

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Thursday 08/22/19

Race One:

1st: **(3) BOOMIN GOOSE** – Horse for the course was an even third two starts back against this claiming level then he came back to win by a length in very good time. Katy Cheeks run him back for the same claiming price and gets Mario Pino back aboard.

2nd: **(5) TOWN CLASSIC** – Ran well in two starts against one level better then came back with an even third when moved farther up in class. Brett Santangelo wins 23% with his synthetic-track starters and overall claimers. Pablo Morales rides back.

Race Two:

1st: **(6) U KNOW I BE LION** – Beat this claiming level by seven lengths the last time she faced them then moved up in class and showed good speed before weakening. Mark Hoffman wins 18% with his overall claimers and 17% with his synthetic-track starters.

2nd: **(3) SHOWBOATING** – Beat this claiming level two starts in a row when she showed high speed then he was an even third last out when moved up in class. Matt Kintz wins 29% with this dropdown and 23% when he rides Mario Pino.

3rd: **(4) KOBE'S TRAFFIC** – Beat better claimers two starts back then tired last out in a fast-paced race when moved up again.

Race Three:

1st: **(1) MULTITUDE** – Did nothing in her career debut on the turf at Laurel then shipped here and her late rally missed by a head when dropped way down in class. She was a good second last out in her first start off the claim.

2nd: **(7) PANA ELIANNE** – Makes her Tapeta debut after five starts on the turf against much better company. Anthony Ferraro wins 19% first start out of his barn and 14% off long layoffs in this case; 482 days.

3rd: **(4) LA HERMANA** – One-dimensional closer added blinkers three starts back and showed some improvement.

Race Four:

1st: **(3) VICTORY BRINGER** – Horse for the course is still showing speed at the age of 9. He turns back to a sprint after leading in his last four races going two turns and he tries six furlongs with Scott Spieth – 17% with his sprint rides.

2nd: **(8) THATLOOKONYERFACE** – Was a good second two starts back in fast time going this distance then he came back and rallied wide for second as the 3/2 favorite. Jeff Englehart wins 23% first start after being beaten as the favorite.

3rd: **(6) COAL MINERS SON** – Was a good winner two starts back here then came back with an even effort in his first start off the claim.

Race Five:

1st: **(6) OLIN'S HONOR** – First-time starter from Graham Motion who wins 12% with his debut runners and 16% with his maiden special weight starters. Daughter of Uncle Mo (15% debut winners) is out of a stakes-winning dam whose first two foals to race have won.

2nd: **(3) GRANITE CANDY** – Has had four starts but showed improvement in her last two when Lasix was added. She has good speed and draws well with Erin Walker who is still showing a flat-bet profit with her last 138 sprint rides.

3rd: **(5) CONDIFENTLY** – Still a maiden after six tries and the last five came on turf for the half-sister to Uncle Mo by War Front.

Race Six:

1st: **(1A) LESS THAN PERFECT** – Horse for the course has run second in his last four starts here at different distances. He returns against the same optional claiming level for Kevin Rice who wins 17% with his synthetic-track starters.

2nd: **(2) VERBOTEN** – Was a good second in a stakes race last year at Woodbine in his lone Tapeta start. He ran well in two starts on the turf and has trained well on the Tapeta at Fair Hill Training Center for Graham Motion who wins 25% with this surface switch.

3rd: **(3) CHIC N WILBUR** – Right back after winning here in his last two starts and his five of six overall here for Dan Conway, Jr.

Race Seven:

1st: **(1) SIGNS OF GREATNESS** – Beat open company claimers two starts back then came back against this state-bred allowance group from this post and was a game third. Dave Markgraf wins 36% first start after being beaten as the favorite.

2nd: **(2) PIZZA MAN PETE** – Added Lasix here two starts back and weakened going two turns. He came back with a good third in a long sprint for Glenn Wismer who wins 22% with his allowance runners and 18% first start after being beaten as the favorite.

3rd: **(4) SWAT PARTY** – Romped in his well-bet career debut for John Bourke who wins 21% first start after a maiden win.

Race Eight:

1st: **(3) MR. CAT** – Just missed two starts back against this claiming level then weakened late after taking the lead in the deep stretch. He comes right back against the same group for Mike Pappada who wins 23% with his overall claimers.

2nd: **(5) QEYAAS** – Horse for the course weakened late two starts back going two turns then came back against this level going this distance and missed by a head. Nick Caruso wins 16% with his claimers and Erin Walker rides back.

3rd: **(2) TINITUS** – Rallied for third two starts back then was a good second going 5 ½ furlongs for Dave Markgraf who wins 18% sprinting.