

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Wednesday 06/05/19

Race One:

1st: **(2) CAPTAIN REGAN** – Did nothing in his career debut on the dirt at Mountaineer Park then he added Lasix next out six months later and went gate to wire. He came back there and did it again last out and now tries Tapeta for Ed Clouston – 26% first start after a win
2nd: **(6) SOUPER WARRIOR** – Woke up two starts back here in his Presque Isle debut for Gerry Brooks. He came back and ran poorly when stretched out to two turns and now drops back to 5 ½ furlongs for Brooks who wins 18% going long to short.
3rd: **(3) STORM PROTECTION** – Speedball battled every step of the way to prevail by a nose last out going five furlongs in fast time.

Race Two:

1st: **(3) SECRET MILITAIRE** – Very consistent low-level claiming mare returned to the races with an even second last out off a seven-month layoff. Daughter of Discreet Cat should be sharp as she can be with Erin Walker back aboard.
2nd: **(4) MUD CAT** – Beat better here last September then finished up the year with an even third. Off for seven months, she chased the pace from an inside post and raced evenly for Ron Rogers who wins 15% second start off the layoff.
3rd: **(6) LOOKIN PERFECT** – Doesn't win enough to place any higher but she should be ready second start off the long layoff.

Race Three:

1st: **(1) FUSAICHI BAD BOY** – Did nothing in his first two career starts on the dirt at Penn National earlier this year. He came back here against state-bred maiden special weight company with an even effort after breaking poorly and now drops way down in class.
2nd: **(7) CAPO DEI CAPI** – In six starts he has sprinted on dirt, gone two turns on turf, tried jumping then made his Tapeta debut here last out with an even fourth as the favorite. Son of Bernardini stretches out with Pablo Morales.
3rd: **(2) GALICENO** – Could be a moderate factor in his second start off the long layoff while stretching out in distance.

Race Four:

1st: **(2) RED CAT** – Finished up last year with a good win against low-level claimers. Off for 7 months, he did nothing in his return but raced better last out going six furlongs against this level. Rory Barron wins 8% third start off the layoff and he gets Nate Vickers back aboard.
2nd: **(5) BETWEENHEREANDCOOL** – Speedy horse for the course romped by five lengths two starts back here going six furlongs in blazing-fast time. He finished up the year showing speed before tiring and kicks off his 9YO campaign without being exposed to the claim.
3rd: **(4) THE FAZZ MAN** – Horse for the course goes for win number 11 here in his third start of the year.

Race Five:

1st: **(1) ASK STACY** – Raced well without winning on the turf this winter at Tampa Bay Downs. He came back here two months later for his Tapeta debut and almost went gate to wire after opening up a big lead before being caught as the odds-on favorite.
2nd: **(2) BUCOLIC** – Raced evenly on a sloppy track at Penn National two starts back then went to the sidelines for almost 7 months. She rallied from way back to miss by three lengths last out and draws inside for Jonathan Sheppard who wins 14% with his maiden claimers.
3rd: **(3) HALO'S FOR DUDE** – Still winless after 11 tries but she ran pretty well against his maiden claiming level last out.

Race Six:

1st: **(6) BEER TAP** – Broke his maiden two starts back on the dirt going 5 ½ furlongs at Thistledown then came here and missed by a head in his Tapeta debut when he led every step but the last. Jeff Radosevich wins 29% first time against claimers.
2nd: **(1) NO WAY NEVER** – Broke his maiden two starts back after failing in three starts on the turf. He came back and raced evenly going six furlongs against better company for Linda Rice who wins 32% first start after being beaten as the favorite.
3rd: **(5) PEMAQUID PETE** – Beat decent maiden claiming company two starts back on the dirt at Tampa Bay Downs then ran well here.

Race Seven:

1st: **(5) CAPTAIN MAD JACK** – Horse for the course raced evenly this winter on dirt against open company claimers then returned here off a four-month layoff and got up to win by a head going six furlongs in very fast time. Teresa Connelly wins 19% with her allowance runners.
2nd: **(3) PIZZA MAN PETE** – Had a good year last season and his return to the races this year shows that he could do better this year. Glenn Wismer wins 29% second start off the layoff and the last 35 of them show a flat-bet profit.
3rd: **(6) HILLBILLY RACER** – Romped by three lengths in his career debut here last June and returns off a 365-day layoff.

Race Eight:

1st: **(1) GOLDEN EMPEROR** – Horse for the course has beaten this claiming level the last two times he faced them. He returned off a long layoff and showed good speed before tiring last out and now drops back down to the bottom for Mike Rogers.
2nd: **(7) COAL MINERS SON** – Makes his Tapeta debut off two straight wins against low-level claimers at Mahoning Valley. When's he's right, he shows good early speed and gets Huber Villa-Gomez. Recent workouts here say he's ready – fast horses work slow.
3rd: **(2) RAMBO RED** – Horse for the course speedball might forget to stop if he is able to make the lead with Pablo Morales.