

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Wednesday 07/31/19

Race One:

1st: **(6) DARBY DART** – Dropped down to this maiden claiming level with blinkers added but he did little going 5 ½ furlongs. He was a good fourth when moved up in class then came back with a good second when dropped back down to this level.

2nd: **(2) KOTOBUKI** – Was an even third in his career debut in a wide trip going two turns in decent time. He meets the same group from an inside post for Nick Caruso who wins 16% with his maiden claimers. Geovany Garcia rides back – 13% with his route mounts.

3rd: **(3) BLAZIN LIASON** – Still a maiden after 12 tries but all but the last was against this maiden claiming level.

Race Two:

1st: **(4) DAILY FEATURE** – Horse for the course won two straight races on the dirt at Mountaineer Park then came back here with an even third going this distance when she chased the pace from post one. Eddie Clouston wins 21% with his sprinters and 20% with his claimers.

2nd: **(5) TWIST 'N SHOUT** – Just missed in her Tapeta debut against this claiming level then she came back with an even fourth. Claimed that day by Cathy Rozantz, she showed good speed last out before tiring and comes back on seven day's rest with Antonio Gallardo.

3rd: **(6) FOREVER PLUS** – Was in good form here last year against better but her two starts this year have not been much.

Race Three:

1st: **(5) PUERTO VARAS** – Showed good speed before tiring in his well-bet career debut going five furlongs. He comes back against the same group for Tim Hamm who wins 15% first time going long and 14% going short to long. Hamm has been red-hot here lately.

2nd: **(4) CHASING THE CANDY** – Recovered nicely from post one in his career debut when he broke a big slow and was stuck behind a slow pace. He comes back at a mile again for Tim Girten who wins 34% with his maiden special weight starters.

3rd: **(2) SPOKESMAN** – First-time starter from Mike Stidham who wins 18% with his debut runners and gets Antonio Gallardo.

Race Four:

1st: **(9) J'S HANDSOME FANA** – Beat similar three starts back going two turns then raced evenly next time out in good time going this distance. She came back and showed good speed before weakening and should be able to sit off the pace from a wide draw.

2nd: **(10) CLASSICAL LADY** – Missed by a neck two starts back behind the top choice then won last out when she rallied from off the pace going a mile in very fast time. Ron Potts wins 18% first start after a win and 31% when he rides Huber Villa-Gomez.

3rd: **(4) RED STARLET** – Stretched out to two turns two starts back and was a good second then was the beaten favorite last out.

Race Five:

1st: **(6) RUNNIN FOR DACE** – Beat similar claimers three starts back as the odds-on favorite then came back with a good third in fast time. He was shuffled back from post one last out and draws better today with Geovany Garcia who wins 26% when riding for Ron Potts.

2nd: **(1) ETHICAL COMPLIANCE** – Drops down in class after facing better state-bred claimers. He was a good third second start off the laoff then won last out when he stalked the pace from the inside. Nate Vickers rides back – 9% with his sprint rides.

3rd: **(12) RED ANGRY BIRD** – Was a good second two starts back here going six furlongs then came back with a good third.

Race Six:

1st: **(2) MARGIE IS LIVID** – Dropped down to this claiming level and won going away in her Tapeta debut. She draws well for Ron Potts who wins 18% first start after a win and gets Huber Villa-Gomez back aboard – 11% with his sprint rides

2nd: **(3) SONG OF INDY** – Horse for the course missed by a neck two starts back when he led every step but the last. He came back and tired late going six furlongs so he will probably appreciate the drop back to 5 ½ furlongs.

3rd: **(4) BRUJA BUG** – Was an even third two starts back then dropped down in class last out and won going away.

Race Seven:

1st: **(2) LADY MUNNINGS** – Broke her maiden here in her Tapeta debut going 5 ½ furlongs. She came back with a good third behind two next-out winners then rallied from just off the pace to get second. Jonathan Sheppard wins 14% with his sprinters and gets Mario Pino.

2nd: **(1) COZZENE'S CAT** – Has only won twice here in 32 starts but she has 11 second-place finishes. She has had four starts here this year and moves up to open allowance company for Randy Russell who wins 8% with his synthetic-track starters.

3rd: **(6) MA DE TAW** – Just missed going gate to wire two starts back then tired last out despite a slowish pace.

Race Eight:

1st: **(5) WHISKEY SEVEN** – Drops way down in class for his Tapeta debut after running evenly on turf at Gulfstream Park. This is the lowest he has ever raced for and he shows a half-mile breeze here last week to get ready.

2nd: **(12) UNCLE DAVE** – Ran third two starts in a row against \$8K claimers then tired last out after pressing the pace. Mark Hoffman wins 17% with his claiming starters and 15% with his synthetic-track starters. David Delgado will try to overcome post 12.

3rd: **(6) BEING THERE** – Been stuck at this claiming level but was a good second by a neck at decent odds last out here.