

MATT DINERMAN'S SELECTIONS

Saturday, May 28, 2022: Day 68 of the 76 Day Winter/Spring Meet

FIRST POST: 1:15 PM ***TICKETS & PICKS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE***

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Race 1: #2 Traffic Stopper, #5 A Dime for Me, #4 Jan Jan Can

Race 2: #3 Lovely Lola, #2 Filly Pelli, #5 Stormy Sierra

Race 3: #2 Hot Rageous, #3 Go Smiley Go, #5 Atlantic Strike

Race 4: #6 Passarando, #3 Gallivanter, #1 Cardinal Trick

Race 5: #5 Union Wave, #6 Goodbye Putin, #2 Mount Pelliar

Race 6: #6 Callmemarthajane, #1 Blossoming, #7 Ms Moab

Race 7: #8 Northvale Road, #4 Winter Falcon, #1 Franklin One Star

Race 8: #6 Assignment, #4 Bellamore, #1 Natural Colour

Race 9: #2 Too Tall to Call, #5 Frisco Kid, #8 Thunder of Zion

50-Cent Early Pick 5 (\$12)

R1: 2

R2: 2,3

R3: 2,3

R4: 1,3,6

R5: 5,6

50-Cent Late Pick 4 (\$20)

R6: 1,6

R7: 1,2,4,5,8

R8: 6

R9: 2,3,5,7,8

20-Cent Golden Pick 6 (\$32.40)

R4: 1,3,6

R5: 5

R6: 1,6,7

R7: 1,2,3,4,5,8

R8: 6

R9: 2,5,8

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FULL CARD ANALYSIS

By Matt Dinerman

A terrific Saturday program at Golden Gate kicks off at 1:15 PM PT. Here are some thoughts on my top three picks in each race. Good luck!

Race 1: **#2 TRAFFIC STOPPER** seeks her fifth consecutive victory. In a pair of recent races, she fought back bravely after being headed at the eighth pole. She appears as a potential lone speed candidate and may prove tough to reel in if she is able to clear off up front. Even if another filly or mare decides to press her, no problem. She has dealt with loads of pressure in past races and hasn't been fazed. **#5 A DIME FOR ME** figures to stalk early and try to run by our top pick late. In her last start, a starter allowance caliber race at Turf Paradise, she finished second behind a next out winner. **#4 JAN JAN CAN** was beaten a neck by our top pick last time out. She sports extremely consistent form; her last six starts have resulted in either wins or second place finishes.

Race 2: **#3 LOVELY LOLA** takes a drop-in class after a mid-field finish in a maiden 20k claimer on turf. She finds a field that she can handle here. **#2 FILLY PELLI** has put up two very respectable efforts in her last couple of starts over the Tapeta. She gets back to the GGF main track after a poor effort against tough company on turf. **#5 STORMY SIERRA** ran her best race to date in her first try routing on May 7 and sports a bullet workout since then. In a field with no world beaters, she could outrun her 8-1 morning line odds.

Race 3: **#2 HOT RAGEOUS** defeated Lagatha at the first level allowance condition about six weeks ago; the aforementioned foe returned to finish second behind multiple stakes winner Becca Taylor. Hot Rageous has tactical speed and sports an ultra-consistent record on the Tapeta. The one to fear most. **#3 GO SMILEY GO** can be a bit inconsistent, yes, but her best effort makes her a serious contender in this field. She returns to her favorite track after a poor effort on a surface (turf) that she has never run well over. **#5 ATLANTIC STRIKE** is a speedy filly who could inherit a clear lead. She hasn't shown us that she has the class to hold off a runner as classy as our top pick but may be able to stick around for a minor award.

Race 4: **#6 PASSARANDO** was the runner up to well-regarded stablemate Rousing Jewel in his career debut. A similar effort likely beats this field of 2-year-olds. If he takes a step forward off his first race...well, it'll take a very nice first-time starter to beat him. **#3 GALLIVANTER** is by Run Away and Hide, a stallion who produces plenty of precocious, sprint horses. Gallivanter sports a sharp five-furlong work on May 22 that may tip his hand as a gelding with speed. **#1 CARDINAL TRICK** is another one that has a couple of sneaky-good morning drills (3-furlong gate work in 35 and change, and a 5-furlong drill in 1:01.) He is by Stanford, who produced a plethora of two-year-old winners with his first crop last year.

