

GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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BEST BET: Martins Point (10th race)

First Race: 1. Hillbilly Ridge 2. Northern Home 3. Kitty Came Home

HILLBILLY RIDGE back to the lawn off a pair of sharp turf outings and not facing any killers in this spot unless one of the firsters can run. NORTHERN HOME flashed speed, tired badly debuting against much swifter in a race moved from the turf to the main track and could stand some catching if getting loose, relaxing on the lead with these. KITTY CAME HOME and Itsawondafulsecret launch their careers for a price tag well below the price they brought at the sales although both have been well prepared for their debuts and wouldn't have to be much to prove competitive in this spot.

Second Race: 1. Anjunothat 2. Nader 3. Don'tquestion It

ANJUNOTHAT could return quick dividends off the claim returning to the main track after breating seven of 10 rivals despite taking up a couple of times nearing the quarter pole in his two turn and turf debut. NADER raced evenly over a speed favoring strip when launching career at six furlongs and like the fact he's been back to the gate for a little more work after breaking slow in his debut. Capable of improving if handling the added ground. DON'TQUESTION IT dueled, proved no match for odds on Pegasus Reign when dropped to \$16K company off a series of grass outings now steps up a notch off the claim. Figures part of early mix along with Mortal Tiger who dons shades for his first try at a amile.

Third Race: 1. Heavenly Answer 2. Dutiful 3. Tzintzicha

HEAVENLY ANSWER continues to knock on the door over the turf now drops in un der a \$25K tag for the first time in her career. Did well to finish close third despite taking up on the far turn, fanning well wide into the stretch against a notch better earlier in the session. Coa stays. May finally be ready to earn elusive diploma with clean sailing. DUTIFUL returns to more suitable level after finishing fourth in much needed outing for twice this tag. Another who has knocked on the door but still winless after more than a dozen opportunities. TZINTZICHA offered up as the price stretching out off an improved showing following a two year hiatus. Sheds weight. Has some breeding for the going.

Fourth Race: 1. Poovey 2. Discovery Launch 3. Sunrise Cruise

POOVEY the lone three time winner in the field and fastest of the bunch with a repeat of her last pair. Has worked steadily for hew new connections since being haltered out of a popular winning performance on 2/2. DISCOVERY LAUNCH proved he could handle a mile earlier in the session on grass and perhaps the best late threat if the leaders falter down the lane. SUNRISE CRUISE should also be among the early combatants for the lead stretching back to a mile off a couple of decent six furlong tries.

Fifth Race: 1. It's Never to Late 2. High Brass 3. Jim Jack N Johnnie

IT'S NEVER TO LATE not fashionably bred for the lawn although he is a half to one previous grass winner. Flashed speed against better in his last on the main and addition of blinkers may enhance his early gas if that :57.80 work on 3/22 any indication of what to expect with the equipment change. HIGH BRASS debuts off a fast work of his own. By above average turf sire War Chant and kin to two time grass winner My Limit. JIM JACK N JOHNNIE another new face with top turf connections and by above average grass sire Forestry. Owns a black letter five furlong drill at Calder and a :34 and change work in Ocala just before Xmas.

Sixth Race: 1. Grand Intentions 2. Hamsa 3. Manitoba Miss

GRAND INTENTIONS outran her odds when beaten a neck in a very promising debut. Race has turned out to be a good one with two of the six to have since come out of the event having posted MSW wins and three returning to finish second at next asking. Should handle the added ground. HAMSA raced greenly but well enough at first asking behind speedy Overandabeauty to demand much respect despite the layoff. Adds blinkers. Expecting a big effort off the bench. MANITOBA MISS turns back off a couple of longer outings on grass but a question mark racing over conventional dirt for the first time. Did acquit himself well behind top 3-year-old fillies I Lost My Choo and My Baby Baby in her 3yo bow.

Seventh Race: 1. For Michael's Dad 2. Big Jerome 3. Angelouie

FOR MICHAEL'S DAD moved well forward when switched to the turf and stretched to a mile and one eighth last month, earning a career best Beyer that was just four points lower than that posted by the much more experienced Bon Marie winning an open \$50K earlier on the same card. Might just handle the jump to the next level with expected improvement. BIG JEROME has tailed off a bit after earning career best Beyer under similar N1X conditions earlier in the meet but the winningest member of the field and still dangerous if at his best. ANGELOUIE lured Prado off the preferred choice and likely to improve off his last when losing all chance taking up very sharply in run to the first turn while making his first start in more than 10 months. Main caveat the fact he must overcome a tough post at what figures to be another short price.

Eighth Race: 1. Harlem Rocker 2. Samba Rooster 3. Bordeaux Bandit

HARLEM ROCKER overcame adversity to win his debut in impressive fashion while defeating Famous Patriot who was equally impressive winning his maiden going nine furlongs several weeks later. Should trip out nicely stalking what figures to be a lively pace. SAMBA ROOSTER may prove the speed of the speed although doesn't figure to get away to easily with BORDEAUX BANDIT and Barreling Home likely to be forcing the issue from the outset. Still must respect off his previous tries at the distance. Bordeau B. has failed to repeat his huge maiden win early in the session but likely to benefit from recent two turn experience if he can avoid early duel with Samba R. et. al.

Ninth Race: 1. Eclipse 2. Herboriste 3. Mauralakana

Lone speed always dangerous even at a mile and one half and the price will be right with ECLISSE who figures to take this bunch a long way on the front end at square odds. Kin to Grade 1 placed turfer Fast and Furious. HERBORISTE bred all over to handle the distance with stamina influences on both the sire and dam's side of the ledger. Ran credibly in nine furlong Very One and should relish the added distance in today's rematch with MAURALAKANA. The latter the logical choice off her last but must concede weight to the field at a distance she's yet to try. Did run credibly going 11 furlongs last summer in the Glens Falls and with plenty of graded stakes experience to draw on.

Tenth Race: 1. Martins Point 2. Shepherd Street 3. Knight Strike

MARTINS POINT the day's best back to the main track where he proved a game winner under a slightly higher tag against N2L opposition on 1/17. Disappointed as the choice in last pair over turf but appears too good for these with a repeat of his most recent dirt tries. SHEPHERD STREET an easy N2L winner when loose on the lead in late January and the main danger if able to avoid early conflict with Uncontested and/or. KNIGHT STRIKE. The latter earned high marks running away from weaker two weeks earlier although not likely to see the front as readily if at all with this bunch.