

## Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Tuesday 08/11/20

### Race One:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(4) TORTOISE** – hope he doesn't live up to his name and he is actually quite fast. Rallied from far back to win a seven-furlong turf race two starts back at Mountaineer Park then tired last out there when sent to the lead.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(6) YEAHIKNOW** – horse for the course rallied from off the pace to beat this claiming level then came back with an even effort. Off for 320 days, he is not offered for a claim today and had a terrific five-furlong breeze two weeks ago here.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(2) ALL HANDS ON DECK** – ran well on the synthetic track at Turfway Park this winter and now tries Tapeta.

### Race Two:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(4) SOLO TRY** – drops down in class off an even effort on a sloppy track in an off-the-turf event at Penn National. She makes here second start off the long layoff, adds Lasix and turns back to a sprint for Jonathan Sheppard.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(10) GOOD HEARTED CAT** – first-time starter from Tim Hamm who wins 15% with his debut runners and 25% when they debut against maiden claimers. She draws the far outside and gets Pablo Morales.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(1) R CHERRY** – showed speed, and little else, in her first five career starts but held better last out when dropped down to this level.

### Race Three:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(6) JARETH** – won here last October then was off for seven months. He returned in a turf sprint two starts back at Lone Star then he improved last out at Indiana Downs. Now he goes back to a surface he likes and drops way down in class.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) WAPITI WAY** – ran well here last year against much better company then had two starts on the dirt over the winter at Tampa Bay Downs. Off for almost seven months, he returns against the same claiming price that Adam Rice took him for.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(4) CAPTAIN MAD JACK** – big class dropdown looks to be the best of the rest for Gerry Brooks.

### Race Four:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(9) THE MAN CAN** – first-time starter from Tim Girten who wins 31% with his debut runners and 17% with his overall maiden claimers. Son of Can the Man (13% debut runners) is working bullet here for this.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(7) MR. MIKE** – was a good second last out in his first start off the claim by Linda Rice. Son of Candy Ride drops way down in class off an 150-day layoff for Rice who wins 20% in this spot and 32% second start out of her barn.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(3) HOLY TRUTH** – was soundly beaten in his first three career starts on dirt but just missed here last out against these.

### Race Five:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(4) AFTERBURNER** – horse for the course has strong early speed and should be fit for this with two recent turf races. Ron Potts wins 19% first start after a win and 17% switching from turf to synthetic. Pablo Morales picks up the mount.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(2B) GREATEST GAME** – has won eight times and with 13 other placings. After two turf races at Mountaineer Park, he came back and just missed going gate to wire in fast time. Willie Martinez rides back for Kevin Rice.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(1) CHOCOLATE RIDE** – ran well on the turf to begin the year then tired last out as the even-money favorite after a poor start.

### Race Six:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(9) ROCK IT TOTHEMOON** – ran well here last year against similar company then had five starts over the winter at Mahoning Valley. Off for seven months, he returns without being offered for the claim and gets Addiel Ayala.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(10) SAVEMPIREMEISTER** – makes his Tapeta debut off a good second on the dirt at Thistledown when dropped way down in class. He should be the strong horse in the stretch for Rod Faulkner who wins 11% with his overall claimers.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(7) BAYSIDER** – dropped down to this claiming level here last out and won going away despite breaking poorly.

### Race Seven:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(3) MORGAN'S Z VA** – has been up and down the class level but her speed ratings put her in the mix. She prepped for this with a good second going two turns on the turf at Parx Racing and turns back to a sprint for Ron Potts.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(2) LAWN DART** – beat state-bred allowance foes by five lengths here last out in her Tapeta debut for Lance Stokes who wins 27% first start after a win and 21% second start off the layoff. Willie Martinez rides back.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(7) BRIDGE DANCER** – broke her maiden here last year then came back with a good third against stakes foes for Tim Hamm.

### Race Eight:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(7) THEYKEEPONCOMIN** – returns to the races off a 316-day layoff for Joe Martin who wins 8% in this spot. This is the lowest claiming price she has raced for and she began to prosper last year when stretched out to two turns.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1) OUR CLOSURE** – makes her Tapeta debut while dropping down to bottom-level claimers. Steve Klesaris wins 23% with this sort of dropdown and the daughter of Repent draws the rail with Pablo Morales.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(9) LACEE** – returns to the races off a 314-day layoff after winning her last start when dropped to this class level.

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