

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Tuesday 08/04/20

Race One:

1st: **(4) WATCH HER STRUT** – ran well here last year against similar company going two turns. She was a sharp winner on the front end two starts back on the turf at Mountaineer Park then raced evenly last out in a stakes race.

2nd: **(3) REDEEM MY HEART** – Horse for the course returns after having a strong 3-year-old season here. After running third in a turf sprint at Tampa Bay Downs, she raced poorly on the dirt there. Tim Girten wins 29% going from turf to synthetic.

3rd: **(5) MARMALADE** – has won 10 times here over the years and shows up in good form off her Tampa Bay races.

Race Two:

1st: **(1) SOPHIE'S ANGEL** – hard-knocking mare has raced on five different tracks in the past ten starts. She shows up here off a trio of dirt races at Thistledown and drops down in class while picking up Pablo Morales who rode her to victory here last year.

2nd: **(6) SONG OF INDY** – began this year with a sharp win in a turf sprint at Penn National. She won three times here as a 2-year-old against top company so the back class is there and she worked a quick five furlongs over the Tapeta here for this.

3rd: **(2) RYOAN** – just missed two starts back going this furlongs on dirt then tired last out.

Race Three:

1st: **(6) HONEY BEAST** – first-time starter from Kevin Rice who wins 14% with his debut runners. Daughter of The Big Beast – 28% debut winners – is the first foal to race out of a dam that won here on the Tapeta. Nate Vickers picks up the mount.

2nd: **(2) WOODBINE WAY** – has already had two career starts, both on the dirt, and showed good speed each time. Daughter of young sire Tourist has a good turf pedigree so she should handle the Tapeta for Ron Potts who wins 27% with his maiden special weight starters.

3rd: **(4) SENNEBEC SUMMER** – raced evenly in her well-bet career debut on the dirt at Gulfstream Park and adds blinkers today.

Race Four:

1st: **(9) BLUEBERRY DUDETTE** – did nothing here in her first four career starts then woke up when Lasix was added for the first time and she held well to be third. She came back with a good effort last out and now returns off a 292-day layoff.

2nd: **(4) LUCKY ANGELS DREAM** – did nothing in her first two career starts on the dirt but woke up last out on a sloppy track at Thistledown going a bit longer. Eddie Dominguez picks up the mount for Amy Sondej.

3rd: **(6) BLAZE OF JOY** – drops down in class off two even efforts on dirt but probably wants to go longer than this.

Race Five:

1st: **(7) PIONEER DANCER** – ships in from Iowa off three solid efforts against better claiming company. He has never raced here but did show a win on the synthetic track at Turfway Park last year going a mile. Joe Martin wins 13% going from dirt to synthetic.

2nd: **(10) BREZNO** – Horse for the course has won 14 times here and has 29 other placings. He ran well on the synthetic at Turfway Park and returns here off the claim by Shelly Radosevich – 18% with her overall claiming starters.

3rd: **(9) TRAVEL TRUE** – has won seven times here over the years and was a good second here last week against this class level.

Race Six:

1st: **(6) CANADIAN GAME** – romped by eight lengths two starts back on the dirt at Prairie Meadows then he came back there and held on by a neck as the 3 to 10 favorite. He makes his Tapeta debut for Joe Martin and picks up Pablo Morales.

2nd: **(3) COOPER'S CRESCENT** – speedball went gate to wire two starts back last January then returned here six months later and showed good speed to the deep stretch in his first start off the claim. Horse for the course could be the one to catch.

3rd: **(4) CITY PLAN** – prepped for this with a good try going seven furlongs on the turf at Mountaineer Park and should be fit for this.

Race Seven:

1st: **(2) FOR THE MOMENT** – went gate to wire last out by three lengths in his second start off a long layoff and should be ready for this. Bernie Houghton wins 19% first start after a win and he gets Mario Pino who excels with horses that race on the pace.

2nd: **(7) STORM ADVISORY** – rallied from off the pace to win going away two starts back then was far back early last out when third at Parx Racing. He has plenty of back class against open company and picks up Pablo Morales.

3rd: **(3) SMOKIN NITRO** – winner on dirt, turf and wet tracks tries Tapeta for the first time off the claim by Leland Hayes.

Race Eight:

1st: **(4) COUNTRY THUNDER** – returns to the races off a 294-day layoff for James Hogue who wins 13% in this spot. She has a pace-stalking running style so post four should be perfect for here. Sam Camacho, Jr. picks up the mount.

2nd: **(2) SUPER DONNA G** – inconsistent filly gets class relief by dropping way down in class for Ed Rojas who wins 31% going from dirt to synthetic and they show a major flat-bet profit. Eddie Dominguez picks up the mount.

3rd: **(10) GO GIRL GONE** – speedball breaking from the outside beat this claiming level here last year.

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