

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Monday 08/05/19

Race One:

1st: **(5) PIPER HILL** – Horse for the course beat cheaper starter allowance foes two starts back then came back here and beat this state-bred allowance foes with a strong rally going this distance in fast time. Tim Girten wins 23% first start after a win and 35% with Morales.
2nd: **(3) STORM ADVISORY** – Was a good winner two starts back going two turns on a wet track at Parx Racing then went to Saratoga and was outrun on a sloppy track going 5 ½ furlongs in an off-the-turf event. Scott Spieth picks up the mount.

Race Two:

1st: **(3) WHISPER BARROW** – Made a strong middle moved before weakening two starts back going two turns against better then came back at this maiden level and distance with a good second. He has yet to win in 24 tries but looks to be the best of this group.
2nd: **(6) FUSAICHI BAD BOY** – Has yet to finish in the money but last out he showed good speed for six furlongs going two turns when dropped down to this maiden claiming level. Joe Martin wins 13% with his overall maiden claimers.
3rd: **(5) EL ROJO** – Winless in eleven tries but he has six placings and this is the lowest class he has ever faced.

Race Three:

1st: **(4) BLICHTON** – Horse for the course goes for win number 10 here. He was a sharp winner two starts back against similar company then raced evenly last out when moved up in class. John Bourke wins 16% with his overall sprinters and 24% with Walber Alencar.
2nd: **(6) MINI SALA** – Beat this optional claiming level two starts back here in his Tapeta debut then came back to do it again going this distance in fast time. Dan Conway, Jr. wins 36% with his synthetic-track starters and is 4 for 9 using Antonio Gallardo.
3rd: **(2) KITCHEN FIRE** – Speedball led to the final strides last out against better and should be the one to catch here.

Race Four:

1st: **(7) NOPALITO** – Just missed here two starts back after running twice on the dirt at Thistledown. He came back with an even effort last out and faced the same bottom-level claimers for Matt Kintz who wins 18% with his sprinters and shows a flat-bet profit on synthetics.
2nd: **(8) POLLARD STAR** – Has yet to win here in nine tries but comes in off two good seconds against this claiming level to begin the year. Nick Caruso wins 16% with his claiming starters and he goes with Erin Walker – 13% with her sprint rides.
3rd: **(2) WILD WINTER** – Only 1 for 34 here but has 10 seconds and should be a stretch factor with Mile Allen back.

Race Five:

1st: **(3) BEKKI'S DANCE** – Horse for the course has won 13 times including a sharp win two starts back. She was a good third last out and now moves up for leading trainer Gerry Brooks who wins 10% in this spot and 23% with his synthetic-track starters.
2nd: **(4) CAN SHE SCOOT** – Won her Tapeta debut last October then won here two starts back in very fast time for this claiming level. She romped last out at Arlington Park when moved up in class and faces similar here for Justin Johns who wins 23% first start after a win.
3rd: **(6) BRING IT ON HOME** – Horse for the course went gate to wire two starts back here then just missed when used hard from post one.

Race Six:

1st: **(3) PIZZA MAN PETE** – Has been showing good speed going two turns and now drops down in class and distance for Glenn Wismer who wins 18% with his synthetic-track starters and 17% with his overall sprinters. Antonio Gallardo picks up the mount.
2nd: **(5) OUR DOMINATOR** – Another speedball turning back in distance. Mike Rogers wins 13% with his synthetic-track starters and 12% with his overall claimers. Horse for the course returns against the same conditioned claiming level and gets Mike Allen.
3rd: **(1) ETHICAL COMPLIANCE** – Rallied from off the pace to win going away here last out and moves up a notch in class.

Race Seven:

1st: **(4) SILENT SOFIA** – Returned to the race with a sharp win then showed high speed going two turns while finishing second going two turns. She raced evenly last out going six furlongs for Glen Wismer who wins 30% going short to long.
2nd: **(6) PENITANCE** – Has run well in three straight races going two turns against this allowance level. She was a good second in her last two start on the turf at Penn National for Jonathan Sheppard wins 22% with this surface switch.
3rd: **(2) STORM RISING** – Broke her maiden by over five lengths in her well-bet career debut on the dirt at Tampa Bay Downs.

Race Eight:

1st: **(5) ELYSIUM** – Beat bottom-level claimers two starts back going five furlongs then came back at 6 ½ furlongs and was a game second. Gerry Brooks wins 25% with Antonio Gallardo and he wins the same percentage with his sprint rides.
2nd: **(1A) SOLID FRIENDSHIP** – Only 2 for 45 here lifetime but she should be fit in her second start off the layoff while dropping down in class. Randy Russell wins 8% with this dropdown and 12% when he rides Huber Villa-Gomez.
3rd: **(6) LADY KIM** – Woke up last out when he beat this claiming price by over three lengths for leading trainer Gerry Brooks.