Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Wednesday 07/17/19

Race One:

- 1st: (6) BLAZIN LIASON Still winless after 11 tries but all of them came against better company. She dropped down in class here two starts back and ran well then did nothing last out. Arienne Cox wins 10% when she rides for Wayne Rice.
- 2nd: **(2) HIT MAKER** Returns to the races off a long layoff and is now in Lance Stokes' barn who wins 33% off long rest and 30% first start out of his barn. He adds blinkers and draws inside while facing low-level maiden claimers.
- 3rd: (5) FUSAICHI BAD BOY Showed some speed two starts back when stretched out to two turns for the first time.

Race Two:

- 1st: (7) WIND AND A NOD Tries Tapeta for the first time after going gate to wire to win by four lengths last out on the dirt at Suffolk Downs. He has strong early speed 7 fits the right profile here. Tim Girten wins 27% first start out of his barn and 22% first start after a win. 2nd: (4) AI Tired some two starts back then he came back and came right back to win while contesting the pace. He drops down some in claiming price and picks up Willie Martinez who should get him out of the gate
- 3^{rd} : (1) MAD JACK Has improved some since dropping down in class while adding blinkers. He picks up Antonio Gallardo 23% sprinting.

Race Three:

- 1st: (1) ETHICAL COMPLIANCE Returned to the races off a long layoff and raced evenly against one level better. He came back and rallied for third here last out against this state-bred claiming level. Nate Vickers rides back 10% with his sprint rides.
- 2nd: **(4) CACTUS CATCH ME** Stretched out to two turns two starts bac and he showed good speed to the final yards then he came from just off the pace going six furlongs here. Ryan Walsh wins 14% with his claimers and 13% with his sprinters.
- 3rd: (2) KAPRANCY Moves up in class off two solid sprints here off the long layoff for Ed Rojas who wins 25% third start off the layoff.

Race Four:

- 1st: **(5) LOTTA COOL TIMES** Horse for the course is sired by Two Step Salsa whose runners have an affinity for the Tapeta here. He beat similar claiming types here last out for Teresa Connelly who wins 29% first start after a win and 20% with Addiel Ayala.
- 2nd: **(3) GAME STAR** Makes his Tepeta debut for Tina Ramgeet who wins 23% first start after being beaten as the favorite and second start off the layoff. He was a good second going two turns on the dirt last out and Andrew Ramgeet rides back.
- 3rd: (2) RED ANGRY BIRD Has run against this claiming level twice recently here and ran second both times in good time going six.

Race Five:

- 1st: (5) MINI SALA Showed good speed on the dirt at Finger Lakes then shipped here last out and beat similar optional claimers going gate to wire at this distance. Dan Conway, Jr. wins 33% with his synthetic-track starters and 20% first start after a win.
- 2nd: **(2) JEN'S SONG** Raced evenly from post one two starts back then dropped down to starter allowance foes and his late rally just missed. He moves back up in class and picks up Pablo Morales 19% with his sprint rides.
- 3rd: (6) GEE PEA ESS Speedball has been running well in turf sprints at Mountaineer Park and should handle the surface switch.

Race Six:

- 1st: (4) REDEEM MY HEART Horse for the course just missed in her return to the races off a long layoff and has since won three starts in a row. Her state-bred wins do not count against this allowance condition and gets Scott Spieth back aboard 23% with his sprint rides. 2nd: (1) LADHIYAH Raced well on synthetic tracks in France then shipped to America and raced evenly on the turf at Delaware Park. Daughter of Kitten's Joy draws the rail and gets Pablo Morales 22% with his route mounts.
- 3rd: (3) NANTUCKET RED Was racing on turf most of her career and then shipped here and just missed against this allowance level.

Race Seven:

- 1st: (3) PIPER HILL Horse for the course won by a neck against cheaper then just missed two starts in a row against open company. He came back last out to beat the same ones as before and now moves up in class for Rim Girten who wins 22% first start after a win.
- 2nd: **(5) DELTA EXPRESS** Returns to the races off a 286 day layoff for Jason DaCosta who wins 9% in this spot and 15% with his allowance starters. He won his first two starts here and is training well for this. Antonio Gallardo picks up the mount.
- 3rd: (2) KITCHEN FIRE Horse for the course won here three starts back then ran second his last two starts.

Race Eight:

- 1st: (2) BEING THERE Was a good second three starts back here going two turns then raced evenly in his last two starts here. Mark Doering wins 18% with his synthetic-track starters and Huber Villa-Gomez rides back 16% with his route mounts.
- 2nd: **(11) ROMAN APPROVAL** Has yet to win in three tries on the Tapeta but the first 2 came against better claiming company. He raced evenly last out when dropped down to this claiming level for Teresa Connelly who wins 24% first start after being beaten as the favorite.
- 3rd: (6) CLICKJAB Tries Tapeta for the first time after winning two starts in a row on the dirt for Eddie Clouston.