

## Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Wednesday 08/14/19

### Race One:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(2) DYNAMIC WAR** – Speedball tired badly two starts back when she engaged in a disputed, fast pace. Last out, she stretched out to this distance and despite opening up a big lead in a even faster pace (+23, +17), she held on to the final yards.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1) NO INTEREST** – Raced well here going six furlongs then stretched out to two turns and she rallied from just off the fast pace to run by the top choice here. She is three for three going this distance and draws the rail with Pablo Morales back aboard.

### Race Two:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(1) RUNNIN FOR DACE** – Just missed against this conditioned claiming level two starts back then tired some last out. She has run well here before for Ron Potts who wins 17% with his sprinters and 24% when he rides Geovany Garcia.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(3) NETAS** – Was a good second here two starts back off a long layoff in his Tapeta debut then came back with another second against this conditioned claiming level. He should be fit from those efforts and gets Angel Stanley back aboard.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(7) FORWARD MOTION** – Ran well in his first start off a long layoff then raced evenly the last two starts against better.

### Race Three:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(5) RED STARLET** – Speedball has been weakening in her last three starts against this level but she showed good speed each time and she gets a major rider upgrade to Antonio Gallardo – 27% with his route mounts.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(4) CLASSICAL LADY** – Rallied from off the pace to win going away two starts back then could not overcome post ten last out. She draws much better today for Ron Potts who wins 26% first start after being beaten as the favorite and 20% with Huber Villa-Gomez.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(3) HERE COMES AVA** – Had been racing against much better then dropped to this level and rallied for third going six furlongs.

### Race Four:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(9) DARBY DART** – Still a maiden after ten tries but has improved some since dropping down in class. He was a good second two starts back as the odds-on favorite then weakened late in his last start when Lasix was added for the first time.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(8) KOTOBUKI** – Was an even third in his well-bet career debut then he improved some last out. With two races under his belt, he should be ready for Nick Caruso who wins 16% with his maiden claimers and route starters.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(5) BLAZIN LIASON** – Dropped down to this maiden claiming level and was a good second two starts back then raced evenly.

### Race Five:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(8) BRIDGE DANCER** – Just missed in her career debut going five furlongs as the 7/5 favorite then was a good second again last out. Daughter of Verrazano draws outside for a clear trip with Scott Spieth who wins 17% with his sprint mounts.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(3) CULLINAN** – Rallied for third behind the top choice in her career debut off some very fast workouts and comes back here 17 days later for Teresa Connelly who wins 25% first start after being beaten as the favorite.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(2) DA MOOSE IS LOOSE** – First-time starter by Carpe Diem has been training bullets in the morning.

### Race Six:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(5) RED ANGRY BIRD** – Dropped down to this level three starts back and just missed. He showed good speed before weakening as the 11/10 favorite then showed speed again last out. Mark Hoffman wins 14% with his sprinters and gets Pablo Morales.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(7) MY PATRONUS** – Returns to the races off a 335-day layoff for Kevin Rice who wins 10% in this spot. He broke his maiden by over seven lengths on the dirt last year then came here and won against better. He has been training bullets for this.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(8) FIFTY PLUS** – Was a game second two starts back then won going away last out.

### Race Seven:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(6) SUN LOVER** – Hasn't won in a long time but showed signs of life in his Tapeta debut when he rallied for third against this optional claiming level. Conor Murphy wins 12% with his route mounts and 11% with his synthetic-track starters.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1) LANDOFTHEPHARAOHS** – Won going two turns on the synthetic track at Arlington Park then went to Churchill Downs and did little on the turf. After running poorly back at Arlington, he ships in here for Tom Amoss who wins 23% with his allowance starters.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(2) SAPPHIRE SHILLING** – Raced evenly here going six furlongs two starts back then won going two turns against similar.

### Race Eight:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(9) WHISKEY SEVEN** – Raced without success on the turf this sprint at Gulfstream Park then he shipped here for his Tapeta debut and his late rally won by a nose. It was his first start against this claiming level for Tom Cooper who wins 14% first start after a win.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) BEING THERE** – Missed by a neck two starts back then he missed by a nose against the top choice last out. He draws well in a big field where saving ground will be crucial. Mark Doering wins 17% with his synthetic-track starters.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(12) TALK TO THE MEDIA** – Had been sprinting without much success but has run well in his past two starts going two turns.