

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Thursday 07/04/19

Race One:

1st: **(1) BETTER YET** – Only 1 for 11 lifetime but most were against better. She raced against similar company on the dirt and turf at Tampa Bay Downs then shipped here for her Tapeta debut and raced evenly going 2 turns for Ron Potts who wins 24% with Villa-Gomez
2nd: **(5) SOTHATSTHEWAYITIS** – Broke her maiden against good ones on the Tapeta at Woodbine but then ran poorly in her next 5 starts. Off the layoff, she came here & ran 2 solid races against this class level & now gets the ultimate makeover with blinkers and Lasix.

Race Two:

1st: **(6) BROOKLYNS SURPRISE** – Speedball breaking from the outside won here in her second start off the long layoff then came back and just missed. From out here, Nate Vickers can stalk the early pace and force the action from the insiders.
2nd: **(3) ELSIE'S PARADE** – Returned to the races off an eight-month layoff and went gate to wire when blinkers were added against similar company. She moved up in class last out and did nothing so she drops back down for Glenn Wismer.
3rd: **(5) KOBE'S TRAFFIC** – Speedball breaking from post five has had two starts this year and weakened both times.

Race Three:

1st: **(5) STRAIGHTOUTADUTTON** – Showed high speed before weakening in the deep stretch in his career debut at long odds. Son of Discreet Cat returns against the same class level for Randy Russell who wins 10% with his overall maiden claimers.
2nd: **(4) ROCK IT TOTHEMOON** – Was beaten 44 lengths in his first two career starts on the dirt then came here and showed speed for a half-mile. With blinkers added and the dropdown to this level, he was a good second as the odds-on favorite here for Mike Trombetta.
3rd: **(1) DEEP THINKER** – Irish 3YO gelding ran well there on the turf before shipping to Santa Anita and doing nothing there on the turf and dirt. He tried Tapeta at Golden Gate and was a good second against much cheaper and shows up here for Teresa Connelly.

Race Four:

1st: **(3) THE FAZZ MAN** – Horse for the course has won ten times here over the years. He has had three starts this year and faded both times here against this claiming level. Antonio Gallardo rides back – 24% with his sprint rides – for Shelly Radosevich.
2nd: **(4) POLLARD STAR** – Winless in seven tries here over the year as he finished up last year with four straight starts on wet tracks. Nick Caruso wins 19% off long layoffs and 24% going from dirt to synthetic. Erin Walker gets the mount – 13% with her sprint rides.
3rd: **(2) CITY STORM** – Another one that is winless in seven tries here but is rounding into form for Ron Potts who wins 13% third up.

Race Five:

1st: **(4) ULTIMATE BARONESS** – Missed by a neck two starts back here against better then dropped down came back to win going away. She drops way down in class for Leland Hayes who uses Pablo Morales – 4 for 6 – together and 19% with his sprint rides.
2nd: **(2) POQUITO ROSE** – Ran well two starts back in the mud at Mountaineer Park then tired after a half mile there. She returns here where she has won twice and drops way down in class for Shelly Radosevich who wins 30% first start after being beaten as the favorite.
3rd: **(6) MISS MY CABLE** – Only 3 for 43 lifetime and hasn't won in over two years but she does her best racing here.

Race Six:

1st: **(3) NO WAY NEVER** – After three failed turf tries, he shipped here and won going away at 5 ½ furlongs to break his maiden then he raced evenly when moved way up in class. Son of No Way Never drops way down in class for Linda Ride who is deadly shipping here.
2nd: **(4) HICKORY ISLAND** – Showed good speed two starts back when he held on for second then moved up in class with a similar effort. He drops back down in class and could regain last year's form where he ran well against better.
3rd: **(1) STORMY ENGAGEMENT** – Stretched out to a mile two starts back then had no shot against open allowance foes.

Race Seven:

1st: **(1) REDEEM MY HEART** – Just missed in her seasonal debut then beat allowance foes the next two starts. After beating open company last out, she drops a bit in class for Tim Girten who wins 20% first start after a win and 21% with his synthetic-track starters.
2nd: **(2) GET SASSY** – Horse for the course tired badly on the dirt two starts back in his first start in six months then she showed good speed here against lesser company. Tim Hamm wins 15% with his sprinters and is 2 for 8 when he uses Ron Allen, Jr.

Race Eight:

1st: **(6) SOUPER WARRIOR** – After two poor races here this year, he bounced back with a good second at 20/1 odds for leading trainer Gerry Brooks who wins 19% with his claimers and 23% with his synthetic track starters. Angel Stanley rides back.
2nd: **(4) ARMONICO** – Was a good third behind the top choice in his Tapeta debut for Jose Lopez who wins 13% second start out of his barn. Converted turf sprinter draws in the middle with winless jockey Gilberto Santiago.
3rd: **(10) SUNNY SIDE OVER** – Raced evenly in his career debut then beat maiden claimers when racing up on the pace.