

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

Race One:

- 1st: **(3) CADET CONNELLY** – Just missed here two starts back here going 5 ½ furlongs then shipped to Arlington Park and with blinkers added, he was a good third going a mile on the turf. Teresa Connelly wins 17% with her maiden special weight starters.
- 2nd: **(1) K'S FUNHOUSE** – First-time starter from Tim Hamm who wins 13% with his debut runners. Son of young sire Palace Malice is out of a dam by Galileo that has produced one foal to race that was a two-year-old winner. Scott Spieth gets the ride.
- 3rd: **(5) BAGABUNDA** – Did little in his first two career starts here but showed good speed last out when stretched to a mile with blinkers.

Race Two:

- 1st: **(2) MISS CINDY LOU WHO** – Speedball won here going five furlongs then came back and tired against this level going six furlongs when she was used hard from post ten. She raced evenly last out and gets Mario Pino back aboard.
- 2nd: **(4) AFTERNOON MOON** – Has had three starts here and raced evenly in all of them. She was an even third last out for Susan Cooney who wins 11% with her synthetic-track starters. Leading rider Antonio Gallardo rides back – 25% with his sprint rides.
- 3rd: **(3) COUNTRY THUNDER** – Was in bad form until last out when she gunned to the front and almost held against these.

Race Three:

- 1st: **(7) BURKIE** – Makes his Tapeta debut after running well at Finger Lakes against better. He drops down to his lowest level yet for Dan Conway, Jr. who wins 33% with his overall maiden claimers and is 6 for 13 with this dropdown.
- 2nd: **(3) BIG MAX** – Has yet to win here in nine tries but he has six placings for Wayne Rice who wins 16% first start after being beaten as the favorite. Arienne Cox rides back for Wayne Rice – flat-bet profit for the two of them with their last 61 rides together.
- 3rd: **(1A) GENERAL REMI** – Added blinkers three starts back and showed some improvement and now drops down in class.

Race Four:

- 1st: **(1) ATHWAAQ** – Made her Tapeta debut a winning one here last out and now drops down in class for Linda Rice who wins 21% off medium rest. Daughter of City Zip draws the rail and gets Pablo Morales back aboard – 22% with his sprint rides.
- 2nd: **(2) ELEGANTE** – Speedball went gate to wire here two starts back then weakened when stretched out to two turns. She drops down in class for Aldana Gonzalez who wins 24% with this dropdown and 22% first start after being beaten as the favorite.
- 3rd: **(5) SLIPPERY** – Beat allowance foes on a muddy track going two turns then tired here last out in her Tapeta debut.

Race Five:

- 1st: **(6) FLORIDA BOYS** – Missed by a head two starts back on a sloppy track at Penn National then made his Tapeta debut and he was a good second in very fast time going six furlongs. Cody Beattie wins 19% with his sprinters.
- 2nd: **(7) WAPITI WAY** – Was a good second in his first start here off a long layoff then he moved up in class off the claim and weakened late behind two next-out winners. Won his last out by three lengths and faces open allowance foes for Darien Rodriguez.
- 3rd: **(9) DOMISSME** – Faced this allowance level last out and was a good third in fast time behind the top choice.

Race Six:

- 1st: **(6) HOTSHOT ANNA** – Horse for the course won the Presque Isle Masters last year by over four lengths after winning this stakes race easily. She should be on her game after an easy turf sprint win going five furlongs at Arlington Park.
- 2nd: **(3) LATE NIGHT POW WOW** – Amazing filly has 12 of 14 lifetime including a grade three going seven furlongs in fast time back in February. After running third in a grade one stake at Keeneland, she bounced back with a sharp win for Javier Contreras.
- 3rd: **(8) HONEY BUNNY** – Makes her Tapeta debut after winning a grade three stakes race at Churchill Downs three starts back.

Race Seven:

- 1st: **(2) LADY MUNNINGS** – Was a game second against this allowance level two starts back here then raced evenly last out. Jonathan Sheppard wins 22% first start after being beaten as the favorite and 19% with his synthetic-track starters.
- 2nd: **(6) MA DE TAW** – Was a good second here two starts back ahead of the top choice and behind a next-out winner then she weakened late going this distance against open company. Addiel Ayala picks up the mount – 14% with his sprint starters.
- 3rd: **(1) BELLA BAMBINA** – Won her Tapeta debut three starts back then weakened in her last two starts here.

Race Eight:

- 1st: **(7) DEEP THINKER** – Broke her maiden here by five lengths two starts back then came back and held on for third going this distance against better. He drops down in class for Teresa Connelly who wins 21% with this dropdown and 32% when she uses Gallardo.
- 2nd: **(9) ROARING LAUNCH** – Weakened late to hang for second against this conditioned claiming level then raced evenly last out going five furlongs after he acted up in the gate. Gerry Brooks wins 24% first start after being beaten as the favorite and is 4 for 7 with Morales.
- 3rd: **(4) ROCKYSBUCKAROO** – Broke his maiden against bottom-level maiden claimers then was a good second last out.