Race 5: **#5 UNION WAVE** was a decisive winner of a maiden special weight race on Tapeta three weeks ago. A repeat effort makes him good enough to win this race. Out of an Unusual Heat mare, Union Wave is expected to take to the turf just fine. Expect him to "stalk and pounce." **#6 GOOD BYE PUTIN** has done his best work routing on turf and gets back to that scenario while

making his first start off the claim for Jonathan Wong. He comes out of a key race, winning a claiming sprint in which the second and third place finishers have since come back to win. **#2 MOUNT PELLIAR** doesn't win very often. With a 1 for 24 record, you can't trust him to get to the wire first. That said, he has put up back-to-back solid races as of late and can hit the board.

Race 6: **#6 CALLMEMARTHANE** made her career debut last month in a sprint race. She lost important early position after getting squeezed between runners at the break and eventually ran on willingly enough to complete the superfecta. She struck me as a filly who will enjoy a route of ground and gets the opportunity to try it in this second lifetime start. **#1 BLOSSOMING** freshens up a couple months and ships to Golden Gate for Southern California conditioner Paddy Gallagher. Her last afternoon appearance resulted in a 3-length loss against high level maiden claimers on turf at Santa Anita. Speed figures indicate she is fast enough to be competitive for a trainer who has had success shipping his horses here in recent years. **#7 MS MOAB** was an unlucky loser last time out, racing behind horses throughout the running of the race. She rallied on for second when finally finding racing room in deep stretch. Too little too late. By Grade I winning router Richard's Kid, breeding suggests she'll be fine with the added distance.

Race 7: **#8 NORTHVALE ROAD** cuts back in distance after a failed attempt at routing. With that in mind, he'll be super fit. His last couple of races at this level while sprinting resulted in narrow defeats-though both efforts were very good. Ed Moger Jr. and Silvio Amador team up; this jockey/trainer combo wins at a strong 31% clip. **#4 WINTER FALCON** has improved in every start and was a good-looking winner of a maiden special weight here last month. He merits respect for a trainer (Blaine Wright) who is terrific at developing horses over time. **#1 FRANKLIN ONE STAR** was last seen finishing as the runner up behind Trip to Spain, a stakes placed racer who runs on Sunday in the Alcatraz Stakes. Although he'll need to overcome the undesired rail post position, Franklin One Star has the talent to be a major threat in this field.

Race 8: **#6 ASSIGNATION** has thrived on turf since moving to local trainer Steve Sherman's barn. Most recently, the daughter of Bernardini was three wide on both turns and came up a head short at this level to Southern California shipper Sassyserb, who saved all the ground that day. A repeat effort by Assignment will make her tough to beat in this spot. **#4 BELLAMORE** adds blinkers. We think the new equipment will help considering she raced greenly down the lane in a win against first level allowance company two races ago. Cross out her last start: she went off at 32-1 in a Grade 2 at Santa Anita, broke through the front of the gate before the race, and was eased late in the game. She tries turf for the first time; her dam finished in-the-money on turf while one sibling's lone win came on grass. **#1 NATURAL COLOUR** made her North American debut a winning one against first level foes on April 24. She takes the next logical step up in class.

Race 9: **#2 TOO TALL TO CALL** ran poorly after dueling on the lead in his first career route two weeks ago. He gets back to sprinting and will be uber fit on the cutback in distance. Third time sprinting's the charm? **#5 FRISCO KID** takes a needed drop in class after a series of races against tougher in which he was never a threat to win. He appears well-spotted for his best race yet. **#8 THUNDER OF ZION** failed to fire against a tougher field and takes a dip in class while racing on Lasix for the first time. He is eligible to take a big step forward in lifetime start number two.