

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Wednesday 08/12/20

Race One:

- 1st: **(4) TOUCH OF LA GREY** – showed decent speed in his first three career starts against better maiden company then dropped down to maiden \$7,500 claimers last out and he held on. He drops in class and should improve second start off the long layoff.
- 2nd: **(2B) TIZ WAY TO GOLD** – rallied from off the pace to miss 2 starts back when Lasix was added then he won going away in a wide trip from post ten. Off for 301 days, he returns against bottom-level claimers for Randy Russell who wins 25% first start off a maiden win.
- 3rd: **(6) NOBLE BEHAVIOR** – is only 1 for 25 in his career but he showed good speed on the dirt last out.

Race Two:

- 1st: **(7) THE TWO NANCY'S** – horse for the course returned to the races off a long layoff and she promptly went gate to wire in fast time. She draws outside but has enough gate speed to overcome it and Pablo Morales rides back.
- 2nd: **(4) THAT'STHEWAYTODOIT** – was off for 13 months before returning here with and even third against better claiming company. She came back and won easily for Gerry Brooks who wins 18% first start after a win.
- 3rd: **(3) EYERISH INSPIRED** – drops down in class off some decent efforts at Tampa Bay downs.

Race Three:

- 1st: **(6) LESS THAN PERFECT** – goes for his 12th career victory here and they all came against good company. He raced evenly last out here in fast time going six furlongs and stretches out to two turns for Kevin Rice who wins 16% stretching out.
- 2nd: **(4) HERBIES TOYS** – broke his maiden two starts back on the turf at Indiana Downs then came back there and beat first-level allowance foes. He meets more experienced rivals here but he still looks like he has an upside.
- 3rd: **(2) HARDLY A SECRET** – was claimed two starts back and ran well on the dirt last out at Indiana Downs in good time.

Race Four:

- 1st: **(6) SIDE TRACKED** – did little to begin his career but showed massive improvement two starts back on a sloppy track going two turns for the first time. He came back here last out and ran well when dropped down to this maiden claiming level.
- 2nd: **(1) THE HUMONGOUS ONE** – trailed in his career debut in a turf sprint at Penn National then came here and just missed by a head going two turns. Gerry Brooks wins 23% with his synthetic-track starters and gets Scott Spieth back aboard.
- 3rd: **(7) SHE'S A TROOPER** – has had many chances so she's not too reliable but this is her first start against maiden claimers.

Race Five:

- 1st: **(6) CASH CODE** – was badly beaten in her well-bet career debut in a turf sprint at Woodbine then she somehow woke up with a sharp win at Monmouth Park. Mike Trombetta wins 29% going from turf to synthetic and 13% first start after a maiden win.
- 2nd: **(7) ELIA** – speedy filly ran well in her first two career starts here then won going gate to wire as the even-money favorite. Off for 11 months, she returns for Lance Stokes who wins 41% in this spot and they show a flat-bet profit.
- 3rd: **(4) GOLDEN PEARL** – ran well on the Tapeta at Woodbine last year and now is racing well on the dirt for this.

Race Six:

- 1st: **(6) SUMMER HOURS** – showed good speed in her well-bet career debut in a turf sprint at Laurel then came back there and ran the same race only faster. Daughter of good young sire Summer Front draws well for a stalking trip with Pablo Morales.
- 2nd: **(4) PEPPER** – finished up last year with a good second then returned and was a good second again. She should improve second start off the layoff and can save ground with Scott Spieth – 18% with his sprint rides and the last 131 show a flat-bet profit.
- 3rd: **(8) INDEPENDENCE LAW** – first-time starter by the red-hot Constitution from Tim Hamm who wins 15% with his debut runners.

Race Seven:

- 1st: **(1) CHILLY SKY** – broke her maiden here last year going 5 ½ furlongs then ran against stakes company. She returned this year with two sprints and now stretches out to two turns for the first time from the rail with Scott Spieth.
- 2nd: **(6) FEETS OF FEATHER** – began this year with some decent efforts on the turf then she raced evenly here last out against first-level allowance foes. She drops down to \$32,000 claimers and gets Erin Walker back to ride.
- 3rd: **(3) CLASSY HALO** – returned off the long layoff with a good win going 5 ½ furlongs and now stretches out to two turns.

Race Eight:

- 1st: **(1) BRAHMS BREEZE** – has been racing in good form on the dirt out of town but he shows two wins on the Tapeta going this distance. He has a ton of speed and could be tough in his second start off the layoff. Scott Spieth gets the ride.
- 2nd: **(5) MAXIMUM FACTOR** – speedball ran well here last out and takes another drop in class. This is his third start of the year and the lowest claiming price that he has raced against. Pablo Morales rides back – 25% with his sprint rides.
- 3rd: **(9) NICEANDEZ** – ultimate horse for the course foes for win number 17 here in his second start of the year.

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