

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Wednesday 06/26/19

Race One:

- 1st: **(2) SILAO** – Dropped down to this class level two starts back and was an even third then gunned to the front and almost held on last out. His entrymate has good early speed and Huber Villa-Gomez is listed to ride on both – 15% with his route mounts.
- 2nd: **(4) ART OF THE DREAM** – Held well to be third behind a next-out winner against way better then dropped down to this level and was third behind the top choice. Katy Cheeks wins 22% with her route mounts and 15% with her synthetic track starters.
- 3rd: **(6) COURAGEOUS BEN** – Showed some speed before weakening then could not overcome post ten last out.

Race Two:

- 1st: **(5) ROARING LAUNCH** – Was a good second in his career debut here at the age of seven then came back with blinkers and weakened late after showing good speed. He drops down in class for leading trainer Gerry Brooks who wins 29% with Gallardo.
- 2nd: **(7) LITTLE TEQUILA** – Returned off a seven-month layoff against this class level and showed good speed before tiring. He came back as the 3/2 favorite and just missed going gate to wire. Mike Allen rides back and will probably gun to the front from a wide draw.
- 3rd: **(6) BLAZIN LIASON** – Winless in ten career starts but most of them came against much better company than these.

Race Three:

- 1st: **(5) COSMIC LOVE** – Has had two starts this year on the turf against this allowance level. She has shown some early pace for Graham Motion who wins 18% going long to short. Sire Sea the Stars had two group one winners at Royal Ascot last week.
- 2nd: **(1) DON'T BLAME BERTIE** – Broke her maiden on a wet track three starts back at Penn National then came back last out and just missed in a turf sprint. Todd Beattie wins 21% second start off the layoff and 15% with his overall allowance runners.
- 3rd: **(3) PEMAQUID SALLY** – Showed good speed in her return to the races off a long layoff then held well to be second in fast time.

Race Four:

- 1st: **(6) SIMPLYIRRESISTIBLE** – Has yet to win here but has run well four of five starts. He was an even third two starts back off a long layoff then came back and missed by a head. Eddie Clouston wins 19% third start off the layoff and 20% with his overall claimers.
- 2nd: **(1) SUGAR CANE GIRL** – Has had two starts here against better and didn't really run that well. She drops down to bottom-level claimers for Nick Caruso who wins 17% with his route starters and the last 182 of them show a flat-bet profit.
- 3rd: **(5) SCATIN AROUND** – Was a good second here against this level then came back with an even third.

Race Five:

- 1st: **(6) TARTAN THE BULL** – Was a sharp winner against cheaper then moved up in class to this level and held well to be second when used hard from post one. Speedball draws better today and returns on 15 days rest for Maria Bowersock.
- 2nd: **(2) BOWMAN** – Finished up last year with a good win against high-class optional claimers. He tired badly in his first start this year then held on better last out. He drops way down in class for Teresa Connelly who wins 24% first time against open claimers.
- 3rd: **(7) SUCCESS HURRICANE** – Raced evenly at long odds against stakes foes then came back and raced better going two turns.

Race Six:

- 1st: **(7) TINTO MESA** – Horse for the course goes for win 12 here. He was a game second 2 starts back but then came back & could not make up any ground when stuck on the inside behind a very slow pace. Ed Rojas wins 23% first start after being beat as the fave.
- 2nd: **(2) ANOTHER FOR MARIO** – Has beaten better company in the past here. Two starts back, he raced evenly and was claimed out of the race by Joe Cheeks. He moved up to this class level last out and was an even third against this level.
- 3rd: **(6) GO HIPPO GO** – Was a game second here against much better then tired last out. He has plenty of back class.

Race Seven:

- 1st: **(2) LACEE** – Has been stuck at this allowance level since last year but she runs well enough to avoid dropping in class. She was a good third here two starts back in very fast time and a return to that effort is good enough to beat these.
- 2nd: **(6) CELTIC DREAM** – Was outrun when Lasix was added for the first time on the dirt at Thistledown but she came back and rallied from way back to get second. Off a long layoff, she returned here with a good effort going six furlongs.
- 3rd: **(1) SILENT SOFIA** – Finished up last year with two decent efforts when blinkers were put back on then returned here with a win.

Race Eight:

- 1st: **(7) CHILLY BAY** – Horse for the course ran okay here last year when facing this claiming level. He came back here off a long layoff against this group and won going away and now turns back to a long sprint for Mike Rogers.
- 2nd: **(8) TINITUS** – Has the benefit of four starts already over the course. He just missed two starts back going this distance then tired last out going two turns. Dave Markgraf wins 19% with his overall claimers and 24% when he uses Angel Stanley.
- 3rd: **(1) COAL MINERS SON** – Won two in a row on the dirt at Mahoning Valley then rallied some here in his Tapeta debut.