

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Monday 08/03/20

Race One:

- 1st: **(2) I WILL BE FIRST** – Still winless after 14 tries but she has seven placings and has never tried synthetic. Dave Markgraf wins 13% off long layoffs and the last 23 of them show a major flat-bet profit. Kris Fox should work out an inside stalking trip from here.
- 2nd: **(5) LIL H** – returned off a layoff with a good second on the dirt at Thistledown behind a next-out winner then raced evenly last out on a sloppy track. Daughter of Bullsbay stretches out to two turns for the first time.
- 3rd: **(3) ACT LIKE A LADY** – first-time starter by Bayern who wins 13% with his debut runners and gets Pablo Morales.

Race Two:

- 1st: **(1) MANDEVILLE** – horse for the course was a good second here two starts back going two turns against this company then raced evenly in a fast race. She returns off a 306-day layoff from the rail with leading rider Pablo Morales.
- 2nd: **(5) SENORITA SPARKPLUG** – has won five times here and placed 14 other times. She finished up last year with a third and meets the same company with Eddie Domingues back aboard.
- 3rd: **(3) PEACH COVE** – makes her Tapeta debut off some solid efforts on the turf including a second two starts back going seven furlongs.

Race Three:

- 1st: **(1) BABY DRAGON** – broke her maiden here last year showing good speed then was up the track against state-bred stakes foes. Last out off the long layoff, she did nothing on the dirt at Tampa Bay Downs and returns to the Tapeta with Pablo Morales.
- 2nd: **(2) OH MY PRECIOUS** – has been a long time since she broke here maiden here but she comes in here with two starts at Mountaineer Park against allowance foes and now drops down in class for Joe Cheeks who wins 28% third start off the layoff.
- 3rd: **(6) PEMAQUID DOT** – adds blinkers for her third start off the layoff for Teresa Connelly who wins 23% in this spot.

Race Four:

- 1st: **(5) FOOT RUB LOVE** – took her 15 starts to break her maiden two starts back on the dirt then did little on the turf at Mountaineer Park in fast time. She drops way down in class for Rory Barron who wins 11% with his claiming starters.
- 2nd: **(3) RUTHYLA** – broke her maiden on the synthetic track at Turfway Park then did little in her last two starts on the turf. She makes her Tapeta debut for Jay Bernardini who wins 20% with his overall claimers and 19% third start off the layoff.
- 3rd: **(1) DIAMOND LOVE** – should improve with the class dropdown in her third start off the long layoff.

Race Five:

- 1st: **(4) MUCHO PROSPECT** – just missed going gate to wire two starts back to finish up 2019. Horse for the course returned to the races at Laurel on the turf and did nothing but he needed a race and now drops down in class for Mike Rogers – 28% in this spot.
- 2nd: **(5) JONNY'S CHOICE** – 11-year-old gelding by noted turf sire Unusual Heat should handle the Tapeta as he has good speed while turning back in distance. He has won 20 times in his career and can run well fresh.
- 3rd: **(7) LOTTA COOL TIMES** – speedball horse for the course should be the one to catch with Addiel Ayala back aboard.

Race Six:

- 1st: **(3) PRAIRIE CITIZEN** – was badly outrun in her lone Tapeta start last year but she has plenty of back class. Her turf record shows she can get two turns and this is the lowest claiming price she has raced for.
- 2nd: **(2) WEST BURKE** – broke her maiden last out on the turf going this distance at Belterra in her 10th career start. She has some experience on Tapeta and drops down in class for Tim Hamm who wins 20% first start after a maiden win.
- 3rd: **(1) MULTITUDE** – could be dangerous if Scott Spieth can shake her loose on the lead from post one.

Race Seven:

- 1st: **(5) THISAINTJUMPSTREET** – horse for the course has been up and down the class ladder. She raced here last week going six furlongs and now moves up in class and distance for Kevin Rice who wins 17% with this move.
- 2nd: **(6) PEACEFUL ENDING** – well-bred daughter of War Front ran well her last two starts on the turf and now tries Tapeta for the first time for Kent Sweezey who wins 20% first start after a win.
- 3rd: **(4) BE NIMBLE** – was a game second two starts back on the turf then was in over her head at Keeneland last month.

Race Eight:

- 1st: **(11) MAXIMUM FACTOR** – speedball breaking from the outside removes blinkers in an effort to get her to settle. He drops down in class while picking up Pablo Morales – 25% with his sprint rides.
- 2nd: **(4) FIFTEEN TO VEGAS** – dirt sprinter tries Tapeta for the first time. He has strong early speed and needs to get away clean. Last out, she broke poorly from the rail but Harry Hernandez has a flat-bet profit with horses that have this running style.
- 3rd: **(5) SUNNY SIDE OVER** – rallied from way back to win going away here last year to finish up the 2019 season.

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Race Nine:

1st: **(5) TRAVEL TRUE** – Horse for the course missed by a head two starts back against this level then came back and ran the identical race last out. He has good speed and should get a stalking trip outside the pacemakers.

2nd: **(8) BLACK TIE EVENT** – Horse for the course goes for win number 10 here. He was outrun in his first two starts off the claim then dropped down to this level last out and was right there in the deep stretch. Pablo Morales picks up the mount.

3rd: **(6) BIG RIG** – Drops down in class for Ron Potts who wins 26% first start after being beaten as the favorite.