

GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Burning Envy (10th race)

First Race: 1. Hold 'Em Slew 2. Sophisticated Lass 3. Raspberry Rose

HOLD 'EM SLEW has shown her heels early to much better than she encounters in the opener. Might not look back today. SOPHISTICATED LASS in top form since coming south for the winter although an unlucky second on a couple of previous occasions over the main. Should chase preferred one from the outset. RASPBERRY ROSE exits promising grass bow and like Hold Em Slew getting some much needed class relief returning to selling ranks off that outing.

Second Race: 1. Great Doxology 2. Standing Appeal 3. Miss Leonardo

GREAT DOXOLOGY turned in an even effort despite some trouble through the stretch when debuting last month and dropping to a winning spot with one under her belt. STANDING APPEAL hard to fault in her present form. Turned in big effort two back out of the same inside post against a notch tougher. Strictly the one to fear. MISS LEONARDO no match for loose on the lead, odds on winner returning from a lengthy vacation, this distance, three weeks earlier. Just a matter of whether she'll can progress the second time around.

Third Race: 1. Maddy's Crowd 2. Seastate 3. Wooden Indian

MADDY'S CROWD turned in big try off the bench when second best behind class dropping Polo Argentina taking on conditioned claimers for the first time earlier this month. Need only repeat the try to get back on winning track. SEASTATE back to her favorite surface after getting washed off the turf last time. Gamed out a well deserved N2L tally earlier in the meet. WOODEN INDIAN hampered by a tough post when stretching out around to turns for the first time at this session. Might be a bit of a sleeper with the right trip.

Fourth Race: 1. Lacy's Luck 2. Golden Isle 3. Gianysbee

LACY'S LUCK gets some significant class relief after finishing mid-pack against MSW opposition in both previous starts this winter. Third time should prove a charm. GOLDEN ISLE overcame poor start to nearly pull off impressive last to first debut win. Steps up a notch and shows no published works since the outing but still a key contender if able to leave with the others. GIANYSBEE raced evenly at a big price when launching career against a notch better. Should improve with experience.

Fifth Race: 1. Divine Master 2. March to Victory 3. At the Disco

DIVINE MASTER gets shaky nod in a tough one. Continues to hold his form extremely well and returning to far and away his favorite distance for this one. Must avoid early duel with AT THE DISCO who also turns back to a more suitable distance after coming up empty trying nine furlongs in his last. Outfinished preferred one at a mile two back. MARCH TO VICTORY has improved with experience over the past 10 months and even more so with the addition of blinkers earlier this winter. Stretch running sort will need some help up front to be along in time ala his N2X victory on 2/12.

Sixth Race: 1. Golden Mystery 2. One Proud Cat 3. Manitoba Miss

GOLDEN MYSTERY wheels back on short rest after chasing undefeated Snow Lass, fading late over deeper Tampa course in the Sophomore Fillies. Won off impressively in only previous try over the local strip. Should not look back if away running from her outside gate. ONE PROUD CAT exits her best yet behind loose on the lead, 3-5 Stormy Lake but once again its taken a long time to get her back to the races. Main danger if able to repeat that last one. MANITOBA MISS has been away since trying stakes company at Woodbine last September but working forwardly for her return. Major player if able to run back to some of those better Beyer efforts at 3.

Seventh Race: 1. Big Jerome 2. Thou Swell 3. Schopenhauer

BIG JEROME made a little middle run, faltered late returning from a five month vacation now wheels back against same kind with that much needed tightener under his belt. Consistent sort for much of '08. Fits nicely with these on his best. THOU SWELL tailed off at the end of his 3yo campaign after showing some real promise earlier in the season. Works have been steady if not spectacular at the training center in Palm Beach. SCHOPENHAUER comes off his best yet on this side of the Atlantic when using a five wide surge to sweep past his opposition at Tampa. Improving sort could be a bit of a sleeper coming south off that effort.

Eighth Race: 1. Go Time 2. Diamond Danzig 3. Placid Waters

GO TIME drops into selling ranks after showing some speed, fading late returning from a 10 month vacation off just a single recorded trial. Could prove too fast for these. DIAMOND DANZIG the logical choice dropping to proper spot off game maiden tally. Turn back from a mile should have her fittest of this bunch at the end. PLACID WATERS duled, edged clear to beat bottom level maidens on graduation day and an improving sort who like Diamond D. well spotted for first try vs. winners.

Ninth Race: 1. Ameribelle 2. My Magic Moment 3. Exe

AMERIBELLE a versatile sort who returns to what may prove to be her most effective surface. Owns a win at the distance on turf. Should get enough pace help to be along at her best. MY MAGIC MOMENT the class of the field. Just a question of whether she might need one off the bench at what figures to be a very short price. EXE the preferred one's uncoupled mate and good enough to outfinish that rival when pair met in state bred stakes last fall at Calder. Another who would appreciate an honest pace scenario.

Tenth Race: 1. Burning Envy 2. Maggie Rules 3. Chosin Reservoir

BURNING ENVY, the day's best, cruised to the lead, faded badly when stretched to a mile now turns back to six furlongs and could be legged up enough from her last to stand some catching if loose as expected in the finale. MAGGIE RULES a \$47K weanling purchase debuts for \$15,000, always a troublesome sign, but obviously wouldn't have to be much to win at first asking in this spot. turned in a bullet drill for this. CHOSIN RESERVOIR has shown promise on occasion with better. Should be along for at least a share.