

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Wednesday 07/03/19

Race One:

1st: **(3) STEVIS MAN** – Horse for the course goes for win number 15 here at the age of nine. He came back and beat this class level twice in a row going this distance. Darien Rodriguez wins 31% third start off the layoff and 26% first start after a win.

2nd: **(1) DON'T BE SO SALTY** – Tapeta specialist has won six times here and four times at Woodbine. He comes in here off three straight wins in Canada in very fast times. Shane Meyers wins 23% with his synthetic-track starters and gets Scott Spieth.

Race Two:

1st: **(5) LIL HOOH'S HOOH** – Raced evenly two starts back going six furlongs then stretched out to two turns last out and held on by a neck after disputing the pace every step. Mark Hoffman wins 19% with his overall claimers and she gets Addiel Ayala back aboard.

2nd: **(6) FELL FROM GRACE** – Horse for the course has won ten times already. She showed high speed two starts back against \$8,000 claimers then lost all chance when dropped down to this level when she broke poorly. Huber Villa-Gomez rides back.

3rd: **(1) JEWELISA** – Raced over the weekend on the synthetic track at Turfway Park then after a poor turf start, she ran third here.

Race Three:

1st: **(5) DALLIANCE** – Dropped down to this claiming level two starts back and was an even third going six furlongs then race evenly again going 5 ½ furlongs. He stretches out to two turns for Wayne Rice who wins 10% in this spot and his last 21 show a flat-bet profit.

2nd: **(4) NEVERLOOKBACK** – Broke his maiden last out going 5 ½ furlongs when he swept to the lead in the stretch and the son of Hard Spun is bred to get two turns. Ed Rojas wins 29% first start after a maiden win and 19% going short to long.

3rd: **(6) YAMBURF** – Raced evenly in a wide trip against this claiming level two starts back then improved some when dropped in class.

Race Four:

1st: **(4) DIMATE** – Still a maiden after 13 tries but he added blinkers two starts back on the turf at Arlington Park last July. He came back here against this maiden claiming level and was a good second going two turns as the beaten odds-on favorite.

2nd: **(3) DARBY DART** – Added blinkers two starts back and did little going 5 ½ furlongs then stretched out to this distance and ran fourth in a wide trip from post nine. He drops down in class for Ryan Walsh who wins 17% with his maiden claimers and picks up Gallardo.

3rd: **(5) ELECTRIC DRILL** – Winless in ten tries but nine of them came against better company.

Race Five:

1st: **(5) FORGOTTEN PEACE** – First-time starter from Tim Girten who wins 30% with his debut runners and 37% with his maiden special weight starters. Daughter of Jersey Town (12% debut winners) is out of a dam by Sunday Silence (19% debut winners).

2nd: **(4) GRANITE CANDY** – Showed high speed in her well-bet career debut for Glenn Wismer who wins 18% with his maiden special weight starters. She is a daughter of Twirling Candy – sire of Saturday's Queen's Plate on the Tapeta at Woodbine.

3rd: **(1) SUNDAY EXPRESS** – Returns off a 180-day layoff who tries Tapeta for the first time.

Race Six:

1st: **(3) RUNNIN FOR DACE** – Horse for the course has two wins and three seconds in five starts here. He was a good second two starts back then romped last out. He comes back for the same claiming price for Ron Potts who wins 21% third start off the layoff.

2nd: **(8) BEST BUD** – Ran well against better on the dirt at Penn National then tried Tapeta last out and his late rally fell a head short. He has low-percentage connections but the same as his last start so it should only insure a decent price.

3rd: **(2) RED ANGRY BIRD** – Only 1 for 16 lifetime here but this is the lowest price he has ever run for. Pablo Morales back aboard.

Race Seven:

1st: **(2) DANCE OR STROLL** – Horse for the course is 6 for 12 lifetime and won two starts back going this distance. She weakened some last out going six furlongs as the 3/5 favorite for leading trainer Gerry Brooks who wins 23% with his synthetic-track starters.

2nd: **(3) QUEENOFTHEKINGDOM** – Horse for the course has four wins including two good wins coming from off the pace. Gerry Brooks wins 19% first start after a win and when he uses Erin Walker – big, flat-bet profit with her 67 sprint rides this year.

3rd: **(5) NAUT A GIVER** – Showed good speed here in her seasonal debut against better and now drops down to the bottom.

Race Eight:

1st: **(4) ROMAN APPROVAL** – Raced evenly here in his Tapeta debut going two turns against \$8,000 claimers then came back against the same group and ran the same race. Teresa Connelly drops him to the bottom and gets Antonio Gallardo to ride back.

2nd: **(1) TREE FIRE** – Returned to the races off an eight-month layoff and rallied wide from post eight to just miss. He comes back against the same claiming level for Eddie Clouston who wins 23% second start off the layoff and picks up Willie Martinez.

3rd: **(7) ECHOES OF THUNDER** – Horse for the course has had three starts here and should be ready for a big effort today.