

GULFSTREAM WEST ANALYSIS



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BEST BET: RACE 3, LITTLE BAKER

FIRST RACE

MAGICIAN'S BULLET had to steady along several times along the rail while close up in last, hung late now favorably drawn outside the other speed types, reunites with Jaramillo, dons shades again, figures forwardly placed throughout. Class of field worth a look at the price. **IGO FORGREATNESS** the one to beat if able to repeat his last but yet to put two similar efforts back to back and stepping up in company to N3L level for the first time today. **SHACKLEFORDS STORM** has already won the condition and back to favorite surface after catching slop in latest.

SECOND RACE

RECENTTRANSACTIONS about the only member of the field proven lately against open company having finished second in two of last three at this level. Deserves top billing if able to trip out from the rail. **SMOKE N THE BOTTLE** won an open \$5K at Tampa back in June and exiting what may have been a much needed try over wet track in local bow. Might fit here at a price. **RORAIMA DOS** has never faced open company but coming off another good showing in off the turf outing while continuing to keep a very busy schedule. Taken to grab minor share on best.

THIRD RACE

LITTLE BAKER, the day's best, has been away since re-claimed by this barn back in June and with a limited work tab to go by but far and away the class of this field if close to ready for return. **MONKEY MONEY** turns back to a sprint, has run well over the course in a couple of previous tries at the distance, figures forwardly throughout if away clean from the fence. **CREAKY CRICKET** idle a long time since being haltered from top barn back in February and another with limited works on the resume' since that time. Dons shades, will respect here if close to right off bench.

FOURTH RACE

ROGUE PATRIOT back with straight claimers while returning to dirt for first time since launching career with a couple of good outings on dirt. Should be along in time. **ZING ZING** has shown several good works since changing hands off the claim on graduation day. Yet to run a poor one. Might not look back. **NEW CHAMPION** showed major improvement last time but must not bounce returning off that effort on pretty short rest.

FIFTH RACE

BABY ISABELLA gets some much needed class relief for local bow. Beat 5 of 9 rivals two back at the Meadowslands when facing what may have been a much tougher bunch than she'll encounter here. Stretch running filly will need some help up front. **BOSTON MINE** the logical choice off near misses in last pair but might be a bit hard to trust at another short price. **KARLIES BABY** turned in even efforts on a couple of occasions to launch career now drops for third start of form cycle. Eligible for best yet at a little price in this spot.

SIXTH RACE

TIP SHEET hard to look past after extending Soutache to a close decision while easily second best making two turn bow in the In Reality. **MUCHO PROSPECT** a question mark of sorts having caught wet tracks in only two previous starts and by the fact he's been away since graduation day seven weeks earlier. Still looks like the main danger if loose as expected on the lead. **KING ANGELUS** hard to fault in present form but obviously a question mark returning to dirt off a couple of improved showings on grass.

SEVENTH RACE

BETTABE FAST drops to the right spot two starts removed from easy maiden score, looks like she'll stand some catching if away running here. **CLASSIC CHARLOTTE** drops to weakest level yet, looms main danger from fence. **LADY LYDIE** has been away and training on farm for return, should come running for perhaps a minor share.

EIGHTH RACE

LITTLE FLORENTINA exits far and away her best yet and likely the one to catch if able to transfer wet track form if track is fast today. **JUST VERONICA** has shown little in all previous starts although exiting a good looking gate work in preparation for return to dirt. Might prove a bit of a sleeper **COMMISSIONED** winless in 10 tries but only one of those came at this level, a near miss for \$10K back in early September at Gulfstream. Obviously major player with repeat of that kind of try.

NINTH RACE

GRAY DUDE the only 4 time winner in this field and back to his favorite surface today. Never better. Should be along with any help up top. **CRUZ DIEZ** puts blinkers back on hoping to recapture his best form. Could sweeten the gimmicks with expected improvement. **CANDY ASSET** logical off debut tally for top barn in a race which subsequently produced two next out winners. Has been away but appears to be training forwardly for return at PBD. Will be over-bet despite the hike against much better.

TENTH RACE

R SWIFT TAYLOR debuts off series of decent looking drills including scorching half-mile from gate on 11/1. Barn usually placed new faces where they can be competitive first out. **CATHARSIS** and **PRETTY OVERDRIVEN** both by above average turf sires and with valuable experience to enhance their chances against all the new faces in finale.