



Friday, October 9 By Brian Nadeau (check @Brian_J_Nadeau for OFF turf updates)

Sunshine Meet Statistics (through 10/2):

GP Meet: 112-34-24-12 (\$1.94/\$5.48) **Best Bet:** 11-4-1-1 (\$2.65/\$5.65) **Longshot:** 7-1-0-0 (\$3.46/\$4.63)

Race 1: The proven turfers in the opener don't overwhelm, so maybe **6 SWELL** can surprise off a no-show in an MSW Tapeta sprint debut, as this drop is a big one, and she's kin to several grass winners as well. The MSW helps **2 CAUSESHZPRECOCIOUS** too, and note she got experience routing on the turf two-back. The fact **1 MUMBET** hit the board in a grass route two-back makes her a player, albeit at underlaid odds.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-1-8

Race 2: You might only be able to pay for half a glass with **3 MALBEC**, who will be a short price on a stiff drop, but this is a weak field, and he'll also be tighter second-off a 13-month layoff. Next up are **5 HENRY'S BUDDY** and **6 CHING CHING**, who were just 2-3 at the level, respectively, but don't class up to the heavy favorite.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-6-2

Race 3: Expecting a big run from **4 LITTLE PRINCE** off that good 2nd in his dirt debut, as he's worked a bullet since, mom won a turf sprint, and this is a field there for the taking. Don't ignore **6 HIGH AMBITION** after two iffy runs at Dmr, as he had trouble in his lone grass run out west and proven over the course off a debut 3rd in a good race. Looks like they'll have to catch **3 TILOU**,

though he's tired in all three starts and yet will be overbet once again.

SELECTIONS: 4-6-7-3

Race 4: It's Best Bet time with **5 TRAVEL HAPPY**, who is back on Tapeta after facing better in a pair on turf, and the last time she was over the surface, she won easily off a six-month layoff. The veteran **6 MISPRINT**, a 10-time winner over the course, will trip out just off the speed, though she's off-the-claim for Tomlinson, who has (surprisingly) struggled at the meet. This group is much tougher than the one **2 MY PERFECT LADY** just beat OTC for Sanchez, though she's another who will sit a nice stalking trip.

SELECTIONS: 5-6-2-1

Race 5: It's Longshot time with **2 ARAUCANO**, who just ran 5th on 9/18 to a quartet she meets again here, but has a good race/bad race pattern that says she's firing today, and she'll appreciate the extra half-furlong too. Both **1 SOFOCLES**, who won on the 18th, and **3 CARCONE**, who was 3rd, hit hard, but the rail isn't ideal for the former, while the latter has lost 15 straight, and both figure be overbet too.

SELECTIONS: 2-1-3-4

Race 6: The fresh new face that is **5 STEM CELL** is appealing, as he's run just once nine weeks ago when a chase-and-tire 5th at Mth, legged up with a bullet on 10/3, and goes for a Barboza barn that has been firing at the meet. That was a huge neck 2nd from **3 INHONOROFSONNY**, who had a world of trouble on the backstretch yet re-rallied to just-miss, and will be tough off that with smooth sailing. The class is **8 KING MORPHEUS**, who held his own when 4th in a turf MSW, and will like the stiff drop today.

SELECTIONS: 5-3-8-1

Race 7: Drawing a line through **3 MALCOM X's** last start when he blew the break and was taken out of his element, as his prior form was sharp, so with an alert beginning he hits hard from close range. Value lies with **1 APACHE ONE SIX**, who aired to break his maiden, and while he steps up, he drew well, and gets 14 pounds from the heavy hitters. The form of **7 JACK KEROUAC** is as good as anyone here, though he's winless in 12 locals turf starts, which doesn't entice.

SELECTIONS: 3-1-7-8

Race 8: The feature at a demanding 1m is full of speed, which will flatter **3 EZ ORB NOT** off his fast stalking win against lesser, as he'll love the race flow, and should offer a hint of value too. No doubt they have to beat **5 AZAM**, who won the battle but lost the war when a duel-and-tire neck 2nd last time, but it sure looks like the same scenario might play out again today. The upside is there with **6 GREGARIOUS** after he gamely re-rallied to break his maiden off a six-month layoff in his second start, but this group today is tons tougher.

SELECTIONS: 3-5-6-7

Race 9: The finale goes to Saratoga invader **2 FOSTER LANE**, who failed to fire in her debut when sprinting in a turf MSW but is bred to route, and note Lewis won here last week with a Spa grass shipper. A jock switch to Herrera and return to turf gives **7 GHOSTS LIL SECRET** her best chance, as that close turf 2nd two-back was solid. Twice in a row **8 SERRANIA** has coughed up an open-length late lead at a short price, so let's make her prove it on top.

SELECTIONS: 2-7-8-9

Best Bet: R4: #5 Travel Happy (9-5)

- * Back on Tapeta after toughies on turf
- * Big win over course in seasonal debut
- * Speed with perfect outside attack post

Longshot: R5: #2 Araucano (6-1)

- * Vintage good race/bad race pattern
- * Should appreciate extra half-furlong
- * Both (ML) favorites have roadblocks

