GULFSTREAM PARK



Sunday, November 22 By Brian Nadeau (check @Brian_J_Nadeau for OFF turf updates)

Sunshine Meet Statistics (through 11/15):

GP Meet: 290-70-59-42 ($1.63/$4.96) **Best Bet:** 23-6-4-2 ($1.69/$4.40) **Longshot:** 18-1-0-5 ($1.34/$2.86)

Race 1: The Closing Day opener of the Sunshine Meet looks like the right spot for **4 EMPRESS NEW GROOVE** to break through, as she's been facing better on turf in NY, has the speed to handle Tapeta, and doesn't meet much either. You get value underneath with **3 AUTHENTIC GUITAR** off a solid 2nd in her return from a 15-month layoff, which means she'll be tighter today. Trying to get **7 THE COROMOTO** out of the EX, as she's burned a ton of money, and her form seems stuck in neutral.

SELECTIONS: 4-3-8-7

Race 2: A race with plenty of speed suits **3 NICE TRY RILEY** better than **6 COMMENDATORE**, even though the former was 2 lengths behind the latter when they ran 3rd and 2nd, respectively, on 9/27 for 35k, so let's try to turn the tables, in a race where these two droppers seem to hold the aces. A good attack post and similar drop makes **8 PIKE** a threat, though he's back on a week's rest off a real dud.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-8-2

Race 3: Going to blindly play the Lynch runners to start the meet, as he's been prolific the past few years when shipping down, which means **6 PRIME TIME LADY** may be live off a modest 2nd in her debut at Ind, though admittedly she better improve. If **3 GUNS OF ROSES** runs back to that close 3rd at Bel she'll be tough, as it was too fast for these, though note she has lost ground in the stretch in all three races. Gargan continues to struggle, so lets' use **7 SONG OF SARAH** underneath, especially since she's off an April layoff, and may need this.

SELECTIONS: 6-3-7-4

Race 4: Let's see if **6 HIDDEN RECIPE** can pass the class test in her first for Ramsey (who has had a strong meet), as this miss is 7-or-8 on the dirt against lesser in the Midwest, but meets the right kind of crew in her local bow. Tomlinson and Amaty team up off-the-claim with **1 GOLDEN VALLEY**, who was a good 2nd in her last, though this barn has been cold all meet. The speed of **4 GIRIVIN STAR** might let her clear and get brave on the stretchout.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-4-2

Race 5: Not trying to beat **1 FIREBALLER** at a short number, as his debut 3rd beats these, and he figures only to improve. Both **7 HONORABLE SEVE and 6 RALLY ROYALE** offer value, with the former in off a useful debut 3rd for Smullen, while the latter debuts for Barboza with solid AM drills.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-6-5

Race 6: Look out with **2 BALA DE PLATA** for Hernandez and Amaty, as they have been white-hot at the meet, this one has been freshened OTC, and that 11/5 PmM drill was solid. A close 2nd off the break makes **4 ZOZAN** the one to beat, though he'll be an underlay, while **3 KHOPESH** improved on Tapeta for Tomlinson and now tries dirt.

SELECTIONS: 2-4-3-1

Race 7: The My Pal Chrisy looks like a great spot for **3 FEDE** to get untracked, as she was thrown to the wolves against males when dueling and tiring in a meltdown race, yet held OK, and has the back form to play with anyone here. They all have to beat **2 SOCIAL FORTRESS** on the switch to D'Angelo and a drop from a G3, while noting she's been working up an AM storm for her new barn too. Her 'mate **6 COMPETITIVE MARKET** isn't out of this either off a smart Kee win in her first on the dirt, and she has plenty of foundation on the cutback to one-turn too.

SELECTIONS: 3-2-6-7

Race 8: That was a sharp maiden win from **6 SLEW VINBIZ**, especially since he did it staking, a gear that will come in handy in a race loaded with speed. Trying to beat **4 URIEL'S DECREE** off an easy wire-to-wire win for 35k, as things will be harder up front, and he'll be an underlay as well. The flow says **1 TY WEBB** can outrun his odds off that closing win over the course, when trying two turns for the first time too.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-1-7

Race 9: Stabbing in the Finallymadeit with today's Longshot **2 LIGHTNING TONES**, who reunites with Vasquez, a jock who he's had a lot of success with, gets back to two turns, and should be tighter off today off a closing return too. If they let **5 BARTHOLDY** clear early, they may never see him again late, as this short stretch trip plays to speed, and note he gets Lasix back after a no-show in a Dmr G2 sprint, which came on the heels of a runaway win there at two turns with it on. You have to feel for **3 INDECISIVENESS**, who has run his eyeballs out of late with nothing to show for it, and could get first run if he can settle just off 'Bart's early speed.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-3-6

Race 10: The Trainer's Title could be on the line in the finale, and if Barboza needs a win, he's got a great chance with today's Best Bet **1 LOU THE BODY** on the big drop, as his form and class lay over these on paper, and his speed always plays too. The main (only?) danger is **7 THE BEST DISTANCE** on the switch to Hernandez for Amaty, off solid Midatlantic form, and two-turn speed that will have him close. Early. The gap to the rest, including Tapeta runner **3 PEACETHRUSTRENGTH**, who tries the main for the first time, seems a big one.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-3-4

Best Bet: R10: #1 Lou the Body (8-5)

* Big dropper has been facing better
* Speed and figures lay over these
* Other locals just don't class up

Longshot: R9: #2 Lightning Tones (8-1)

* Reunites today with win jock Vasquez
* Strong form over short stretch 1 1/16
* Can build off closing 5th off freshening

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