

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

### Race One:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(5) GOLDEN EMPEROR** – Horse for the course tired two starts back then dropped down in class and went gate to wire in good time. He has handled this class level before for Mike Rogers who wins 11% first start after a win.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(4) OLDZFOURFORTYTWO** – Ran well last year against much better but made his seasonal debut against \$15,000 claimers here and did nothing going 6 ½ furlongs. He drops down to \$8,000 here for Tim Girten who wins 21% with his synthetic-track starters.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(1) BREZNO** – Goes for win number 13 here for Kevin Rice who claimed him last out off a two-turn effort that should have him fit.

### Race Two:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(6) BIRDS GONE WILD** – Just missed against this claiming level two starts back then was beaten four lengths last out when moved up in class. 9YO son of Birdstone drops back down for Anthony Stabile who wins 14% second start out of his barn.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1) IM CHILLIN** – After racing on the turf at Tampa Bay Downs this winter, he shipped here and promptly beat this claiming level. He came right back to beat them again then just missed last out when moved up in class. Ron Potts wins 23% with Huber Villa-Gomez.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(2) ROCHESTER** – Horse for the course finished up last year going gate to wire 2 starts back then tired here in his return going short.

### Race Three:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(4) MAYFLOWERS** – Has been catching very fast races with the winner going 1:09 and change. She improved some last out when he had to rally wide after being shuffled back from an inside post. Gerry Brooks wins 16% with his sprinters.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(3) SILENT SOFIA** – Beat \$25,000 claimers two starts back going 5 ½ furlongs then just missed going gate to wire last out going two turns here. She drops back to six furlongs for Glenn Wismer who wins 13% third start off the layoff.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(6) CAMEL MARTINI** – Ran well here two years ago then returned off a 10-month layoff and won by ten lengths in fast time.

### Race Four:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(4) NOPALITO** – Horse for the course has had two starts this year going 5 ½ furlongs on the dirt at Thistledown and now switches back to Tapeta for Matt Kintz who has been very quiet at this meet so far. Mario Pino picks up the mount.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(7) WILD WINTER** – Has only won once in 32 tries but he has 10 seconds. He just missed last out when his late rally fell a length short and now drops down to bottom claimers for Lisa Allen who is winless in the 24 times she has ridden Mike Allen.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(6) GRAND OLD GAME** – Returned off a 19-month layoff with an even third then dropped down and raced evenly.

### Race Five:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(1) IMPLY** – Was a good third here in this race last year. She has won on dirt, turf and Tapeta in her last four starts. She won a state-bred stakes race at Penn National for Bernie Houghton who wins 21% third start off the layoff and 38% with Julio Hernandez.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(2) MARMALADE** – Missed by a neck going gate to wire two starts back then was an even third here against open allowance foes. Horse for the course draws the rail with Antonio Gallardo – 7 for 14 riding for Darien Rodriguez.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(5) DARCY MAE** – Shipped here and beat state-breds in her Tapeta debut going six furlongs then won again going two turns.

### Race Six:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(1) NAVY ARMED GUARD** – Just missed on the turf at Tampa Bay Downs then made his Tapeta debut last out and was a good third in very fast time going two turns. Joan Scott wins 32% first start after being beaten as the favorite and gets Antonio Gallardo.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(8) BIG RIG** – Raced evenly here two starts back against allowance foes then dropped down in class and missed by a neck. Ron Potts wins 18% with his synthetic-track starters and gets Huber Villa-Gomez back who does measurably better going two turns than sprints.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(7) BUGLE BARRY** – Missed by a half-length two starts back against this claiming level then could not handle the move up in class.

### Race Seven:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(2) FAST AND ACCURATE** – Speedball went gate to wire on the turf at Gulfstream Park then he just missed at Woodbine. Last out against state-bred stakes foes on the turf at Penn National, he won by four lengths for Mike Maker who wins 26% second off the layoff.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1) BEYOND SMART** – Has won six times here in eleven tries including a sharp win going two turns against open allowance foes. He had no shot against the top choice on the turf last out but the Tapeta moves up way up. The defending champion gets Scott Spieth back.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(5) JAGUAR POZ** – Just missed here two starts back going short then won by a neck in a long sprint for Ron Potts.

### Race Eight:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(1) TAPPING THE KITTY** – Dropped down to this claiming level and was a good third then came back to win last out for Ed Rojas who wins 26% third start off the layoff and 21% first start after a win. Eddie Dominguez rides back – 12% with his sprint starters.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(9) MISS CINDY LOU WHO** – Went gate to wire in her Tapeta debut then was outrun when moved up in class. She bounced back to wire bottom-level claimers and moves up a notch for Kevin Rice who wins 16% first start off a win and is 3 for 7 using Mario Pino.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(5) LEAVING DIXIE** – Returns to the races off a 276-day layoff and drops down in class for Mike Rogers who wins 16% in this spot.