to take the measure of these if avoiding early duel with uncoupled mate To Tell the Truth. B. B. JAZZ has done his best work on Poly but did turn in a big career debut for slightly lower tag here last winter. Well spotted for his return. GOING GRAY has been away since April after chasing home repeat winner in his second try. Might need one off the bench but perhaps capable of grabbing one of the minor awards if able to overcome tough inside post.

**Second Race: 1. Trekkie 2. Super Whipper 3. Sweeping Silk**

TREKKIE wanted no part of grass then was overmatched in each of his last pair on the main. held his own with much better prior to those outings and yet to finish worse than third in three tries over the local strip. Taken to be along from off what figures to be a hot pace. SUPER WHIPPER comes off much improved showing in his last when second best despite race long pace duel. Should trip out a little kinder chasing the speedy SWEEPING SILK who earned high marks early and near career best mark late beating same kind on short rest at Calder to close out his '08 campaign. Dangerous as always if able to relax in front.

**Third Race: 1. Kaleidoscope Sky 2. Summer At Susan's 3. Noorissun**

KALEIDOSCOPE SKY back to the lawn where she showed some promise despite a slow start in her bow. Perhaps the best bred of this bunch for the inner. Third could be a charm with the right trip. SUMMER AT SUSAN'S got anything but a clean trip in her last when checked to last after the break then steadied a couple of more times en route to fourth place finish with similar. Has shown enough promise on the weeds to give one more chance with cleaner sailing. NOORISSUN likely to be overbet plunging in company for this barn but obviously one of the major players at this level.

**Fourth Race: 1. Chobe 2. Holy Roman Empire 3. Mr Gold Prospect**

CHOBÉ has done most of his work to date on grass but training forwardly over the local strip and did finish third of 10 for much higher tag two back at Belmont. Might have enough inherent class to run down the leaders in a race that figures to feature an honest pace scenario. HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE hard used dueling on the lead going a mile before gradually fading when dropped to this level for the first time on opening day. Should benefit from the effort and turn back to this shorter distance. Should ultimately get first run over the embattled leaders. MR GOLD PROSPECT comes off a much improved try albeit in a race which did collapse late. Lures Lopez. Can be along for at least a share with a similar effort.

**Fifth Race: 1. Opportune Moment 2. Titan of Industry 3. Swift Strike**

OPPORTUNE MOMENT in peak form at the moment and likely to offer a little value facing several northern invaders. Was hung very wide from start to finish when missing a neck in CRC finale. Might outrun his odds if able to save a little more ground this time around. TITAN OF INDUSTRY drops to more suitable spot, and well below level of 8/29 claim, after being overmatched in his last several. Owns decided class edge with these. One to fear if near his best. SWIFT STRIKE another bringing good form into this race for top turf barn.

**Sixth Race: 1. Beso Negro 2. Gumpy 3. Darcu**

BESO NEGRO back to the main and more suitable company after stopped to a walk trying two turns on grass. Fastest of this bunch if that last one didn't take her heart away. May not look back if able to clear off from her inside post. GUMPY dons blinkers, drops to weakest level yet for third start of her form cycle. Looking for much improvement. DARCU did well to finish second despite wide trip in her career bow. Should pick up some pieces in a race which may collapse badly at the end.

**Seventh Race: 1. Beckham Bend 2. Divine Master 3. Fleet Appeal**

BECKHAM BEND one of numerous contenders in this wide open affair. Exits best yet over a soft Aqueduct sod and eligible to improve further with experience. Stepping up into wide open company for first time always a challenge but perhaps sharp enough now to handle the assignment with another forward move. DIVINE MASTER won four of five this fall in N.J. but has since changed hands and perhaps a question mark on current form. Must avoid early conflict with Mustfuhr. FLEET APPEAL another hard knocker at this level in dangerous hands off the claim although another whose remains a bit of a question off dull '08 finale. Blinks go back on today.

**Eighth Race: 1. Web Gem 2. Austin Laviva Baby 3. Brady Baby**

WEB GEM the days best returns to allowance ranks and into what appear to be a winning spot if able to fire anything close to his best effort. Ran well enough over this course a year ago to get the edge over this group. AUSTIN LAVIVA BABY continues to hold his form extremely well but perhaps a bit of a question mark at the distance. BRADY BABY earned huge Beyer winning his debut but did so with the benefit of a very soft pace scenario. Must prove he can repeat that kind of effort if pressured on the front end today.

**Ninth Race: 1. Flibberjibit 2. Senior Rita Lady 3. According to Plan**

FLIBBERJIBIT had to steady along numerous times before settling for third money under similar conditions in her last but continues to maintain top form for high percentage barn. Can be along with clean sailing. SENIOR RITA LADY back to allowance ranks off several decent 3yo stakes tries but has been away nearly three months and perhaps a bit vulnerable at what figures to be a short price. ACCORDING TO PLAN was steadied along when trying to rate early, could not kick on late while finishing behind preferred choice in their previous encounter and might be better served if sent along early from the hedge to be with or better yet on pace from the outset.

**Tenth Race: 1. More Than Willing 2. Right of Way 3. Toby the Coal Man**

MORE THAN WILLING has turned in a couple of big outings to open his career despite wide trips and looks ready to graduate if able to handle the added ground. Slow breaking sort needs a cleaner beginning to avoid getting trapped and shuffled from the rail but looks too good for these with any kind of trip. RIGHT OF WAY was hung extremely wide from difficult post, held on gamely through midstretch before succumbing against same kind 18 days earlier. Should not lose quite as much ground beginning a little closer to the rail this time around. Dangerous foe if able to repeat that effort. TOBY THE COAL MAN was also hung wide throughout from extreme outside post in his local and nine furlong bow. Sheds the shades. Looking for improvement here.