

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Monday 09/09/19

Race One:

- 1st: **(2) ATHWAAQ** – After tiring on a sloppy track in an off-the-turf event at Belmont Park off a four-month layoff, she shipped here and won her Tapeta debut going six furlongs in fast time. She dropped in class and won last out and moves up off the claim here.
- 2nd: **(8) THAT'S EXCITING** – Won here three starts back off a long layoff then moved up to this claiming level and was a good second. She did nothing last out on the dirt at Thistledown and now drops back down in class for Mike Pappada
- 3rd: **(6) EDDINGTON'S NOTE** – Not a horse for the course but she has 20 secondDs and third here over the years against better.

Race Two:

- 1st: **(4) SHEFLEW**– Was soundly beaten in her first seven career starts then dropped down in class here and was an even fourth going two turns. She came back against the same maiden claiming level and was a close second for Tim Hamm who wins 19% with Scott Spieth.
- 2nd: **(7) LA HERMANA** – One-dimensional closer got up for third two starts in a row then raced evenly as the 13/10 favorite when closer to the pace. She made a menacing move last out before flattening out and comes back against the same group for Teresa Connelly.
- 3rd: **(6) HALO'S FOR DUDE** – Still winless after 14 tries but they all came against better company for Maria Bowersock.

Race Three:

- 1st: **(7) SPEARHEAD** – Finished up last year with a win over open allowance foes. He returned with an even fourth going 5 ½ furlongs behind two next-out winners then was only beaten a length last out when dropped to this claiming level.
- 2nd: **(4) CATHMOR** – Horse for the course had a big year here last year. He returned on the dirt in Ohio and did little so he shipped back here and was a sharp winner against cheaper. Mike Pappada wins 29% first start off a win and third start off the layoff.
- 3rd: **(1) FIVE O ONE** – Dropped down in class and was second two starts in a row then was second against last out off the claim.

Race Four:

- 1st: **(2) ULTIMATE BARONESS** – Moved up in class off the claim and was a good third against this state-bred allowance group. After running poorly next out, she loomed boldly before weakening. Antonio Gallardo rides back – 25% with his sprint rides.
- 2nd: **(8) LADY MUNNINGS** – Was a good second three starts back ahead of the top choice then rallied for third as the 4/5 favorite. She raced evenly last out after being shuffled back from the inside for Jonathan Sheppard who has 22 seconds and thirds here this year.
- 3rd: **(10) BROOKLYNS SURPRISE** – Has been up and down the class ladder but fits with these on her best effort.

Race Five:

- 1st: **(7) REDEEM MY HEART** – Raced evenly two starts back when stretched out to two turns then she came back and missed by a neck in fast time going this distance against high-class open allowance foes. Tim Girtten wins 21% with his synthetic-track starters.
- 2nd: **(6) PUCA PENNY** – Broke her maiden in her well-bet career debut going six furlongs then was off for ten months. She returned in a turf race at Delaware Park and was only beaten two lengths. Daughter of Ghostzapper tries state-bred for Christophe Clement.
- 3rd: **(1A) GOTTA BE STRONG** – Makes her Tapeta debut but beat state-bred stakes foes going short earlier this year.

Race Six:

- 1st: **(7) MR RITZ** – Could be tough on the front end with his natural speed against a bulky field. He went gate to wire to win a grade three stakes race last out at Woodbine on their Tapeta going this distance in good time for Josie Carroll who wins 18% first start after a win.
- 2nd: **(11) SPECIAL FORCES** – Just missed two starts back going 1 ¼ miles on the Tapeta at Woodbine then came back there and rallied for third behind the top choice. Kevin Attard wins 19% against this stakes level and 16% going long.
- 3rd: **(9) ENGLISH MINISTER** – Horse for the course beat open company optional claimers here before winning two turf races at Laurel.

Race Seven:

- 1st: **(4) SAMEDI NIGHT** – Was a sharp winner here two starts back going six furlongs in good time then came back against this open allowance level and rallied wide from way back to get second. Jackie Davis rides back.
- 2nd: **(7) HUBBADAHUBBADABOOM** – Speedball was a game second two starts back here then tired last out when used hard from post 10. Joe Martin wins 14% with his synthetic-track sprinters and he gets a major rider upgrade to Antonio Gallardo.
- 3rd: **(9) SIGNS OF GREATNESS** – Beat state-breds last out and now moves up to open company for Dave Markgraf.

Race Eight:

- 1st: **(10) QUEEN LANA** – Did nothing in her first three career starts here then made her second start off a long layoff a winning one as the even-money favorite. Last out, she held well for third against this conditioned claiming level for Lance Stokes.
- 2nd: **(6) SEE YOU AT THE BAR** – Woke up on the dirt at Thistledown where she went gate to wire then held well to be third here in her Tapeta debut. She did nothing last out back on the dirt for Jeff Skerrett who wins 24% with his overall claimers.
- 3rd: **(7) ALL IN GIRL** – Drops down in class off some even efforts here against better claiming company.