

## GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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**BEST BET: Lord Carmen (4th race)**

### **First Race: 1. One Hot Toddy 2. Mindbender 3. Unbridled Prayer**

ONE HOT TODDY shows up for a tag for her 3yo debut and with a bullet work over the track to recommend her chances. Was hung wide, finished fourth of a dozen off a lengthy break two back. MINDBENDER May be best of the new faces. By Mineshaft out of a mare whose first four foals to make the races are all winners. UNBRIDLED PRAYER cost \$85K at the sales in May, shows up for a less tag to begin career but with some nice gate moves under her belt back in November at Belmont and barn certainly capable of having one ready off the bench.

### **Second Race: 1. Max's Beau 2. Flint Mountain 3. Gallantin Guy**

MAX'S BEAU didn't show his best speed last time but the shades go back on today and if hustled early should be able to clear off with these if quick enough to duel or press the speedy Fen as he did in two previous starts. Reunites with Maragh. Might get brave if able to clear off with these. FLINT MOUNTAIN posted game sprint win two back then returned with another sharp try around two turns and dangerous in his current form. GALLANTIN GUY was hung wide, did not quick late when taking on much swifter in his local bow. Should appreciate the class relief today. Looking for an improved showing with these.

### **Third Race: 1. Runnin for a Cure 2. Chosin Reservoir 3. Romacaca**

RUNNIN FOR A CURE was hung wide off a very fast pace, lugged in when not changing leads until late stretch in a useful bow. Takes sharp plunge to mid-selling level and gets big switch to Cornelio V. Might be the right one with an improved effort the second time around. CHOSIN RESERVOIR also did not get the best of trips in his bow when shuffled to last early and fanned wide into the stretch of a slightly cheaper maiden dash that did ce produce a couple of next out maiden \$25K winners. Lack of much a.m. activity since that outing the main concern. Plenty of new faces to try to decipher in here and of the group ROMACACA certainly seems to be working the best.

### **Fourth Race: 1. Lord Carmen 2. Steppedoutofplace 3. Miracle Hill**

LORD CARMEN, the day's best, returns to the turf and getting some significant class relief first off the claim for an outfit that popped one into the winner's circle over the sod on Friday. Should run 'em all down with a repeat of any of his top efforts last year. Will likely have to catch STEPPEDOUTOFPLACE who is a logical choice in this relatively weak starter allowance spot off a career best winning effort in his '08 finale at Laurel. MIRACLE HILL hung out on the AE list but dangerous with these if he gets in.

### **Fifth Race: 1. Amen and Amen 2. Tomfoolery 3. Vindicat**

AMEN AND AMEN and TOMFOOLERY renew acquaintances and with the benefit of a race over the track Former turned in a very promising try debuting at a difficult distance when finishing with interest and need only move forward to perhaps be along in time with this ordinary bunch. Tomfoolery had to steady along several times behind the leaders before tipping out late and finishing second best when returning from a lengthy vacation and another eligible to improve with that one under his belt. Figures forwardly throughout. VINDICAT looks best of the ones exiting the Nov. 15 race at the Meadowlands pressing a decent pace from against an inside bias before hanging well to the end. Drops into cheapest spot yet.

### **Sixth Race: 1. Entice 2. Rev It Up Rhonda 3. River Fancy**

ENTICE circled five wide, drew off to impressive maiden tally and right back for the same tag for debut in the winners ranks. Should catch plenty of speed to run down once again. REV IT UP RHONDA perfect in two starts including nice N2L win on the grass, her last effort flattered when runnerup returned to win main track starter allowance with a 78 Beyer. RIVER FANCY comes up tagged for the first time and bred for the lawn with both sibs to have run on the grass three time winners over the surface. Must avoid early conflict with Greedy Debby and some of the other speed types in here.

### **Seventh Race: 1. Robyn Chief 2. Armament 3. Sir Oso**

ROBYN CHIEF gets the nod by default dropping down to this soft level off a series of turf outings vs. better. Can run on the main, in fact he owns the highest dirt Beyer of the bunch. Gets the nod on class alone. ARMAMENT dropped off pace, ran evenly for same tag in his last but perhaps better served if hustled early to force this one from the outset. SIR OSO another plunging to weakest level yet off series of grass outings. Owns two wins on the main. Might surprise at a square price.

### **Eighth Race: 1. Banker's Choice 2. Weekend Strike 3. Oilgonewile**

BANKER'S CHOICE gets shaky nod in a very wide open stakes. Dropped a little further back than normal after being checked early, did well to finish fourth in well graded Caressing to close out her 2-year-old campaign and with a bullet work around the dogs at Palm Meadows in preparation for 3-year-old bow. Improving filly taken to be along with any racing luck WEEKEND STRIKE a nice maiden winner two back, finished evenly making turf bow in New York. Well bred sort being a half to multiple G2 winner Court Vision, another showing some bullet drills over the PM inner. OILGONEWILE obviously very dangerous when loose on the lead ala her easy win in her CRC finale and she looks like the controlling speed once again in this spot. Eligible to take another if allowed to relax long enough up top.

### **Ninth Race: 1. Game Face 2. Slewfoundmoney 3. Any Limit**

GAME FACE ran numbers early at 3 that match up with the main contenders in this one and she appears to be in peak form at the moment off those sharp PM works. Loves the track. Should be along from off what figures to be an honest pace. SLEWFOUNDMONEY a very versatile sort who suffered heartbreaking setback at the hands of preferred one's stablemate Leahs Secret in the Top Flight. Another who should be flying at the end. ANY LIMIT a multiple G2 winner last season although tailed off at the end of the season and a question mark regarding current form. Speed of the speed, very dangerous at her best but could get pressed along early by Freedom Afleet and JZ Warrior.

### **Tenth Race: 1. Yougottaloveme 2. Right of Way 3. Royal Tapit**

YOGOTTALOVEME already got to the wire first in a maiden race on turf and did so quite impressive when allowed to rate her abundant speed before unleashing a huge run from the extreme outside only to lose the apparant victory for lugging in and bothering a rival near midstretch. Not facing much tougher on drop for high tag, taken to be along under similar handling. RIGHT OF WAY ran a monster of a race in a losing effort over the main early in the meet when hung out wide from impossible post, holding until late stretch of a well regarded maiden special weight event. Back to the lawn, a surface he handled willingly enough in his debut. Main caveat another outside post and the prospects of another very wide trip. ROYAL TAPIT dueled, held well in his 3yo finale and in new hands since the outing. Limited work tab for the return but fits with these if able to repeat that last try.