

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

Race One:

1st: **(2) MA DE TAW** – Returned to the races off a long layoff last out and missed by a neck going 5 ½ furlongs against this claiming level. Ron Rogers wins 15% second start off the layoff and Addiel Ayala rides back – 12% with his sprint mounts.
2nd: **(6) CARMEL MARTINI** – Was a sharp maiden winner here two years ago then ran third at Gulfstream Park last year. She came back and ran second there going two turns on the turf and now faces open company conditioned claimers for Lance Stokes 32% off long rest.
3rd: **(3) BONSAI BENNY** – Took her ten tries to break her maiden which she did in a turf sprint at Tampa Bay Downs.

Race Two:

1st: **(4) BEYONDELLE** – Went gate to wire to finally break her maiden in her ninth try on the dirt at Finger Lakes then did nothing there against allowance foes. She drops down in class here for Dan Conway, Jr. who wins 22% off long layoffs and 21% with his claimers.
2nd: **(7) MISS CINDY LOU WHO** – Was soundly beaten in her first three career starts then woke up last out here off a six-month layoff when she went gate to wire to win easily. She moves up some in class for Kevin Rice who wins 23% first start after a maiden win.
3rd: **(3) GENUWINE** – Dropped down to this conditioned claiming level last out and was an even third for these connections.

Race Three:

1st: **(7) WICKED COURAGE** – First-time starter from Ron Potts who wins 34% with his debut runners and 35% when they debut at the maiden special weight level. By new sire Wicked Strong, he is out of a dam by Bernstein whose offspring have an affinity for Tapeta.
2nd: **(5) BAD LITTLE BEAST** – Rallied some for fourth in his career debut going 4 ½ furlongs and draws much better today. Kevin Rice wins 10% second time out and 17% with his synthetic starters with the last 380 of them showing a flat-bet profit.
3rd: **(1A) CHAOS KID** – Did nothing in his first two starts at Gulfstream Park but was a good second here last out.

Race Four:

1st: **(6) PICKLE BACK** – Ran well here last year at two against better maidens. She was overmatched in her first two starts on the dirt in Kentucky then shipped here and held on for third against slightly better company. Arrienne Cox rides back for Wayne Rice.
2nd: **(8) FOREIGN ARRAY** – Woke up two starts ago with a good second then came back with an even third. She makes her Tapeta debut for Burton Sipp who wins 10% with his maiden claimers and picks up David Delgado who has yet to win here.
3rd: **(1A) SHES HERE TO PARTY** – Speedball hasn't been able to hand on but should improve on the dropdown in class.

Race Five:

1st: **(6) CEE 'N O** – Always seems to run well here against this claiming level. She did not win a race in 2018 but finished second six times and returned to the races here last out and won going five furlongs in very fast time. Antonio Gallardo rides back for Mike Rogers.
2nd: **(7) NICEANDEZ** – Ultimate horse for the course goes for his 16th career win here. 9YO was off for seven months before returning with a good second last out. Shelly Radosevich wins 14% with her overall claimers and gets Huber Villa-Gomez back aboard.
3rd: **(2) TALENT MAN** – Was used hard to keep up from post one here last out and will have to break alertly again with Scott Spieth.

Race Six:

1st: **(1A) LESS THAN PERFECT** – Horse for the course goes for win number 10 tonight. He raced evenly in his first start off the long layoff then just missed here last out. She shows a fast workout for this and Kevin Rice removes blinkers – 20% when he does.
2nd: **(7) RAPA ITI** – Overcame post ten to win going away last out against first-level allowance foes and now drops way down in class for Wayne Rice who wins 9% with his synthetic track starters. Son of Discreet Cat has had two workouts here since his last start.
3rd: **(6) BLIGHTON** – Horse for the course goes for win number 9 tonight for John Bourke who wins 17% second start off the layoff.

Race Seven:

1st: **(6) PENITENCE** – Won going two turns here last year then finished up the year with a dull effort on the turf at Laurel. Off for seven months, she returned here with an even third for Jonathan Sheppard who wins 20% with his synthetic-track starters.
2nd: **(1) ASTICOU TRAIL** – Ships in from Kentucky for Shug McGaughey. One-dimensional closer will have to save ground from post one on turn one then pull out for clear sailing. Daughter of Hard Spun gets Antonio Gallardo – 26% with his route mounts.
3rd: **(4) DARCY MAE** – Raced evenly on the turf last year but won her Tapeta debut here last out off the long layoff.

Race Eight:

1st: **(7) DOMINANT STRANGER** – Just missed going gate to wire last out here in her Tapeta debut against this conditioned claiming level. Gerry Brooks is off to a great start at this year's meet and wins 38% when he uses Antonio Gallardo in the saddle.
2nd: **(4) LADY KIM** – Makes her Tapeta debut for Gary Johnson who wins 15% going long after two sprints. Daughter of Congrats has dangerous gate speed and stretches out to two turns with the red-hot Scott Spieth in the irons – 32% going long.
3rd: **(3) J'S HANDSOME FANA** – Broke her maiden on the dirt at Tampa Bay Downs against better and was a good third here last out.