

GULFSTREAM WEST ANALYSIS



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BEST BET: RACE 6, AL KHOR

FIRST RACE

CRAVE is a little obvious as she drops in for a tag for the first time after five starts against Maiden Special Weight company to start her career, but the fact is she just looks too good for these based on her figures; note the trouble line for her last race. **REINA LA KELSY** was closer to the pace than usual in that last one, thanks to the subdued opening fraction; figures to be prominent from the start in this one, too, thanks to the inside draw. **SAMURAI'S FIRSTLADY** is the one to catch, and she'll be tough if she runs to that Beyer she posted two back; like the top pick, she is also making her first start for a claiming tag.

SECOND RACE

CASINO KID overcame mild splits and a lack of speed in the field to break her maiden last time with a run from a close-up position, and she could be ideally spotted behind ZARABANDA and QUEEN LIZZIE in the early stages here; barn excels with last-out winners. **TIZABLIZZARD** switches from turf to dirt, and that's a strong angle for the barn; pedigree suggests two turns will be no issue. **MISS LOTUS FLOWER** certainly looked like a new horse with Lasix, turning in what was easily the best effort of her short career to break her maiden last time — at 30-1; won't be anything near that today but she merits a close look.

THIRD RACE

PIONEER PETE could fall into a perfect trip behind a quick, contested pace in this turf sprint, which seems to feature enough speed to his inside and out to set him up for a late run; trouble in his latest kept him from running his best race. **BANZAI CHARGE** is another who stands to benefit from the expected race flow; back Beyers give him credibility. **BIGGEST LITTLE CITY** had traffic trouble in his most recent but he can make amends with a clean trip from the hedge.

FOURTH RACE

SIERRA LEONA benefited from a nice stalking trip behind the speeds last time when she broke her maiden in her career debut but she could well be in a similar spot today, as there are a couple of confirmed speeds in this field; value figures to be there. **STORMYMEISTER** is obviously the one to catch and beat off that sharp debut score, and the resulting Beyer stands out; the most likely winner, though she does figure to be overbet. **TONI ANN'S MIRACLE** may have the speed to push the favorite in the opening stages; her own chances hinge on her ability to rate, however, as a race-long duel would likely ruin her chances.

FIFTH RACE

ARIEL B is out of a dam who won her own career debut, albeit on the dirt, and she produced turf/sprint stakes-placed runner Christiesborntoran as well as Blue Bahia, a seven time winner on grass who is best sprinting; barn excels with this type. **TAKE A STROLL** is the most experienced entrant in the field, and she has some of the best Beyers in the field; steady Beyers add to the appeal. **LITTLE HAVANA** certainly does seem to be best on this surface, and though she has been away since February she's a threat off the shelf; kin to turf winner Code of Conduct.

SIXTH RACE

AL KHOR not only fits well with these based on his Beyers but he could also be the main speed from the rail against this short field; very dangerous under Gaffalione if he's able to shake loose easily enough in the opening stages. **CHATIMENT** has the speed to stay close, and he may get first run at the top pick; distance is of course a question but the son of Divine Park (Chester House) and sibling to Uncle Brent, a stakes-placed dirt router, may appreciate the extra ground. **I CAME TO PARTY** ships in from Penn national for a high-percentage outfit; looms the main threat in the lane.

SEVENTH RACE

NOBODYKNOWSNOTHIN is the first starter out of a dam who won eight races, who scored on the grass; sports a couple of decent works and the trainer wins at a decent rate with grass sprinters. **NEWS ALERT** is another firster sprinting on the turf for trainer Jason Servis (Ariel B, 5th race) and he, too, has to be strongly considered based on connections alone; lone sibling to start was Mineyrownmalone, who was best routing on the main track (all eight wins under those circumstances). **ASKED AND ANSWERED** sprints on the turf for the first time but this may be his best game after all; he weakened late after dueling in that last one on the main track and he ran well enough in his grass routes to start his career.

EIGHTH RACE

DELICIOUS PURSUIT was well bet for her debut but a tumultuous start cost her her best chance, and she was off the board; dam won three races in Oreland sibling Concomitant scored on the turf as a 2-year-old. **TOTAL TREASURE** was no threat to the winner in that last one but she ran well in her own right, saving the place gamely late after a slow start cost her early position; dam's first three starters were all winners. **HONEY HEARTS** was caught up in duels in each of her last two, both on the turf, but she can go much further now if able to get clear in the opening stages.