

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Sunday 08/18/19

Race One:

1st: **(2) PROMOTED** – Missed by a length two starts back against this state-bred claiming level then came back and rallied for second after dropping back from post one. Jonathan Sheppard wins 8% going short to long and Mario Pino rides back – 19% with his route mounts.
2nd: **(3) KING OLLIE** – Has run here twice and both times came against much better. His recent form on the dirt at Thistledown has been solid and he has good early speed with the right rider in Huber Villa-Gomez – 16% with his route mounts.
3rd: **(5) CACTUS CATCH** – Held well going two turns against cheaper then just missed when turned back to six furlongs.

Race Two:

1st: **(3) ELSIE TIME** – Speedball just missed beating this claiming level three starts back going this distance then he came back with two strong efforts when moved up in class. Glenn Wismer wins 18% first start after being beaten as the favorite.
2nd: **(5) BEN OF THE BUSH** – Did nothing in his first two career starts on the dirt at Aqueduct but came back here seven months later and was a good second. He broke his maiden last out by over three lengths and should handle the move up to winners.
3rd: **(4) ACROBAT** – Was a distant third two starts back against this conditioned claiming level going a mile in good enough time.

Race Three:

1st: **(6) NO WAY NEVER** – Broke his maiden in his Tapeta debut here then came back three starts later to win going away in fast time going this distance. Linda Rice wins 27% first start after a win and 26% with her overall claimers. Pablo Morales rides back.
2nd: **(2) BOWMAN** – Went gate to wire two starts back when used hard from post one then he came back and weakened going six furlongs in fast time. Now, he drops down in class for Teresa Connelly who wins 21% with this dropdown and 31% with Addiel Ayala.
3rd: **(1) BIG CHICKEN MAN** – Horse for the course showed high speed two starts in a row to begin the year then held well last out.

Race Four:

1st: **(7) ONE LUCKY STEP** – Makes his Tapeta debut off some solid turf sprints at Delaware Park for Gerry Bennett. He has good early speed and there is an affinity for offspring of Two Step Salsa for the Tapeta here.
2nd: **(4) BRAHMS BREEZE** – Returned to the races off a long layoff and showed high speed for a half-mile against much better company. He dropped down to this claiming level last out and weakened after a decent middle move.
3rd: **(5) AMIGO'S AFFAIR** – Beat better here in his second start of the year but ran poorly when stretched out to two turns.

Race Five:

1st: **(4) TOOLCAT** – Was a game second in her well-bet career debut here going five furlongs then she came back and showed good speed before weakening. Daughter of Kitten's Joy adds Lasix for the first time and gets Huber Villa-Gomez – 30% riding for Ron Potts.
2nd: **(7) NOSTALGIA** – Didn't run bad two starts back here but made no impact last time out. Sometimes horses improve more with second-time Lasix and the daughter of Jersey Town switches to Geovany Garcia.
3rd: **(5) SHE'S A TROOPER** – Was a good second last out when stretched out to two turns and she should be a pace factor in here.

Race Six:

1st: **(2) HOXIE** – Has had four starts this year and all were enough to win here. After beat one level higher two of three starts, she dropped down to claimers last out and was a good second. Brett Santangelo wins 28% first start after being beaten as the favorite.
2nd: **(5) SHINY SURPRISE** – Horse for the course returned here off racing on the dirt and was right at home with a good gate-to-wire win against this claiming level. She settled early last out behind a dawdling pace and still got up at the wire for Anthony Rini.
3rd: **(6) CELTIC DREAM** – Horse for the course tired two starts back against better then dropped in class with a good win last out.

Race Seven:

1st: **(4) TEMPLE CITY STAR** – Broke his maiden two starts back going two turns then came back against this optional claiming level with a good second. Ron Potts wins 16% with his route mounts and 20% with his allowance runners. Antonio Gallardo rides back.
2nd: **(5) DIXIE HIGHWAY** – Raced evenly 2 starts back against this optional claiming level then he missed by a neck last out when dropped in class. He moves back up for Wayne Rice who wins 61% with Arienne Cox and they show a flat-bet profit the past 2 months.
3rd: **(1) HOT TRAFFIC** – Broke his maiden two starts back when blinkers were added then he rallied for third behind the top choice.

Race Eight:

1st: **(10) ANOTHER FOR MARIO** – Dropped down to this claiming level and rallied for second then he raced evenly when moved up off the claim by Adam Rice who wins 25% with his claimers and 23% with his synthetic-track starters.
2nd: **(7) LOVE SICK KITTEN** – Won his first 2 starts here then raced evenly in his next 2 starts when moved up to open allowance company. Jeff Radosevich wins 24% going long to short and 22% with his overall claimers. Scott Spieth rides– 28% with Radosevich.
3rd: **(1) A WINK AND A NOD** – Went gate to wire two starts back against this level then was an even third.