

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Tuesday 07/30/19

Race One:

1st: **(2) CRUSH IT** – Romped by over six lengths two starts back at Suffolk Downs going a two-turn mile then moved up to this claiming level in his first start off the claim and he missed by a neck in his Tapeta debut. He draws inside and gets Antonio Gallardo.
2nd: **(1) RIDGE DEFENSE** – Has yet to win in eight tries here but has six other placings and most came against this claiming level. He ran well two races in a row going six furlongs then lost all chance from post 8 when stretched out to two turns but came back with a good try.
3rd: **(6) ORCHESTRAL** – Made his Tapeta debut a winning one two starts back then went gate to wire against this level last out.

Race Two:

1st: **(3) DR. KOY** – Horse for the course was a sharp winner going this distance two starts back then tired when moved up in class. Joe Martin wins 14% with his sprinters and 12% with his claimers. Son of Blame draws well and gets Mike Allen back aboard.
2nd: **(4) DREMAs BOY** – Returned to the races off a six-month layoff with a good second on the dirt at Finger Lakes. He came back against this claiming level last out here in a wide trip for Dan Conway, Jr. who wins 37% with his synthetic-track starters.
3rd: **(1) BLUE SKY'S ABOVE** – Horse for the course drops back down in class after just missing against this claiming level.

Race Three:

1st: **(4) WHISPER SLOW** – Won his career debut going five furlongs here. Tim Hamm wins 18% first start after a maiden win and 19% against allowance foes. Daughter of Distorted Humor is working well for this and gets Scott Spieth back aboard.
2nd: **(6) WELL SPENT** – Rallied from just off the pace to win going away in a turf sprint at Churchill Downs. Wayne Catalano adds Lasix and she tries Tapeta with Pablo Modrales – 20% with his sprint rides. Catalano wins 16% first start after a maiden win.
3rd: **(5) CAMBRIA** – Won going away here at 4 ½ furlongs over two months ago for Wesley Ward who wins 23% off medium rest.

Race Four:

1st: **(2) SAPPHIRE SHILLING** – Made his Tapeta debut two starts back off a seven-month layoff and was a game second going two turns then came back to race evenly going six furlongs. Ron Potts wins 23% third start off the layoff and 31% when using Huber Villa-Gomez.
2nd: **(4) HOT TRAFFIC** – Improved this year when Lasix was added then he added blinkers last out and he got up in time going two turns. He faces high-class optional claimers for Ryan Walsh who wins 15% with his synthetic-track starters.
3rd: **(1) TEMPLE CITY STAR** – Made his Tapeta debut here and missed by a head then came back to win when racing on the pace.

Race Five:

1st: **(7) NICEANDEZ** – Ultimate horse for the course goes for win number 17 here. After racing evenly to begin this season, he went gate to wire in good time last out for Shelly Radosevich who wins 20% first start after a win and 15% with her overall claimers.
2nd: **(4) CEE 'N O** – Horse for the course won his first two starts here then was second next time out. He lost all chance last out with an awkward start from post one and now draws much better for Mike Rogers. Antonio Gallardo wins 25% with his sprint starters.
3rd: **(3) BOBBY V.** – Won two in a row on the dirt at Mahoning Valley then came here and raced evenly against better company.

Race Six:

1st: **(8) POWELL** – Romped in his Tapeta debut up at Woodbine then just missed there in a \$100K stakes race. He shipped down here and was an even third against similar stakes company but when dropped down in class last out at Monmouth Park, he didn't show much.
2nd: **(3) DOMISSME** – Has been racing evenly against similar company then was outrun going two turns against state-bred stakes foes. He drops back down to six furlongs for Joe Cheeks who wins 24% with this distance shift and 14% with his synthetic-track starters.
3rd: **(7) CAPTAIN MAD JACK** – Beat state-bred allowance foes here two starts back then was a good second as the 9/5 favorite.

Race Seven:

1st: **(1) DIAMOND DUST** – Has been running well against Ohio-breds. After railing on the turf, he came back at Thistledown and opened up a big lead before being run down. Tim Hamm wins 28% first start after being beaten as the favorite and 21% going long to short.
2nd: **(5) CROSTOWN SHOOTOUT** – Improved some when Lasix was added and he was a good second in a \$100K stakes race here. He just missed in his next two starts against allowance foes for Ryan Walsh who wins 18% first start after being beaten as the favorite.
3rd: **(7) HURRICANE HIGHWAY** – Romped by nine lengths in his well-bet career debut on the synthetic track at Arlington Park.

Race Eight:

1st: **(1) SAVE THE DRAMA** – Speedball breaking from the rail ran second two starts in a row then won from just off the pace last out. Shelly Radosevich wins 20% first start after a win and 15% with her overall claimers.
2nd: **(6) PRINCETONIAN** – Dropped back down to this claiming level two starts back and he missed by a length. Last out, he raced wide throughout and never made an impact. Gerry Brooks wins 23% with his synthetic-track starters and 18% sprinting.
3rd: **(8) LEGACY AZTECA** – Showed high speed two starts back before weakening then won from off the pace last out.