

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Monday 08/10/20

Race One:

1st: **(5) MONTANA GUY** – broke his maiden on a tiring dirt track at Mountaineer Park last out and should appreciate the speedy surface here. Son of Imagining rightfully drops down to conditioned claimers for Debbie Schaber.

2nd: **(3) HOT TRAFFIC** – broke his maiden here last year when blinkers were added for the first time and he ran well against winners. Off for nine months, he should good speed before tiring last out in an off-the-turf event at Belterra Park.

3rd: **(1) SIR LUDLOW** – added Lasix two starts back and he promptly broke his maiden on the dirt at Tampa Bay Downs.

Race Two:

1st: **(3) BOWMAN** – ships in from Thistledown off some decent efforts on the dirt there. He has won here before and his recent races should have him fit for this. Michele Winters wins 20% first start out of her barn and she gets Addiel Ayala to ride.

2nd: **(7) MIDNIGHT PUNK** – horse for the course has won 11 times here in only 20 starts. He just missed last out here off the long layoff in his first start off the claim by Gerry Brooks who wins 23% first start after a win.

3rd: **(1) VICTORY ELEMENT** – did nothing two starts in a row but came back and romped in fast time first start off the claim by Joe Sharp.

Race Three:

1st: **(5) SQUIRREL** – first time starter from Kevin Rice who wins 14% with his debut runners and the last 29 of them show a flat-bet profit. Son of Conveyance is out of a dam that has produced four winners from five foals to race including a stakes winner.

2nd: **(4) CLAW** – has had three career starts already and he could be tough if he shows the kind of speed that he showed last out on the dirt. Ed Rojas wins 30% first start out of his barn and 23% first start after being beaten as the favorite.

3rd: **(2) KICK IT CHARLIE** – first-time starter from Kevin Rice is a half-brother to a graded three stakes winner.

Race Four:

1st: **(3) SAINT ADORABLE** – didn't do much in his first two career starts on dirt but woke up here two weeks ago she he was right there turning for home. Gerry Brooks wins 26% third start off the layoff and 19% going long after two sprints.

2nd: **(8) EBULLIENCE** – ships in for Jonathan Shepard who wins 23% going from turf to synthetic and the last 39 of them show a flat-bet profit. He's been racing in steeplechase races but has run decently here before.

3rd: **(2) MIKE MIKE** – has had many chances to graduate but all but the last came against better company than these.

Race Five:

1st: **(11) ALFIE SOLOMONS** – began his career with three turf sprint starts then shifted to the dirt last out and was ultra impressive beating allowance foes at Keeneland in good time. Wesley Ward wins 28% third start off the layoff and 23% against this stakes level.

2nd: **(8) SKOL FACTOR** – broke his maiden by over six lengths in very fast time on the dirt at Oaklawn Park second time out but tired in his turf debut going two turns. He came back with a fast win over allowance foes and now tries Tapeta for the first time.

3rd: **(3) GUILDSMAN** – ran well in Europe going short then shipped to America for some decent turf efforts.

Race Six:

1st: **(7) BLICHTON** – returns to the races off a 321-day layoff for John Bourke who wins 8% in this spot but 23% first start after a win. He has beaten similar four starts in a row and should keep beating them until someone claims the winner of 13 races here.

2nd: **(4) SAVAGE NATION** – did nothing in a turf sprint at Tampa Bay Downs but came back here six months later and beat first-level allowance foes. Now, he drops way down in class for Tom Cooper who wins 14% first start after a win.

3rd: **(6) RED HOT LOOKS** – speedy horse for the course could be hard to catch if Erin Walker can shake him loose.

Race Seven:

1st: **(6) BEYONDELLE** – ships back in from Finger Lakes off two straight wins. She makes her second start off the long layoff for Dan Conway, Jr. who wins 31% in this spot and 30% going from dirt to synthetic.

2nd: **(7) PURSUIT OF LUTE** – finished up last year here with a sharp win in her first start off the claim. Off for almost nine months, she came back with an even effort in a turf sprint at Laurel when racing wide and now drops down in class.

3rd: **(8) COZZENE'S CAT** – returns to the races off a long layoff but he won here last year under similar circumstances.

Race Eight:

1st: **(7) PIAZZA DEL CAMPO** – didn't run bad last out here against much better and takes a huge drop in class. He ran first and second here last September against this claiming level. He doesn't win enough for me but against this level, why not?

2nd: **(2) IMPOSSIBLE MISSION** – fell in a steeplechase race two starts back to begin his season but came back with an even third on the dirt at Penn National. Brandon Kulp wins 33% first start after being beaten as the favorite and 26% with his overall claimers.

3rd: **(4) CAN'TTAKEITWITHYOU** – makes his synthetic-track debut while dropping way down in class for Ron Potts.

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