

## Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Monday 07/22/19

### Race One:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(2) LITTLE TEQUILA** – Just missed three starts back in his second start off a long layoff. He showed good speed before tiring next time out then dropped down to this maiden claiming level and was right there to the final yards.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(4) WHISPER BARROW** – He's 0 for 23 lifetime but they all came against better maiden company. He ran well here last out going two turns and now drops in class and distance for Wayne Rice. On his best effort, he fits with these.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(1) RULING EMPIRE** – Makes his Tapeta debut for Brett Santangelo who wins 33% with this class dropdown.

### Race Two:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(4) TREASURE MINE** – Broke his maiden three starts back coming from just off the pace then raced evenly next time out. He improved some last out going this distance for John Bourke who wins 18% with his claimers and the last 246 of them show a flat-bet profit.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(2) SOUPER WARRIOR** – Broke his maiden in his PID debut then did nothing the next two starts. He woke up some next out when he rallied for second then raced evenly last out for Gerry Brooks who wins 23% with his synthetic-track starters.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(3) FIFTY PLUS** – Ran great off the long layoff then did nothing next out in fast time. He rallied strong for second last out with Vickers.

### Race Three:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(5) HONOR LIFE** – Horse for the course was a good third in his first start off the claim then came back and won by a head from post 10 next time out. He won again last out and tries them again for Jeff Radosevich who wins 35% when he rides Scott Spieth.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1A) PETROCELLI** – Has been racing with decent results on the dirt lately and should be dangerous from post four. He has good early speed and Eddie Dominguez will probably send him. His entymate has been racing against better for Anthony Ferraro.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(2) REPLAY** – Horse for the course won two in a row here against one level cheaper then was an even third last out.

### Race Four:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(7) SHOWBOATING** – Just missed going gate to wire two starts back then returned at this distance and won by six lengths. She has enough early speed to stalk these from the outside or just go to the front. Matt Kintz wins 28% first start after a win.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1) TAPPING THE KITTY** – Rallied from off the pace to win going away two starts back then lost all chance last out when she broke poorly from an inside post. Ed Rojas wins 22% first start after being beaten as the favorite and 20% with his overall claimers.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(2) SEASIDE RENDEZVOUS** – Dropped down to this claiming level las tout and rallied for third for Nick Caruso who wins 17% with his overall claimers.

### Race Five:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(1) THE KID ROCKS** – Missed by a neck in his Tapeta debut after racing mostly on the turf at Tampa Bay Downs. He won going away last out over open allowance foes and drops down in class while drawing the rail for Darien Rodriguez who wins 26% first start after a win.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) YAMBURG** – Raced against this conditioned claiming level and was an even fourth then moved up in class las tout won going away. He drops back down in class for Jed Stefee. Walber Alencar rides back – 13% with his sprinters.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(6) STORMY ENGAGEMENT** – Was a good third when dropped down to this class level then beat then last out at 9/10.

### Race Six:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(6) MR GRAY** – Beat this optional claiming level two starts back then came back and did it again with three more pounds. He meets the same group for Claude Brownfield who wins 13% first start after a win and 20% with his synthetic-track starters.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) SEEKING THE BAY** – Moved up some in class in his first start off the claim and won by three lengths then was a good second behind the top choice against this level. Aldana Gonzalez wins 14% going long and 24% riding Scott Spieth.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(3) MASTEROFTHEHOUSE** – Horse for the course was an even third going this distance then won a six-furlong sprint last out.

### Race Seven:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(2) FOR THE MOMENT** – Tried turf for the first time and held well for third two starts back at Penn National then tried Tapeta here for the first time and his late rally missed by a nose. Bernie Houghton wins 32% with his synthetic-track starters and 21% going long.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(6) AFTERBURNER** – Just missed going gate to wire here two starts back then he came back and romped in fast time. He takes on open company for Ron Potts who wins 18% first start after a win and 33% when he rides Geovany Garcia.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(1A) INDYGO YANKEE** – Was claimed for \$40K two starts back and raced evenly going seven furlongs when blinkers were added.

### Race Eight:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(2) NOPALITO** – Horse for the course returned to the races with two seconds on the dirt at Thistledown then he came back here and missed by a head as the 19/10 favorite. Matt Kintz wins 23% first start after being beaten as the favorite and gets Mario Pino back.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(7) MIDNIGHT PUNK** – Horse for the course is 6 for 14 here over the years. He was claimed for \$8K two starts back and came back against bottom-level claimers and missed by less than a length for Gerry Brooks who wins 16% second start off the claim.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(8) WILD WINNER** – Only 1 for 33 here lifetime but he 14 other placings. He just missed last out behind the top choice.