



# GULFSTREAM PARK



**Friday, July 3** By Brian Nadeau (check @Brian\_J\_Nadeau for OFF turf updates)

Royal Palm Meet Statistics (through 6/28):

**GP Meet:** 417-108-64-69 (\$1.67/\$4.79)

**Race 1:** Turf racing returns in the opener, and a firm and fast course might play to the speed of **6 WIN RUNNER**, who stretches out into a two-turn pedigree, should be able to clear, and may get brave on the front end. While he never ran on turf, Tiz the Law has excelled as a turf sire, so **7 CASE LAW** can wake up, especially since he stretches out and drops out of an MSW debut too. Clearly **8 SHINYHAPPYGROOVY** has the best turf race showing when a good 3rd two-back.

**SELECTIONS: 6-7-8-2**

**Race 2:** Sano has always ready with a pair of 2yo debut runners at the meet, and the 5/30 work (viewed on XBTv) was a sharp one from **4 AREQUIPE**, so if the money shows, he may be the one in a scramble. The bullet from the gate drill (on XBTv) from **3 EYEWAY** was solid, so he figures fast and ready for Miller, who had a well-bet (though disappointing) first run in late May. Wasn't in love with the XBTv works from **2 COUP DE GRACE** before his debut, and after a very meek 4<sup>th</sup> at 3-2, let's make him prove it on top.

**SELECTIONS: 4-3-2-6**

**Race 3:** It's Best Bet time with **7 SARA'S ROSE**, who drew perfectly for her speedy style, and meets a group there for the

taking, several who are on the rise too. All the speed says **5 LITTLE TOWN STREET** and sit the right trip with a stalking gear, as she's one of the few who can settle early. The wildcard is **4 ZEALOT**, who is 2-for-2 on Tapeta but hasn't been out since June, tries older, and was slow in her two wins as well.

**SELECTIONS: 7-5-4-1**

**Race 4:** The 2yos stretch out to two turns for the first time, and that's a quick run to the first turn on the turf, so inside post positions are at a premium, which makes **1 MOONSHINE HONEY** intriguing with a two-turn/turf pedigree, and note the money he took (4-1) in her dirt sprint debut as well. Expecting **5 CRYSTAL RIVER** to be bet hard for Team Biancone, and they paid 150k for this Golden Pal filly, though winning at two turns in your debut is not easy. Expecting better on the stretchout and turf try with **6 DOUBLE MAGIC**, who is kin to a turf long stakes winner.

**SELECTIONS: 1-5-6-4**

**Race 5:** It's going to be tough to deny **4 THUNDER PRINCESS** based on her recent form, as she won two-back and then ran well on the rise when 2<sup>nd</sup>, which may be enough here. Zanelli has been firing at the meet, and he won going long on Tapeta with **1 GEAUX AMY** in the past, so this may

be a shrewd re-claim, especially since she got untracked with a dirt win last time. That was a powerful N2L win from **2 IMPERIA BLUE**, though she meets tougher today.

**SELECTIONS: 4-1-2-3**

**Race 6:** Stabbing in the Sharp Susan with firster **5 CANDY COLE**, as she was very visually impressive (on XBTV) 6/7 outworking a pair, including an easy debut winner, and the fact she's here for her bow says to look out. Nice debut win from **1 HOT ROD HONEY**, who was extending nicely in the lane, and the fact she did it from slightly off-the-pace too, is a big bonus. Thinking **4 ELEGANTE MISS** may have been a short horse when she won her debut on Tapeta, which says more improvement is coming, though as a daughter of turf ace Golden Pal, the main track may not be her best surface.

**SELECTIONS: 5-1-4-7**

**Race 7:** Getting back to the GP turf and running against state bred's will help **8 IFYOUAIDSO** get back on the beam after a no-show in a CD G3, as this is a big drop, and her grass win here in January would wallop these. There's plenty of speed to set up **5 CALYPSO MOON**, who was a good 2<sup>nd</sup> over **6 OCALA GALA** (3<sup>rd</sup>) when they met in May, and she'll be a better price than that speedball too, who continues to be crushed at the windows, for no real reason.

**SELECTIONS: 8-5-6-2**

**Race 8:** Just not in love with anyone in the Wildcat Red, and it's a tough-to-trust group too, so let's at least get some value with **10 RACING DRIVER**, who was a close 3<sup>rd</sup> to **6 STEAL SUNSHINE** when they met 5/31 at two turns, and he seems to have a bit more

tactical speed to get the jump on that rival too. they all have to beat **8 BACK EM UP** off that nose 2<sup>nd</sup> in his last, and his tactical sprint speed will have him close on the stretchout, which will get him first run on his main rivals. Stablemate 'Steal, a local G2 winner, isn't the same horse any more, but he showed his closing kick when beating the top pick, so he makes perfect sense, albeit at a very underlaid price too.

**SELECTIONS: 10-8-6-1**

**Race 9:** It's Longshot time in the finale with **10 DAVID PEPPERMAN**, who should get a lively pace to rally into, has some prior back turf form, and meets a field there for the taking. They hammered **8 SPIRIT OF THE LAW** in his comeback, and he ran to the money when a good 2<sup>nd</sup> on the dirt at one-turn, so with better turf form showing in the past, he's the one to beat. A win seems a big ask, but **5 GIURO** always outruns his odds and is another who will like the expected hot pace up front.

**SELECTIONS: 10-8-5-7**

**Best Bet: R3: #7 Sara's Rose (9-5)**

- \* Perfect post for pressing style
- \* Best figures of anyone here
- \* Meets several rising in class

**Longshot: R9: #10 David Pepperman (8-1)**

- \* Stretch runner will get a lively pace
- \* Prior turf races put him in the mix
- \* No one here overwhelms on paper

