GULFSTREAM PARK



Friday, November 6 By Brian Nadeau (check @Brian_J_Nadeau for OFF turf updates)

Sunshine Meet Statistics (through 11/1):

GP Meet: 229-57-42-30 ($1.49/$4.72) **Best Bet:** 19-6-2-1 ($2.03/$4.65) **Longshot:** 14-1-0-5 ($1.73/$3.37)

Race 1: The opener lacks speed, which will flatter the chances of **4 SUNDAY SONG**, who will be forward, if not loose, after a wakeup 2nd last time when being stretched to 1m, and a repeat might be good enough. The wildcard is **5 MY BOY STAN**, as he hasn't been out since 2/6 and now plummets in class, but Ramsey has been going good, and the works whisper ready too. The fact **3 PARDO** has no early foot won't help in his return to dirt, though an alert beginning could change that.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-3-2

Race 2: Thinking **4 EVERYMOMENTMATTERS** is live off a 2/1 layoff, as she's got a slew of works showing, and Braddy is 3-for-11 off this elongated break, so in a race there for the taking, she looks as good as anyone. The recency edge of **2 CRYPTIC THUNDER** says she's the one to beat trying the main track after a chase-and-tire debut on Tapeta, while **5 GRAN JUDGEMENT** drops and switches barns after facing better in NY.

SELECTIONS: 4-2-5-6

Race 3: A huge drop makes **6 AMANDE** imposing from a perfect post, especially since her speed will have her close early, and that Tapeta 2nd two-back beats these easy. Dropping in half means **1 FREE TO ROAM** may wake up, though the rail draw isn't ideal. Tread lightly with **2 MISPRINT**, who Fawkes re-claimed for the second time, as she regressed badly last time.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-2-7

Race 4: It's Best Bet time with **4 PAX MUNDI**, who has never been on Tapeta but gets some massive class relief after solid turf runs at Dmr, KD, and Bel, and should relish this local crew. The speed of **5 CORISTONE** gives him a tactical edge, and he didn't run poorly in his Tapeta/two-turn debut last time either. The pick's 'mate **2 PARNASSUS** just-missed by a nose, but in a slow race where the runner-up (#1) was a nose back at 23-1, so let's fade him.

SELECTIONS: 4-5-2-1

Race 5: You'll never see a horse win easier than **5 INHERENT PROMISE** did to break his maiden, as he won by 5 while in a canter, so while the waters are deeper trying winners, he can pop right back. The class is clearly **2 ONE MORE DUKE**, who has been doing the turf thing but won but 4 ¾ the last time he was on Tapeta, and he may get loose here too. A return to Tapeta helps **4 TECHNO MUSIC** too, as he won by 4 two-back to break his maiden, and now drops.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-4-8

Race 6: A ton of inside speed says maybe **5 PRISM POOL PAT** will finally get there first, as her stretch kick has been diluted of late, but she'll get set up here. There's a chance that **2 ENGLISH HARBOUR** is the speed of the speed, but taking heat early on both sides and lasting late is a big ask. The race flow will help **6 LITTLE TOWN STREET** too, though the class rise might not.

SELECTIONS: 5-2-6-1

Race 7: We've seen some Pletcher dud maidens so far this meet, but **7 JUST A GIRL** seems nothing of the sort after a strong neck 2nd in her debut at Sar, which means this Tabor homebred with a big pedigree is ready to break out here. The main (only?) danger is **8 ONCE AND FLORAL**, a Saffie filly who also just-missed by a neck, and now adds Lasix, though 'Girl is a much tougher rival. The gap to the rest, including **1 WILD NIGHT**, the pick's 'mate, seems a big one.

SELECTIONS: 7-8-1-3

Race 8: The gang is all here, and it's **6 IF NOT FOR LUCK** who always fires, and gets his needed 5 ½ Fs for his late run too, so look for him to nail these on the line. Conversely, the distance may be a tad too far for **2 BANNEKER** and his wild speed, so while he looks loose, he may come unglued late. No knocks on **3 THREE ZERO**, who beat the pick at this trip two-back, and is another who has a slew of consistent Tapeta runs.

SELECTIONS: 6-2-3-5

Race 9: It's Longshot time in the finale with **2 KHETAM** in his local debut, as he enters off two straight, does have a Tapeta win (at TP), and lures local ace Gonzalez as well. That was a mighty fast 16k N2L win over the course from **5 DREAM DANCER**, when blinkers were added back, so even with the rise, he's the one to beat. Not sold on **3 HILLBILLY BOB** on the drop after tiring against better, as his big N2L win two-back was for 10k, so he needs to prove it here.

SELECTIONS: 2-5-3-4

Best Bet: R4: #4 Pax Mundi (7-5)

* Classy turfer now trying Tapeta
* Locals are slow and uninspiring
* Closing style better suited here

Longshot: R9: #2 Khetam (8-1)

* Enters off two straight easy wins
* Won an MSW over surface at TP
* Gets top Tapeta jockey Gonzalez

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