

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Wednesday 08/21/19

Race One:

1st: **(3) COZAR'S QUEEN** – Broke her maiden in her 11th try as the odds-on favorite then she came back against this conditioned claiming level and held on for second. Randy Russell is only 1 for 71 third start off the layoff but he has this mare spotted perfectly.

2nd: **(2) KAPRANCY** – Was a good third behind the top choice two starts back then she came back with an even third after being bumped at the start. Ed Rojas wins 19% with his overall claimers and 18% with his synthetic-track starters.

Race Two:

1st: **(3) BLACK TIE EVENT** – Has been outrun badly in his past three starts but he has won here eight times. His prior form was not bad and he drops down to bottom-level claimers for Teresa Connelly who wins 21% third start off the layoff and 20% with this dropdown.

2nd: **(5) UNCLE DAVE** – Had been racing against better then dropped down to this bottom-level claiming group but could not overcome post 12 in a wide trip. He bounce back with a good win last out from post nine and draws better today with Pablo Morales back.

3rd: **(2) DOBBY HASNO MASTER** – Showed good speed two starts back before tiring then was an even third last out.

Race Three:

1st: **(5) STRAIGHT MADNESS** – Dropped down to this claiming level and won by over five lengths as the 6/5 favorite. She came back and showed good speed before weakening when moved up in class and now drops back down with Pablo Morales back up.

2nd: **(2) LADY BREXIT** – Beat this level three starts back when was a good second behind the top choice. She raced evenly again last out for Aldana Gonzalez who wins 24% with this dropdown and 13% with her overall claimers.

3rd: **(1) MY LITTLE STORMY** – Has been racing mostly on the turf but shipped here and was an even third against open allowance foes.

Race Four:

1st: **(5) ANNISQUAM** – Went gate to wire to win by almost seven lengths two starts back then weakened late when moved up in class for Mike Pappada who wins 23% with his claimers and the last 75 of them show a flat-bet profit.

2nd: **(8) SURFINA** – Rallied from off the pace to get up in time against these going 5 ½ furlongs then was a good third in identical conditions. She returns against the same group for Joe Cheeks who wins 15% with his synthetic-track starters.

3rd: **(6) ABBEY'S SNOW WHITE** – Rallied to get up by a nose last out in a rough trip against this claiming level.

Race Five:

1st: **(1) ESCAPE VELOCITY** – Makes his Tapeta debut in his second start off the claim by Jeff Radosevich. He returned off a long layoff to win going a mile on the dirt at Thistledown and if he can show that gate speed again, he might be tough to catch.

2nd: **(4) MAD JACK** – Made a strong middle move here in a long sprint then came back at two turns and won easily when sitting behind a fast pace. Joe Martin wins 11% first start after a win and he picks up Mario Pino – 18% with his route mounts.

3rd: **(3) WINK AND A NOD** – Made his Tapeta debut two starts back and went gate to wire then was an even third.

Race Six:

1st: **(7) HIGHLAND PARK HERO** – Has been up and down the class ladder and comes in here off a good win going this distance on the dirt at Thistledown. He makes his Tapeta debut for Anthony Rini who wins 24% first start after a win and 29% on synthetic-tracks.

2nd: **(3) MINI SALA** – Went gate to wire in his Tapeta debut three starts back then came back to do it again. Last out, he raced evenly without any late kick and returns against the same optional claiming level for Dan Conway, Jr. who wins 34% with his synthetic starters.

3rd: **(5) WORBOOTHOR** – Horse for the course beat better than raced evenly in his next three starts.

Race Seven:

1st: **(4) AFTERBURNER** – Speedball went gate to wire three starts back against this state-bred optional claiming level then ran second two starts in a row against open allowance runners. Ron Potts wins 19% with his synthetic-track starters and 24% with Geovany Garcia.

2nd: **(5) FOR THE MOMENT** – Just missed here in his Tapeta debut against better company when his late rally fell a nose short. He raced evenly last out against open allowance foes and now drops to state-breds for Bernie Houghton who wins 30% first start after losing as the favorite.

3rd: **(6) BEYOND SMART** – Horse for the course has been in against much better and gets class relief.

Race Eight:

1st: **(7) OUR DOMINATOR** – Showed good speed two starts back when he pressed the pace to the final furlong then he raced evenly last out in a long sprint. He drops down in class and stretches out to two turns for Mike Rogers who wins 11% with this move.

2nd: **(6) DREAMS D'ARGENT** – Raced evenly two starts back with a rail trip then just missed against much better company. He drops down in class for a trainer that is 1 for 20 at the meet but gets Geovany Garcia back aboard.

3rd: **(5) DIMATE** – Has had five starts here & they all were in the money going two turns. Willie Martinez gets the mount – 18% going long.