

## GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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**BEST BET: Mymamadontdance (9th race)**

**First Race: 1. A. P. Eddie 2. Sacrifice Bunt 3. Brother Joey**

A. P. EDDIE obviously a bit of a scary proposition taking sudden drop off recent claim but do like the fact he's had three works under his belt since changing hands and that Prado sees fit to take the call. Exits key race in which runnerup Air Lord and also-ran Next Adventure returned to beat better. SACRIFICE BUNT on the other hand stepping up off the claim and a proven commodity at this distance. Didn't beat much but did so with a flourish here earlier in the meet and another who has kept a busy schedule in the a.m. since the claim. BROTHER JOEY finished well behind preferred choice after setting contested pace last month and could stand some catching if able to clear off early from Untutable Affair.

**Second Race: 1. Distortedamusement 2. Squires Wingman 3. Rejoice Royce**

DISTORTEDAMUSEMENT takes precipitous drop to bottom level conditioned claimer after turning in respectable effort despite being hung wide going five furlongs on the grass against first level allowance opposition. Earned high marks in game maiden win last fall in New York. Best too good for these. SQUIRES WINGMAN the one to beat. Rushed up the rail following a slow start, was in tight quarters on the bend, cleared off before proving no match for winner while easily best of the others going a sixteenth further on 3/4. . REJOICE ROYCE will appreciate what figures to be an honest pace scenario. Should be coming best at the end.

**Third Race: 1. Mr. Dr. Professor 2. Lohad 3. Irish Sport**

MR. DR. PROFESSOR and former stablemate LOHAD could end up vying for the major prize. Former continues to move in the right direction from a Beyer standpoint and perfect in two starts over the local strip. Also owns a win out of the mile chute. Lohad drops half his value after failing to kick late despite a perfect trip on 3/5. Yet to hit the board over conventional dirt. IRISH SPORT at his best when loose on the lead and eligible to shake free plunging to today's level. Form heading the wrong way at the present time but eligible to wake up if allowed to relax long enough in front.

**Fourth Race: 1. Cozy Cottage 2. Go Go Pink 3. Awesome Play**

The prospects of the races staying on grass were questionable at best at press time. COZY COTTAGE eligible to spring what would be a mild upset if this one goes as scheduled. Broke a step slow, did not handle the final bend real clean, finished with good interest once finally straightened away behind odds on Jelly Roll in a promising debut. Looking for much improvement with that race and a trio of subsequent works under her belt. GO GO PINK outlasted the preferred choice in a much needed outing, her first in nearly a year, when the pair met on 2/4. Logical with that one under her belt. AWESOME PLAY showed big improvement behind MSW dropper Madame Bling in her turf bow and in dangerous hands since shipping locally early last month. Barn excels with new acquisitions. Cannot discount no matter the surface. Proud Lisa dons blinkers, drops out of a key race from which two of the first four finishers returned to win their next starts and two came back to finish second at next asking.

**Fifth Race: 1. Chary 2. Right Special 3. Asiatic Pearl**

CHARY altered tactics turning back to six furlongs, just missed from off the pace when tagged for the first time here last month. Stretches back to a mile figures on or with pace throughout. Ready to graduate if avoiding early duel. RIGHT SPECIAL back to the main where she ran a good third from off a slow pace, this distance, on 2/6. Should come running late along with improving Asiatic Pearl.

**Sixth Race: 1. Harrys Westgatepub 2. Colie Z 3. Warrior's Way**

Again a big question as to whether this one goes turf or dirt. HARRY'S WESTGATEPUB has hit the board on grass but probably best served if this one switches to the main. Exits much improved showing to beat N2L's here two weeks earlier. COLIE Z clear off readily enough before being confronted by odds on Artic Cry in his '09 debut, the latter coming back to win again off that race. Another who would likely move up with a switch to dirt. WARRIOR'S WAY puts blinkers back on looking to shake long losing streak. Could benefit from all the speed in this lineup, come running late if the race goes as scheduled on grass.

**Seventh Race: 1. East to Eden 2. Soca Dancer 3. Truck Ride**

EAST TO EDEN back to the main, shortens up to a sprint after dueling, fading late going a mile on grass. Previous pair make her the one to beat if able to clear off as expected from her outside gate. SOCA DANCER turned in a promising local bow against this same kind and another who figures forwardly throughout. TRUCK RIDE rallied off a relatively sharp pace to grab second money when making her local and 3yo bow on 2/11 while earning career best Beyer in the process. Hard to ignore off that effort.

**Eighth Race: 1. Spirit Line 2. Cut for Luck 3. Red Hot Bullet**

SPIRIT LINE turned in a game effort in defeat in her last when setting pace, fending off big challenge on the turn before gradually fading at the end. Versatile enough to handle turf or dirt. CUT FOR LUCK Ran posted career best effort two back at a square price while easily handling in form Sweetsouthernqueen but could not duplicate the performance wheeling back on short rest at TAmpla. Capable on any surface. RED HOT BULLET could not overcome a very eventful trip when off the board under similar conditions here last month. Previous try on opening day suggests she deserves another look if this race goes as scheduled on the turf.

**Ninth Race: 1. Mymamadontdance 2. Golden Rush 3. Tomfoolery**

MYMAMADONTDANCE the day's best was hung wide throughout before steadying sharply turning for home when switching to turn off promising main track bow. Back to dirt and more suitable company off that troubled try. Should be along for leading trainer-jockey combo. GOLDEN RUSH could not quite overcome slow start when folding late after drawing well clearer turning for home dropping to this level for his 3yo bow. Should improve with that one under his belt especially on turn back to six furs. TOMFOOLERY had little excuse as odds on choice in his last although did chase home a pair of next out winners in the process.