

Sunday, September 14 By Brian Nadeau (check @Brian_J_Nadeau for OFF turf updates)

Sunshine Meet Statistics:

GP Meet: N/A Best Bet: N/A Longshot: N/A

Race 1: Taking the short price and moving on with 1 CARENTAN, as he drops stiffly after facing tons better and would lap these with anything close to that 2nd on Tapeta two-back. Both 2 OCALA ROCKET and 5 VENEZUELA HOPE enter off wins, but neither of those efforts would threaten the pick if he brings close to his best.

SELECTIONS: 1-2-5-3

Race 2: That was a wakeup 3rd from **5 ENZITO** last time, and with just two lifetime starts he's got a ton of upside, which means he's primed for a career-best. As opposed to **1 DEVILMENT**, who is best on paper but is now 0-for-17, so there's no reason to think today is the day. If you like the pick you have to like **4 MCMULLEN** too, as he beat him when 2nd in their 8/17 clash, though his ceiling seems a bit lower.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-4-7

Race 3: A trip back to the Tapeta might get 6 SHANCELICIOUS over the hump, as his three dirt runs off-the-claim for Sanchez have been strong, and his speed plays here. Both 5 SWEET SASH and 7 R WINS AREN'T LUCK have a Tapeta experience edge, but both have questions, and lack speed too.

SELECTIONS: 6-5-7-2

Race 4: Getting to turf and away from Saratoga MSWs makes 2 THROCKMORTON the one to catch and beat, as he may be too fast for these over this speedy course. He probably wants longer, but 9 CADEMAN will benefit from his debut, and getting to turf too, as he's kin to a 413k grass route runner. Trying to get 1 AUGUSTINIAN out of the EX, as this post is a real problem, though that turf run here on debut in June was a neck 2nd, so he's clearly a big threat.

SELECTIONS: 2-9-1-8

Race 5: The mandatory payoff Rainbow 6 kicks off with a tough one, and is a tough sequence too, so we'll spread here with 3 NINJA STAR on top, as that Tapeta 2nd last time was solid, and a repeat probably wins this. We'll also spread because 7 MERLIN will be overbet on a big class drop and return to Tapeta, but he never wins, and that first start for David was a real dud. The price will be right on 6 DOUBLE NEAT, who showed decent Tapeta form at TP, and is now OTC for a sharp Ramsey barn.

SELECTIONS: 3-7-6-5

Race 6: Another spread in the sequence, with several looking as win candidates, including **11 MY GIRL NINA**, who was a strong 2nd on debut and is now OTC for

Hurtak, which is a solid 26% angle. The MSW drop might keep **8 SWEET AGENDA** around a lot longer, as she's shown high speed before tiring, and now takes the biggest drop in racing. The worktab has been steady and consistent for **9 JUST MAJESTIC**, and David is 14% on debut, so she could be live in a real scramble.

SELECTIONS: 11-8-9-3

Race 7: It's Best Bet time with 1 TINTA
ROJA, who just looks better than a meek
bunch, and while being a voided claim is
never ideal, that 8/23 work alleviates the
concern. Both 7 PEMBERLEY and 4 WHAT A
KNOCKOUT make sense if the favorite
falters, but they can't beat her on her best.

SELECTIONS: 1-7-4-5

Race 8: Let's go Longshot looking with 9 X Y POINT off the layoff, as this drop is a huge one, he drew well, and should get plenty of pace to rally into as well. That was a solid 3rd from 3 STAR OF THE BEAST in his first for Cazares, so he may be able to move forward off it, which would put him right there. A trio of 2^{nds} at the level tempers the enthusiasm on 5 TO MONARCH, but you can't play a serious Rainbow without him.

SELECTIONS: 9-3-5-7

Race 9: Our second Rainbow single is 5 THE THOR, who finally gets a class drop after facing tons better in all his U.S. starts, while holding his own too. The only danger is 1 LOU THE BODY, who looks for five in a row, but may regress, after working hard to beat no one last time. The gap to the rest, including 7 GIVIE ME LIBERTY, is a big one.

SELECTIONS: 5-1-7-3

Race 10: The finale isn't easy but there's a chance 6 BAL DE MAR shakes loose and gets brave, as that route return last time was solid, and she can build off of it here. A ground-saving post and good form says 1 GOLDEN VALLEY is a big player, and that 2nd facing winners last time should have her primed here. No knocks on 4 BEENTEE, who got untracked again in her last after a real dud and will run on late.

SELECTIONS: 6-1-4-3

Best Bet: R7: #1 Tinta Roja (7-5)

- * Turf form is way too good for these
- * Strong 8/23 work since voided claim
- * Main foes need to find several lengths

Longshot: R8: #9 X Y Point (6-1)

- * Spotted to score on the drop/layoff
- * Stalker gets plenty of speed up front
- * Meets several others with questions

