

## Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Thursday 08/29/19

### Race One:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(5) REAL FANCY** – Added blinkers two starts back when she shipped to Ohio for a state-bred stakes race then came back here with a good second as the odds-on favorite. She comes back against the same class level for John Bourke who is red-hot with Walber Alencar  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1) GOTTA FLY** – After doing little in her first four career starts, she went gate to wire here at almost 40/1. Last out, she held the lead to the deep stretch and now drops down a bit in class for Joe Martin who is winning 25% lately when he uses Pablo Morales.

### Race Two:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(1) ROCK IT TOTHEMOON** – Ran second in his Tapeta debut then was placed first next time out going six furlongs Son of Malibu Moon stretched out to two turns with a close second then tired last out against winners.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(4) ELSIE TIME** – Ran well two straight times against \$20,000 claimers then dropped down to this class level last out and stalked a slow pace as the odds-on favorite. Glenn Wismer brings him back against the same group.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(2) BEN OF THE BUSH** – Broke his maiden here going two turns for the first time then came back and made a menacing move.

### Race Three:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(4) BETTER YET** – Has yet to win here in three starts but each one was better than the last. She raced evenly on the turf last out at Mountaineer Park and returns here while dropping down in class for Ron Potts who wins 34% with Huber Villa-Gomez.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(2) TREASURE THE STORM** – Speedball held on for second two starts back against this conditioned claiming level then tired last out despite dropping down in class. Daughter of Treasure Beach draws inside with Eddie Dominguez back aboard.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(6) HIMMAH** – Stretched out to two turns last out and was a good third as the odds-on favorite against cheaper.

### Race Four:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(1) AUTOGRAPH** – Raced evenly in his well-bet career debut then came back and showed better speed here before weakening. His entrymate is a well-bred first time starter and Scott Spieth is named on both.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(7) MUST BE A MONSTER** – Improved some second time out then added blinkers last out and he showed much better speed. Now, Maria Bowersock adds Lasix for the first time; a move that results in a 21% strike rate.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(4) WICKED COURAGE** – Turns back to a sprint after failing in two route tries and drops down to maiden claimers.

### Race Five:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(1) MARMALADE** – Horse for the course goes for win number ten here. She drops down in class but draws the rail where she can get good position. Darien Rodriguez wins 30% going long and is 6 for 13 riding Antonio Gallardo lately.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) LIL HOOH'S HOOH** – Went to Thistledown and did nothing on the dirt there against Ohio-bred allowance foes then came back here against this claiming level with a good second. Mark Hoffman wins 14% going long and gets Addiel Ayala back aboard.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(4) GRACE'S DRAMA** – Made her Tapeta debut here last out and was a good third chasing the pace from post one.

### Race Six:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(3) TRAVEL TRUE** – Horse for the course ran well when he showed good speed. He was claimed for this price two starts back and led to the final furlongs going nine furlongs when moved up in class for leading trainer Gerry Brooks who wins 17% second start off the claim.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(6) SAVE THE DRAMA** – Horse for the course went gate to wire at five furlongs then weakened late. He was claimed that day by Kevin Rice who moved him up in class to win going away. Now, he drops down in class for Rice who wins 15% first start off a win.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(7) NOPALITO** – Horse for the course beat similar last out and returns for Matt Kintz who wins 28% first start off a win.

### Race Seven:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(8) FLY FRIENDLY SKY** – Won his Tapeta debut at the end of last year's meet then returned this year with two third-place finishes. He won going away last out against this level and returns for Lance Stokes who wins 22% first start off a win.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(6) JEN'S SONG** – Horse for the course just missed against this starter allowance level then moved up in class with two decent thirds. He drops back in class for Kim DePasquale who is inly winning 8% at the meet but is able to get Pablo Morales.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(1) HICKORY ISLAND** – Speedball breaking from the rail could not hold off the top choice last out when dropped to this level.

### Race Eight:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(4) RED STARLET** – Speedball likes to run second but could hang on here if Antonio Gallardo can open up a clear lead. She has run well against this group and will not face a weaker group than these.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) BARB'S GRAY GIRL** – Rallied from off the pace to win going away at six furlongs and tries to stretch out here. She won her Tapeta debut here in May and drops down in class for Brett Santangelo who wins 13% first start after a win.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(2) THISAINTJUMPSTREET** – Ran poorly two starts back but woke up some last out when dropped down to this claiming level.