

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Sunday 08/25/19

Race One:

1st: **(1) BLUEGRASS BALL** – Horse for the course was a good third against this claiming level two starts back then showed good speed from the rail against cheaper as the odds-on favorite. Gerry Brooks wins 24% first start after being beaten as the favorite.

2nd: **(4) BETWEENHEREANDCOOL** – Moved up to this level off the claim by Darien Rodriguez and he promptly won. Horse for the course came back with a good second in fast time last out and gets Pablo Morales back again.

Race Two:

1st: **(5) LITTLE TEQUILA** – Still a maiden after 13 tries but all but the last start came against better. He has good early speed and draws post five where Mike Allen can get a stalking trip. Allen has had a good meet this year and finds himself on a favorite today.

2nd: **(6) TRIAD'S ECHO** – Faded in his career debut against much better maiden then added Lasix and blinkers last out in her first time against this maiden claiming level and he was right there in the deep stretch before weakening.

3rd: **(2) HOUSE KEY** – Has had three starts here but the last one was a big improvement at long odds.

Race Three:

1st: **(1A) SLEEPLESSDREAMMORE** – First-time starter from Ron Potts who wins 32% with his debut runners. He is by Animal Kingdom (13% debut winners) out of a dam by Stagecraft (17% debut winners) that was a stakes winner herself.

2nd: **(2) KOALA BEAR** – Did little in his first three career starts but then woke up last out when dropped down to maiden claimers with blinkers added. He returns against better company and picks up Addiel Ayala.

Race Four:

1st: **(4) IMPOSSIBLE MISSION** – Did nothing in his first four career starts on turf then came back and did nothing at Keeneland on dirt. He shipped here and changed barns to Tim Girten who dropped him down in class which resulted in a 8-length win.

2nd: **(2) ART OF THE DREAM** – Was the beaten favorite in three of his last four starts. He was a good second last out after dropping back early from post and rallying strong. Katy Cheeks wins 31% first start after being beaten as the favorite.

Race Five:

1st: **(6) THE KID ROCKS** – Horse for the course has won three of four starts here this year. He beat this claiming level two starts back in fast time and after moving up to win by a head last out, he drops back down for Darien Rodriguez who wins 28% first start after a win.

2nd: **(3) YAMBURG** – Beat better three starts back then was a distant third behind the top choice. He just missed behind that one at long odds last out and they both drop down to this level for Jed Stefee who wins 14% with his claimers.

3rd: **(1) BIG RIG** – Only missed by a half-length two starts back against better then raced evenly last out.

Race Six:

1st: **(1) CHASING THE KITTY** – Beat \$40,000 claimers three starts back then ran evenly against this allowance level. She didn't run bad when moved up in class last out and draws the rail today for Kevin Rice who wins 16% going long and with his allowance starters.

2nd: **(6) PENITENCE** – Ran well on the turf at Pen National then shipped back here and was second against this group. Jonathan Sheppard only has three wins at the meet but 22 placings. Mario Pino rides back – 17% with his route mounts.

3rd: **(4) FEETS OF FEATHER** – Broke her maiden here two starts back then returned with an even effort so Lasix gets added today.

Race Seven:

1st: **(4) TUDOX EXPECTATIONS** – After two poor races, he woke up with a good third going six furlongs in Fast time behind two next-out winners. Last out against this level, he missed by a neck for Ron Potts who wins 26% when he uses Geovany Garcia.

2nd: **(2) KITCHEN FIRE** – Horse for the course speedball missed by a head two starts back against this level then he beat open company last out going gate to wire in fast time. Nick Caruso wins 13% first start after a win and 27% when he uses Willie Martinez.

3rd: **(1) JEN'S SONG** – Horse for the course should save ground for one, big run with Pablo Morales.

Race Eight:

1st: **(7) TALK TO THE MEDIA** – Has run third in his last three starts here going two turns against this bottom-level claiming group. He comes back on 11 days rest and should be able to set up a stretch kick at a decent price.

2nd: **(2) HUSBAND'S FOLLY** – Was a good second two starts back when he rallied from dead last the was a more distant second last out as the lukewarm favorite. John Guciardo wins 10% with his overall claimers and he gets Pablo Morales to ride back.

3rd: **(3) DIAMOND BLUE** – Horse for the course was an even third here after dropping down in class then did nothing last out.