

GULFSTREAM WEST ANALYSIS



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BEST BET: RACE 7, BARRY KARAFIN BETS

FIRST RACE

PAPA RIZZO is in for a tag for the first time and he has some of the better Beyers in the field; he has the speed to stay close if need be, an important asset given the uncertain race flow. **GALLEGUIN** didn't break well in that turf sprint last time but he was rallying nicely late; figures to improve here with a clean getaway. **MOON LOVER** makes his grass debut, and though the dam was unraced and his lone sibling never tried turf he did rally some in that route debut last time despite a moderate pace up front.

SECOND RACE

WIGGLE IT JIGGLE IT makes his first start off the claim and seems to land in a good spot in terms of pace, as she figures to shake loose and control the pace; that would give her the edge on the closers. **PLANET ROCK** has some early zip and competitive Beyers; dangerous if she can run to those figures in her first start vs. winners. **YAVRIG** has been in search of that elusive 2nd win for some time but she does have back figures that put her in the mix.

THIRD RACE

SUTTON REESE is out of a stakes-winning dam who as at her best sprinting on the main track, and this filly has a couple of nice breezes showing for her debut; board will tell more but she can be expected to show some speed. **LUZ ESTRELLA** has improved with each start, culminating with a near miss in her latest; clearly dangerous off that running line. **STARSHIP ZODIAC** was no threat in that debut, on the turf, but she has room to improve with the surface switch.

FOURTH RACE

WALKING PRIMROSE has tactical speed and could fall into an ideal trip behind the speeds; she's only sprinted on the turf twice and she ran very well each time. **MY LITTLE PRINCESS** was no threat in her first start against winners but this looks like an easier spot, as she moves into a claimer for non-winners of two lifetime; should be running late. **GIO PATRICIA** hasn't been out since she ran into trouble in a route back in September; she was off the board in her only other turf sprint try but she was closing nicely late.

FIFTH RACE

WINKING AT THE DUDE moved way up in the 2nd start of his career, and though he was certainly aided by the race flow, which favored speed-types, he has to be respected off the Beyer he posted; distance a question, as the dam posted all 13 of her wins in sprints, but the sire was a router. **CATCH ALL** just missed after setting the pace in a sprint, with blinkers added; should be prominent from the start. **COOL MOVER** has one sibling, Aprodite's Quest, and that filly is at her best going long; this colt has room to improve on that basis alone.

SIXTH RACE

ALL GO was a game winner in his maiden score on the turf two back, and though he was well off the board in his latest he was squarely against the race flow, which favored closers; dangerous on the lead here. **DIAMOND MINT** closed ground late in his only try on the turf to date but he does have speed, and he could be expected to be closer to the pace this time around. **COMMAND PETER** cuts back in distance but he does have enough speed to stay close from the start today despite exiting a two-turn race.

SEVENTH RACE

BARRY KARAFIN BETS makes his first start since the summer but he has been working nicely toward this return, including that most recent breeze; positional speed should translate to a favorable trip. **VENCEDOR** jumped up an ran a big race at a square price in his latest, and though he meets better here he merits respect on the strength of that Beyer. **RANGER IN PARADISE** was game in defeat when in against similar; would probably appreciate a dry strip.

EIGHTH RACE

DOUBLE CABERNET could be the controlling speed in this seemingly paceless turf route, and the inside post should help her gain position; first start for trainer Peter Walder, who wins at a high rate long-term with new faces. **JUST SASSY** didn't get all that much pace help in either of her last two starts, and while she doesn't figure to get a rapid pace here, either, she does have room to move forward off those races. **MISS AMERICAIN** is widest but she has enough early zip to stay close, and that can prove important if the pace is controlled.

NINTH RACE

FLYING ROCKET was far off the winner in that last one but he had little chance to make up ground there, when caught behind a very slow opening quarter; better set up likely here, with a couple of speeds lined up to his outside. **TAGORE** was also hurt by the pace scenario in his latest; he has back figures which give him credibility, and with an improved pace scenario likely here he has license to move way up. **AMERICAN TZAR** has the rail, and while he also has some speed he's proven he can take back off the pace and make one run; big threat with the right trip.

TENTH RACE

RYTHMOFSIMMARD is widest, but he lands in a race lacking speed and he should be able to stay close from the start, and that could prove to be an edge; slow start cost him in his bow, and he made a middle move before weakening in his latest. **ZIP TO FLY** stretches out and could be in position to take advantage of the expected race flow; apparently making his first start as a gelding, which clearly could mean an improved effort. **COYOTE QUICK STEP** adds blinkers and gets the rail; dam posted six career wins, five of them grass races and the other a route on the main track.