

# GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS



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## BEST BET: RACE 9, PADILLA

### FIRST RACE

**ARCHER ROAD** shows up tagged for the first time and freshened after dull showing on the dirt. Returns to favorite surface today, would be too good for these if able to repeat effort behind Dance Strike (won an N1X allow. with 82 Beyer here earlier in the meet) or Little No Way (recently 2nd in N1X allow. with 83 Beyer). **TENDOWNINGSTREET** took the worst of the trips from those exiting Your Only Man race on 12/13, figures to benefit from that effort after beaten less than 4 lengths despite getting hung up in traffic on the final turn. **AREYOUTALKINGTOME** the logical choice off last pair. Cycling back to top form but no match for Archer Road here this summer.

### SECOND RACE

**MAMACHITA** may finally have found a field she can handle after being on the fringes with better in all recent starts. Late runner will need help up front. **BUN BUN** a beaten favorite in each of her last three starts including last out when off slow, hung wide but with no late kick dropping in vs. similar. Stays put off the claim, looks like one to fear. **FLYING QUEEN** could get loose on the lead although a bit suspect with just one recorded work since last outing two months earlier.

### THIRD RACE

**TRADING VOLUME** has done all her recent work in relative anonymity at Payson but owns a trio of bullet drills on resume' and there is a multiple G1 winner in her second dam. Looks like she should be too good for this relatively weak looking bunch. **FIRST MISTRESS** ran well considering she walked out of the gate from the rail in her bow. ets Lasix, working steadily for return. One to beat. **RAGING TOWN** has been away 11 months since showing promise here vs. similar last winter but stretching to 7/8's for first time off the layoff. Might need one.

### FOURTH RACE

Will be interesting to see who takes early initiative here in a race lacking much in the way of any real pace. **SISTER DRAMA** coming off a couple of good showings since graduation day with this kind and exiting a pretty solid looking half mile drill on the main. Would be tough to catch with Leparoux aboard if she finds her way to the lead. **ELIZABETH'S VOW** appears to have lured Zayas off preferred choice and well posted on the rail for another good effort after being left with too much to do in latest. **LITTLE IRISHDANCER** getting some class relief after even showing vs. a notch better here a few weeks earlier. One of many potential win threats.

### FIFTH RACE

**LITTLE NO WAY** comes off career best effort when caught late by 6/5 Benefactor under similar conditions here last month. Improving sort seems to be knocking on door with this kind if able to repeat that type of performance here. **SOGLIO** rallied off legit pace to prove narrowly best for high tag taking local bow and in dangerous hands off the claim. Re-unites with Jose O. looks like one to beat. **BRACKET CREEP** ran away and hid from weak field of maidens to earn diploma this fall at Meadowlands and continues to work regularly for '18 bow. Might be good enough to handle the big jump if able to get loose again with these.

### SIXTH RACE

**OVERDRAFT** well spotted for local and 3yo debut to earn diploma after dueling much improved winner, fading late in CD finale. Must avoid early duel with speedy **QUICKLUCKYCOCO** who turned in a big effort after battling on front end in a race won by Nicks firster Starcloud. **JUBILANT** back for a "quarter" and could be better than last indicates when fanning wide into stretch, fading late behind 4/5 winner. Might prove major beneficiary and at a price if top pair hook up front.

### SEVENTH RACE

**VINYARDNINA** outran her odds when overcoming trouble at the start and again on turn to finish fast closing second behind Pulled the Goalie on 12/31. Won't get that price today but might be in good enough form to run down the leaders with similar try. **VORTEX ROAD** steps up with open company for the first time but certainly in top form at the moment and from winning connections. Cannot ignore. **PILLANGO** steadied very sharply on final turn, did well to be third behind preferred choice while improving first off the Vitali claim. Must work out a trip from tough post. Pulled the Goalie circled field, dominated this same kind returning locally two weeks earlier but must prove she can put two back to back and do so on relatively short rest.

### EIGHTH RACE

**CYPRIANA** a \$300K yearling purchase who has strung together a series of pretty good works since arriving locally. Lures younger Ortiz. Might be good enough at first asking for barn certainly capable of having one fit and ready off the bench. **PAULITA** attracts Irad Ortiz and coming in off a steady series of works of her own at PM for top connections. **UMETUKA** comes off her best work yet and perhaps likely to offer the best value of the new faces while Cilantro also bears much respect by Distorted Humor for Repole/Pletcher. Tabbing board for further clues here.

### NINTH RACE

**PADILLA**, the day's best, back in peak form from the looks of his last win and well spotted to return quick dividends for new connections from off what figures to be a lively pace. **AMELIA'S WILD RIDE** got too close to the early leaders, had no kick here last month but facing a notch softer and perhaps capable of rating, running on late for a major share over a course he's always handled well. **IMA WILDCAT** dueled into submission last time but perhaps facing a similar fate in this spot. Would be dangerous if able to get loose with his abundant early foot.

### TENTH RACE

**DIDNOTMEANIT** ran a potentially winning race last time off a big breeze 11 days earlier only to run afoul of Indominus who turned in easily her career best effort once loose on the lead. Worth another look with Gaffalio taking return call if able to work out a trip from off what figures to be an honest pace. **MIGHTY PATIENT** back to bottom level claimer after being a bit overmatched last time at GPW. Lightly raced sort has won 3 of 5 and certainly capable of adding to that impressive win resume' in this field. **COWTOWN SPIRIT** beat this same kind at 3/5 in crosstown finale but facing tougher today with a lot of early foot to her inside. May not see the front end as readily at another short price.

### ELEVENTH RACE

Wilkes barn doesn't always have them cranked up for debuts but **ORIGINATOR** only going five furlongs today and coming off an excellent work when holding own with multiple stakes placed Nessy. By Artie Schiller out of a four time turf winning mare. Might spring mild surprise at first asking. **POCKET BOOK** the logical choice returning from another freshening sans blinkers. Ran big number of this course in June behind subsequently stakes tested Earth. **GLOSSY** getting Lasix for third start of her form cycle while exiting key race at Belmont that produced trio of next out grads.