

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

### Race One:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(1) DON'T BE SO SALTY** – Tapeta master has won six times here and four times at Woodbine. Has won three straight races at Woodbine including two fast wins then was used hard from post one going 6 ½ furlongs before weakening. Scott Spieth rides back.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(3) LESS THAN PERFECT** – Horse for the course goes for win number ten. He has been showing good speed going two turns and now turns back to a sprint for Kevin Rice who wins 12% with this distance change and 16% with his allowance runners.

### Race Two:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(3) BETWEENHEREANDCOOL** – Horse for the course continues to add to his record by starting off 2019 with three straight wins. He moved up to this claiming level last out and won going away in his first start off the claim by Darien Rodriguez – 29% off the win.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(6) CAN'T SAY NO** – Seems to run well every other start and he drops down in class off a poor effort. Aldana Gomez wins 22% with her synthetic-track starters and 13% with her overall claimers. Scott Spieth rides back – 18% with his sprint rides.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(4) BLUEGRASS BALL** – Goes for win number eight here for leading trainer Gerry Brooks who goes with Gallardo – 26% together.

### Race Three:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(4) LA HERMANA** – Improved some two starts back when blinkers were added for her Tapeta debut then she could not overcome post 11 going two turns when dropped to this maiden claiming level. Teresa Connelly wins 18% with her route starters and 36% with Gallardo.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(6) SHEFLEW** – Was soundly beaten against better company on the dirt to begin the year but she switched back to Tapeta last out and she was an even fourth when dropped down to this maiden claiming level. Tim Hamm wins 18% with his route starters.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(3) LOVELY ARABELLA** – Was a good second against this level three starts back then came back two races later with a good third.

### Race Four:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(5) BRENDA'S G L P** – Was a good second in a turf sprint two starts back against better then missed by a neck in an off-the-turf event. She makes her Tapeta debut for Tim Girten who wins 30% first start out of his barn and 25% first start after being beaten as the favorite.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(4) ALL IN GIRL** – Broke her maiden in her Tapeta debut when making her 21<sup>st</sup> start. She came back with three decent starts against this conditioned claiming level for Ed Rojas who wins 19% with his overall claimers and 16% with his sprint starters.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(6) SLEIGHBELLE** – Has yet to win here in six tries but has four seconds. Last out on a muddy track at Penn National. She showed good speed going this distance and should be fit in her second start off the layoff for Todd Beattie – 20% in this spot.

### Race Five:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(4) WENT WITH THE WIND** – Continues to drop down looking for class relief. He was outrun going seven furlongs two starts back at Churchill Downs then came here for her Tapeta debut and was an even fifth after moving up in class off the claim by Tim Girten.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) COUGAR WATCH** – Raced on the turf two races in a row at Suffolk Downs then came back here and just missed against this claiming level. Daughter of Kitten's Joy needs some pace to set up her late kick and she gets Antonio Gallardo back aboard.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(3) DON'TEATMYCOOKIES** – Speedball makes her Tapeta debut for Joe Woodard who wins 23% first start after being beaten as the favorite. Addiel Ayala picks up the mount – 14% with his sprint rides.

### Race Six:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(6) READY DANCER** – Ships in from Finger Lakes and won six straight races there against allowance foes before being beaten last out. Not sure why he just doesn't start there but he ships in here for his Tapeta debut for Dan Conway, Jr. who wins 20% dirt to Tapeta.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(3) TAKIN THE SLOROAD** – Horse for the course promptly won his Tapeta debut here then came back against this level and was an even third. He came back to beat open \$12,500 claimers last out for George Bush who wins 25% first start after a win.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(4) MR GREY** – Horse for the course won two in a row against this class level then missed by a neck last out as the favorite.

### Race Seven:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(3) DON'T BLAME BERTIE** – Ran well in her Tapeta debut after being shuffled back from post one against this optional claiming level then came back with a wide trip for second. Daughter of Blame draws well for Todd Beattie who wins 19% with his sprinters.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1) MA DE TAW** – Consistent filly just missed three starts back then tired next time out. She came back against state-bred allowance foes and was a good second after racing up near the pace and has enough speed to take advantage of the rail  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(4) DARK CORNER** – Did nothing in her first two career starts but then woke up on a wet, main track.

### Race Eight:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(5) CAGEY LADY** – Broke her maiden in her seventh career start then came back against winners and showed speed to the final furlong. Daughter of Discreet Cat drops down a notch in class for Tim Hamm who wins 16% with his sprinters and 15% with his claimers.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(4) EVERYBODY LOVES ME** – Returned to the races off a 13-month layoff with a dull effort on a sloppy track at Belmont Park then shipped here and was a good second against better claimers. She raced evenly last out & gets Antonio Gallardo – 25% with his sprinters.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(6) QUEEN DIVA** – Was soundly beaten against top maidens on the dirt at Finger Lakes then dropped down in class and won easily.