

GOLDEN GATE ANALYSIS



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BEST BET: RACE 4, AN KHE PASS

FIRST RACE

WILLIAM CROTTY has run decently in starts at this distance and just ran second at this level in a solid race. Don't be deceived by the 6-0-1-0 record at this distance. He's earned checks in all six starts, including once in a stakes race. Like the half-mile bullet drill since his runner-up effort. **LATEST CRAZE** is better going two turns. He ran the poorest race of his career in his debut here when running at this distance, but his last was more like it despite getting off a step slowly. He seems capable of improving. **MAGIC MOON** graduated at this distance here. He returns to the main track after his turf debut when he ran better than he had in a disappointing main-track try in his previous start.

SECOND RACE

DEVIL'S BEAUTY has run twice on the turf and has shown good early foot in a pair of turf stakes around two turns. She returned to action this spring after 15 months on the sideline and has hit the board in all three starts. She looked good in a front-running sprint win last time. She has the rail as she returns to the turf and drops a notch for this sprint. She'll be a pace factor and looks to be nicely positioned for a repeat. **SHARAUN** broke her maiden at this distance here and also won at this distance against better. She disappointed last time at this distance over the course, but it was her first start in 11 weeks against better. This big drop could help wake her up, and she's had four works since that last start. **POP FIZZ CLINK** was the runner-up in her turf debut here after setting the pace at this distance. She's been the runner-up in two of her three starts at this distance.

THIRD RACE

KITTENMEISTER has run well on turf in his first two starts, winning his debut and then running second at this level. He's definitely a router, and he has lived up to his turf breeding. He runs on the main track today, but he's stayed here since his last start and does have a work over the track. He'll be the one to hold off late. **WHISKY N ROSES** comes out of the same race as the top pick. He broke his maiden on the main track here and is likely to get first run on the top pick today. **BECOME AN INSIDER** is returning to the main track. He has enjoyed his best success when routing, picking up checks in all six starts and hitting the board five times. Top two picks will have to get past him in the lane.

FOURTH RACE

AN KHE PASS scored a nice win in his debut in the claiming ranks last time. He's 2-for-2 in sprints here and is stepping up in another sprint today. He broke his maiden in front-running style, but stalked in his most recent victory. He looks as if he'll be nicely placed again here, and, if he matches his first two sprint tries here, he'll be tough to beat late. **JOUEUR** had decent tries in his first two starts here. He broke his maiden in a turf sprint when coming off an eight-month layoff, and he has a bullet work since then. If he matches his comeback effort, everyone else will be running for second place, but barn is 0-for-11 over the past two years in the second start following a long layoff. **CHANTED** has earned checks routing against similar in his past two starts. He cuts back distance to a sprint and returns to the main track today. He ran second sprinting at this level in his debut against winners.

FIFTH RACE

When **LIFE IS A TRIP** began his career, he looked like a world beater, but things have changed since then. He was badly bothered in his third start and came out of it worse for the wear, going to the sidelines for nine months. He has run all right since his return but is not the same runner. Barn gives him a major drop for his third start of the year, and he could wake up even carrying that colossal 'For Sale' sign. **THE NATURAL** comes off a win at this level after running third in his previous start. He's perfectly placed, and he'll be the one everyone has to look out for in the lane. **ON FIRE** has been right there of late, splitting decisions with the second choice in their past three meetings. He's yet to win at this distance, although he's a consistency check earner.

SIXTH RACE

MISSIONELLE is in an unusual position. She just won at this starter level but gets to run at it again because the claiming price of her main win was so low. She'd hit the board eight straight times, including five starts at this level, before her odds-on victory last time. She's sharp, has a decent work since, gets the same rider and is definitely the one to beat. **QUICK SONG** has made a pair of widely spaced starts this year and is coming off a second in a turf sprint following 11 weeks on the sidelines. That was a solid try and she should be improved here. She has two wins against easier, but both came on dirt, and she has not been as adept on the Tapeta. **NO SPIN ZONE** just broke her maiden with an eye-popping effort. The 3 YO filly is meeting older today, but the way she stalked and then dominated in the lane last time makes her worth a look. That was her second start here after losing by a head in her previous start.

SEVENTH RACE

GENERALLY LUCKY seems to have bounced a bit in his second start. He set the pace when he ran second in his debut. He didn't flash as much early speed in start No. 2 when he was the even-money favorite and made no impact late. He's worked nicely since then so merits another look. One caution: none of his siblings has won at age two. **BRAVE HELIOS** finished strong as he beat the top pick in his debut last time. He sat back and rallied wide in a professional effort. The longer the better for him so he still may not be at his best at this distance. **ULTIMATEENTICEMENT** is by a good debut sire and out of a barn that shows a profit with first-timers. He hasn't missed a beat in his training thus far and had a best-of-58 five-furlong bullet in his final drill. He could be dangerous.

EIGHTH RACE

AIN'T NO OTHER, a one-time stakes winner at this distance, dropped to the bottom level last time and was claimed. He was favored but didn't have much left in the lane. He's done his best running on the turf, but this is not his favorite course, although he was a solid second here in his most recent effort last fall. We'll count on past class helping this old-timer, who can still be a major pace factor. **TED OLIVER** is the 'now' horse with two straight victories at this distance against similar in his first two starts over this course. He's enjoyed success on the turf, and you have to like his perfect record here. **SOAP BOX** came north for the first time in his last start and took on similar in his turf debut. He set the pace but got nipped in the final stride. A similar effort could lead to a win here.

NINTH RACE

SLYCY is at his best in turf sprints, but he should be a factor here as he gets a significant drop for his first start in nearly four months. He has some speed but is at his best stalked. As much as he's taken to the turf, this remains his favorite track and surface. Recent works suggest he's ready to fire. **PAPA G** was claimed from a win at the bottom level two back and was given a big boost up the ladder by his new barn. He's cutting his claiming price in half, and he's a better fit at lower levels. He's quick enough to sit wherever he wants. **ADMIRAL BOOM** drops a notch as he continues his descent in search of his first win of the year after a decent 2016 campaign. He'll make his presence felt in the lane, but, despite the shorter distance than the traditional sprint, runners can do well from a bit off the pace.

TENTH RACE

SOONER BOOMER makes his second start in a route race on the turf. He set the pace before settling for second in his turf debut. He held on gamely and should improve with that race under his belt. Runner inside him does have speed, but he should be able to get the lead, which he seems to like. **SCHWARZENEGGER** comes north for the first time, moving into a new barn. Blinkers are coming off again, and he's had time to settle in at GGF although this will be his first time on the turf course. He's getting a 10-pound weight break, but rider will have little to do early but sit and wait and then hang on if he can get gelding to close as he gets a big drop into the claiming ranks. **GET LIKE ME** did little in his sprint debut, but he showed major improvement when stretched out on the turf for his second start. Two siblings are turf winners so this may be his preferred surface.