GULFSTREAM PARK

Sunday, January 18 By Brian Nadeau (check @Brian_J_Nadeau for OFF turf updates)

Championship Meet Statistics (through 1/11):

GP Meet: 275-80-62-37 ($1.79/$5.30) **Best Bet:** 22-11-3-1 ($2.99/$6.70) **Longshot:** 20-3-3-3 ($2.24/$6.07)

Race 1: Turf seemed to wake up **11 SMITTEN** when she showed some signs of life last time, and with mom a stakes winner on grass, and bullets since (including working visually better than potential star Chief Wallabee), she gets the call in the opener. It looks like **9 COPYCAT** is the gal to beat off that debut 3rd at CD for Walsh, and Walsh is 24% first-time Lasix too. Don't be surprised if Irad tries to steal this on the stretch with **4 SHE REIGNS**, who was sprinting in three WO Tapeta starts.

SELECTIONS: 11-9-4-10

Race 2: Dropping and returning to Tapeta makes **7 STARSHIP ASPEN** imposing against a meek group, especially since she was a decent 4th against tons better on debut in her lone start over the surface. Both **4 JESSICA'S DREAM** and **6 LA CYBER** make sense if the favorites falters, but would need to improve mightily otherwise.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-6-2

Race 3: The post works for **6 GAME ENERGY**, who did well to draw outside the other speed, and will like dropping in half too. Tomlinson has been live off-the-claim, which means **4 LIKELY PERSPECTIVE** might build off that 2nd last time, though he's in a potential pace sandwich. Not sold on

2 PERFECT SHANCES off a March layoff, with a ton of speed to his outside.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-2-7

Race 4: He hasn't run on the main in ages, but they probably aren't beating **7 TUT'S REVENGE** off all those fast figures on turf/Tapeta, for connections that don't mind dropping to win. If there's a surprise, it may come from **4 BROTHER BRAD**, who is OTC for Coy (3-for-9), and ran well when 2nd off a layoff here last time. Not sure dropper **1 BLUE SLIDE PARK** can get back to that dirt romp two-back for a different barn.

SELECTIONS: 7-4-1-2

Race 5: The massive class relief that **6 BAY OF BENGAL** gets should be enough against this mixed bag, especially since he's got speed, and will get to show it today after being in way too tough last time. The house horse is **4 MYTHICAL MAN** off a sharp 2nd at the level, while showing a rating gear too. Drexler has been firing on the turf at the meet, though **5 MEYER** has no speed and wants to run a lot further than this.

SELECTIONS: 6-4-5-1

Race 6: It's best Bet time with **3 ANNIE GOODBODY** after facing better on turf and getting Irad, and she ran well in both starts

Tapeta starts too. She's an unknown over the surface, but **6 EQUITAS** was game breaking her maiden on turf, while **4 Z TRAIN** was solid in two WO Tapeta starts.

SELECTIONS: 3-6-4-5

Race 7: Look out for **7 OH DARLIN**, who will run on Tapeta for the first time since she was claimed by Gallegas and Amaty, but is a 5-time winner over it and can sit just off the speed. The cutback gives **5 GUNESH** plenty of foundation, and her sprint form is solid, so she is worth inclusion. If **2 WIFFLETREE SERRY** shakes loose she could get brave, though there's other speed on paper.

SELECTIONS: 7-5-2-8

Race 8: You can argue who might be better between stakes horses **4 MALLEYMOO** and **2 EXPENSIVE QUEEN**, but today it's the former, as she owns a recency edge off a stakes 2nd, and tactical edge too, which may be enough in a good one on turf. 'Queen wasn't embarrassed when 4th in a G1 in her last, but that came in late May, and her closing style isn't ideal, so let's watch one today. The gap to the rest, including the speedy **9 STORMCAST**, seems a big one.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-9-10

Race 9: Excited to see what **5 AMERICAN PEAR**L can do facing winners, as her two Kentucky starts—including her dominant MSW win—hinted at big promise, and the gut says she's just getting started. There's a world of speed here, and it could get vanquished by the favorite, which would put **3 HUMOR ME BROTHER** and **4 FROSTED ME DREAMS** in the picture late.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-4-2

Race 10: Hoping for de ja vu with today's Longshot **10 FORGET ABOUT YOU**, as her lone sibling won here on turf off a no-show debut for Walsh, a path that this filly would be following if she builds off a modest 5th in her bow. The heavy favorite **6 CELEBRITY WARRIOR** will be tough on the drop from the Breeders' Cup, as any of her three starts win this easily. Walsh also has **9 MUNNINGS TALK**, who cost 300k, has a nice pedigree, and will build off that close 7th in her debut.

SELECTIONS: 10-6-9-5

Best Bet: R6: #3 Annie Goodbody (7-5)
  * Dropper gets Irad off two turf runs
  * Two Tapeta races too good for these
  * Tactical speed to be close throughout

Longshot: R10: #10 Forget About You (15-1)
  * Can improve off middling 5th on debut
  * Lone sib Cats Eyes won second start
  * No one to fear but heavy favorite (#6)

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