

## Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Wednesday 08/28/19

### Race One:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(6) KING OF NEW YORK** – Horse for the course won his Tapeta debut here against similar company then came back and won again. After racing evenly next time out when moved up in class, he dropped back down and missed by a head as the odds-on favorite.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(4) RIDGE DEFENSE** – Beat better two starts back here going a mile in fast time then made a menacing move last out before flattening out. Back in eight day, he drops down in class for Joh Bourke who wins 19% with his overall claimers.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(5) CAPT. ZIPPOUNAS** – Horse for the course has won 15 times here for and comes back against the same group for Gerry Brooks.

### Race Two:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(3) EXPLORE** – Was beaten less than a length two starts back on the dirt at Mountaineer Park then he came back there with a good second after pressing the pace right from the start. He draws well today and gets Addiel Ayala.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(4) BLUE RIDGE SCOUT** – Had been racing against much better without much success so he finally dropped in class and he was an even third in a wide trip going a mile on the turf at Colonial Downs. Ollie Figgins wins 21% when he rides Luis Batista.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(6) CONVINCING** – Did nothing two starts back in his first start in 13 months but was only beaten a length last time out.

### Race Three:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(4) HURRICANE HILL** – Rallied from way back to get third in a turf sprint at Saratoga in his career debut and now switches to Tapeta for Linda Rice who wins 29% with her second-time starters and 22% with her maiden special weight starters.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(6) KALU** – First-time starter from Eoin Harty who only wins 5% with his debut runners and 18% with his maiden special weight starters. Son of Ghostzapper (10% debut winners) is out of a dam by Elusive Quality (15% debut winners) and gets Willie Martinez.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(1) SLICK IT UP** – Winless in 13 tries but he has eight seconds and thirds. Arienne Cox rides back for Wayne Rice – 11% together.

### Race Four:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(6) SLY WILDCAT** – Beat race was three starts back against much better maidens and now he drops way down in class for Jeff Zook who wins 20% with his overall maiden claimers. The drop in class is suspicious but don't know why he was facing better.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(2) DARBY DART** – Has been stuck at this level for most of this year but he showed some improvement when Lasix was added two starts back and he was an even third. Last out, he was a distant second behind a next-out winner and draws inside with Gallardo.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(7) SEMPER PARATUS** – Woke up two starts back with a good effort on the dirt at Finger Lakes then he was soundly beaten.

### Race Five:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(2) I ZOOM** – Horse for the course has won 14 times here and she is only seven years old. She was a good winner here two starts back against this level in fast time then she raced evenly last out against this optional claiming level.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(3) BRING IT ON HOME** – Was a sharp winner two starts back when she pulled away to win by almost four lengths then she tired after a half-mile against stakes foes here. Gerry Brooks wins 23% with his synthetic-track starts and is 4 for 9 with Pablo Morales.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(4) PASSIONATE EMOTION** – Was a good winner two starts back going five furlongs then was shuffled back from post one.

### Race Six:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(6) SPINNING JOEY** – Missed by a length two starts back when he rallied wide. He came back from post one and won going away 16 days ago and comes right back for Adam Rice who wins 25% first start after a maiden win.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(4) THE SINNER IS YOU** – Broke his maiden two starts back when he dropped down to maiden claimers and blinkers were added going seven furlongs on the turf. He came back and raced poorly at Saratoga and now tries Tapeta for Jeremiah Englehart.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(7) INDIAN TANGO** – Had been stuck against the state-bred allowance level and now drops down in class.

### Race Seven:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(2) MERRY LADY** – Horse for the course has won seven times here and has 22 in-the-money finishes in 30 starts here. She missed by a length two starts back then tired last out when moved up in class. Walber Alencar gets the mount for John Bourke.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1) SUZIE'SSTEPPINOUT** – Was a sharp winner three starts back going six furlongs then moved up in class with a good second against top allowance foes. She could not stretch out to two turns last out so she goes back to 5 ½ furlongs.

### Race Eight:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(2) NETAS** – Made his Tapeta debut three starts back with a good second then came back and did it again. He missed by a neck last out and meets the same group again for Al Dodge. Angel Stanley wins 9% with his sprint rides.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(3) ROCKYSBUCKAROO** – Broke his maiden in his second start on the Tapeta at the age of five then was a good second going five furlongs. Last out, he went gate to wire for Dave Markgraf who wins 21% first start after a win and 18% with his overall claimers.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(5) FORWARD MOTION** – Dropped down to this conditioned claiming level and missed by a head going this distance.