

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Thursday 08/01/19

Race One:

1st: **(2) MOMENTS TO SAVER** – Raced evenly to begin her career with two efforts on the turf at Tampa Bay Downs then shipped here for her Tapeta debut and she rallied for third going six furlongs. She stretches out to two turns for Teresa Connelly who wins 17% second start off the layoff and 19% with this maiden dropdown. Antonio Gallardo rides back – 4 for 12 riding for Connelly.

2nd: **(3) MAJOR TAPIT** – Just missed in his career debut here then raced evenly when moved up in class. He added Lasix last out and raced evenly in his two-turn debut and draws well with Walber Alencar.

Race Two:

1st: **(2) ROCKYSBUCKAROO** – Did nothing in his first two career starts on the dirt at Gulfstream Park before shipping here and showing high speed to the deep stretch. He came back against bottom maiden claimers and went gate to wire for Dave Markgraf.

2nd: **(3) ROARING LAUNCH** – Went gate to wire here three starts back to break his maiden at the age of seven then came back and was outrun in fast time. He dropped down in class and just missed last out and now drops another notch for leading trainer Gerry Brooks.

3rd: **(4) SUNNY SIDE OVER** – Raced evenly in his career debut then broke his maiden by a neck. He ran evenly and now adds Lasix.

Race Three:

1st: **(1A) THAT'S EXCITING** – Heads up a very tough entry for Mike Pappada. She has won his last three starts by wide margins and now moves up in class second start off the claim. Pappada wins 32% first start after a win and goes with Erin Walker – 14% with her sprinters.

2nd: **(2) NAUT A GIVER** – Horse for the course flashed speed for a half-mile two starts back then dropped down in class and held well to be second. Teresa Connelly wins 22% with her synthetic-track starters and 20% with her claiming sprinters.

Race Four:

1st: **(2) BRATT STACK** – Still winless after ten tries but the first 7 came against much better company. She was a good second two starts back here then came back with another second as the 6/5 favorite. Mike Rogers wins 18% first start after being beaten as the favorite.

2nd: **(1) HOLLY MOLLY DOLLY** – Makes her Tapeta debut without much form but she drops way down in class for Tim Girten who wins 31% first start out of his barn and his last 29 show a huge, flat-bet profit. Pablo Morales picks up the mount - 41% with Girten.

3rd: **(7) KARA LOT** – Has had many close chances in 16 tries to break her maiden but she improved last out when blinkers were added.

Race Five:

1st: **(4) LOTTA COOL TIMES** – Went gate to wire two starts back here going six furlongs then did it again at this distance. As long as nobody claims him, Teresa Connelly will keep running his back for the same price. Addiel Ayala rides back – 25% with Connelly.

2nd: **(10) WINK AND A NOD** – Went gate to wire on the dirt at Suffolk Downs then came here for his Tapeta debut and he held on after opening up a five-length lead. Tim Girten wins 23% first start after a win and 21% with his overall claimers.

3rd: **(8) RED ANGRY BIRD** – Was a good second two starts back here going six furlongs then came back with a good third.

Race Six:

1st: **(4) COZAR'S QUEEN** – Was a good second two starts back here in her first start in eight months then came back to break her maiden in her 11th try. Now, she drops all the way down to \$10K claimers for Randy Russell who wins 17% first start after a maiden win.

2nd: **(1) KAPRANCY** – Just missed going gate to wire two starts back against this state-bred claiming level then he was a good second as the 9/5 favorite. Ed Rojas wins 21% first start after being beaten as the favorite and 19% with his overall claimers.

3rd: **(6) BRIDGELANDS** – Broke her maiden then faced better without success. She dropped down in class last out for Tim Girten.

Race Seven:

1st: **(5) BEER TAP** – Was a sharp winner here two starts back against this claiming price then he came back and just missed after pressing the pace wide. Jeff Radosevich wins 22% with his claimers and 30% when he rides Scott Spieth.

2nd: **(1A) MAS CHIKILIN** – Broke his maiden then came right back to beat open allowance foes. He ran well in his last two starts and now Teresa Connelly drops him down a notch in class. Entry mate is coming off a win against this claiming level.

Race Eight:

1st: **(6) HOXIE** – Made his Tapeta debut a winning one three starts back then came back to miss by a neck. She won again last out and drops down a notch in class for Brett Santangelo who wins 13% first start after a win and 23% with his overall claimers.

2nd: **(2) MANDEVILLE** – Won her Tapeta debut then came back three starts later and won by five lengths after stalking the pace wide. Daughter of Kitten's Joy draws inside and gets Pablo Morales – 6 for 9 riding for Leland Hayes.

3rd: **(5) SENORITA SPARKPLUG** – Horse for the course comes right back off a front-end win against this class level.