



# GULFSTREAM PARK



**Friday, May 15** By Brian Nadeau (check @Brian\_J\_Nadeau for OFF turf updates)

Royal Palm Meet Statistics (through 5/03):

**GP Meet:** 185-45-30-32 (\$1.65/\$4.77) **Best Bet:** 19-4-3-4 (\$0.78/\$2.84) **Longshot:** 17-1-5-5 (\$1.16/\$5.46)

**Race 1:** The opener looks like the right spot for **3 ZENICK** to break through, as he takes a slight drop and has by far the best form already, still has upside off just three starts, and meets a very weak group as well. The main danger seems **8 BE WISER BOB**, who tries turf off some decent Tapeta form, though Smullen is 0-for-28 first-time grass. Going second-off a 13-month layoff and drawing well both help **1 MIDNIGHT APPROVAL**, though he's too slow on paper.

**SELECTIONS: 3-8-1-7**

**Race 2:** A :35 3/5 bullet from **4 MY KID'S SAID NO** on 4/18 says she's fast, and that might be all she needs in this juvenile dash, where she gets an edge as a recent 2yo March purchase as well. A wide draw and Lightner's 0-for-16 mark with firsters makes **6 SISU SPIRIT** less appealing, while **5 SHEILA MAGIC** goes for David, who is just 1-for-39 with firsters, but she did outwork stablemate 2 Touch of Honor (viewed on XBTV) in their 4/26 drill.

**SELECTIONS: 4-6-5-2**

**Race 3:** That was a sharp win by **6 CHISPUDA** last time, and with a good post and Dibona 24% off-the-claim, you have to think she can double up here. Conversely, an inside draw won't help **1 CHUCKY'S**

**RIDE**, though she drops in class and has a big figure in her lone Tapeta start. The price will be right on **7 LADY CHANCE**, who was a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> in her Tapeta bow yet may be overlooked on the tote board.

**SELECTIONS: 6-1-7-5**

**Race 4:** Let's go for a mild surprise with **3 SEAN NOS DANCING** off an encouraging 3<sup>rd</sup> in his debut, and the fact that he sprinted so well gives him an edge on the big favorite. Which brings up to **2 KRAKEN**, who will be bet hard off his turf routes against much better, but has no speed and has never tried Tapeta, both of which make him vulnerable. The blinkers going back on put more pep into **4 LEO'S ROCKET**, who can get a piece of this underneath.

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

**Race 5:** There should be a lively pace in this turf route, so **3 PLAGNE CHAMPAGNE** can turn the tables on **2 NO OTHER LIKE YOU** after they ran 3-2, respectively, on 4/17, as the former will trip out nicely, while the latter could get softened by some other pace players. It's tough to think that **7 LOGISTICS** could beat both of the top pair, as she was 4<sup>th</sup> to them last time.

**SELECTIONS: 3-2-7-1**

**Race 6:** It's Best Bet time with **3 JESTINA**, who just won for fun with trouble, confidently rises in class, and simply looks better than this crew. Tampa invader **4 LOLA'S ROMANCE** comes in looking for her third straight, though this is a much tougher group she faces today, while **5 STARSHIP JULIETTE** just lost by 3 to the pick, and had a cleaner run too.

**SELECTIONS: 3-4-5-1**

**Race 7:** Like the chance of **7 MY DENYSSE** to once again beat **1 BAYOU BRIGID**, and to do it the same way she did last time, from off the pace, as there's plenty of heat up front to set her up again and better than 2<sup>nd</sup> last time. You have to respect 'Brigid, and it's not like she needs the lead either, but she appears pace compromised regardless, and Smullen is just 2% on turf too. There's distance on the bottom of **4 ROGUE RUNNER'S** pedigree, so while she has been sprinting of late, her turf sprints are solid, so maybe she can jump up at tow turns.

**SELECTIONS: 7-1-4-10**

**Race 8:** Dirt is an unknown, but class isn't, so **2 SEND CASH** looks tough on a big drop for Fawkes, who has done nothing wrong all year. Don't sleep on **1 VALDERO** off that Tampa dud, as he blew the start but has worked a bullet since, and the win two-back was solid. You get some big figures with **4 TEOFIMO**, though he hasn't been out since late August and shows a spotty worktab coming in to this.

**SELECTIONS: 2-1-6-4**

**Race 9:** Let's go Longshot looking in a doozy of a turf finale, and we land on **1 TEE AT ONCE**, who drops stiffly in his first for

Klesaris, drew well, and should be able to get first run off the speed too. Coming in off an easy N2L win says **2 NAME IT** is a player on a class rise, and he's another with a good post and the speed to be close throughout. Don't let the Tapeta runs fool you, as **5 PALAZZI** has prior turf form to fall back on, though he may be overbet

**SELECTIONS: 1-2-5-6**

**Best Bet: R6: #3 Jestina (6-5)**

- \* Exits easy win, with trouble to boot
- \* Meek crew, beat main (ML) rival by 3
- \* Has speed, will be close throughout

**Longshot: R9: #1 Tee At One (6-1)**

- \* Big class drop in first for Klesaris
- \* Well-drawn with tactical speed
- \* Meets several with muddled form

