

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Thursday 08/13/20

Race One:

1st: **(4) MOONSHINE STEVE** – was a good second in his well-bet career debut here going six furlongs in very fast time while chasing from post one. Eoin Harty wins 19% second time out and the last 72 of them show a flat-bet profit.

2nd: **(1) STARS AND GOLD** – shifts from dirt to Tapeta in his second career start going six furlongs in fast time four weeks ago. He will have to break better from post one than he did last out but he picks up leading rider Pablo Morales.

3rd: **(6) FELON NO MORE** – improved some when blinkers were added four starts back and he makes his second start off a long layoff.

Race Two:

1st: **(5) R C M EXPRESS** – is still a maiden after 46 starts but none of them came against maiden claimers and he should be better second start off the long layoff. Addiel Ayala rides back – 18% with his sprint rides and they show a healthy flat-bet profit.

2nd: **(3) GALICENO** – ran well against cheaper here last year then finished up with an even effort when moved up in class. He flashed some speed last out before tiring and now drops down in class second start off the layoff with Mario Pino.

3rd: **(2) SHOOT YOUR CUFFS** – speedball could be dangerous in his second start off the layoff while dropping down in class.

Race Three:

1st: **(2) BIG AFFAIR** – just missed going gate to wire two starts back in an off-the-turf event at Delaware Park then she came back there and showed high speed in a turf sprint. Speedball will be tough to catch going five furlongs with Mario Pino.

2nd: **(6) PASSION'S IMAGE** – ran well two starts back in the same off-the-turf event at Delaware Park behind the top choice then came back there against the same rival and was an even third. Can't see why the result would change in here.

3rd: **(5) DEVILS DAUGHTER** – broke her maiden last out in a turf sprint going this distance at Mountaineer Park.

Race Four:

1st: **(4) BALK** – horse for the course won three times here last year – then returned off the long layoff with two good dirt starts at Mountaineer Park. Shelly Radosevich wins 31% third start off the layoff and 25% first start after being beaten as the favorite.

2nd: **(7) MAD JACK** – missed by a neck two starts back here going two turns then raced evenly when moved up to allowance foes here last out. He drops down in class and distance here for Joe Martin who is off to a good start this meet.

3rd: **(1A) GIANT'S VOICE** – was doing nothing on turf and dirt but woke up here in his Tapeta debut with a good second going two turns.

Race Five:

1st: **(8) THAT'S BUCKBEAK** – very consistent 5-year-old gelding is always tough against this bottom-level claiming price. He was a good second here chasing the pace going this distance for Kevin Rice who wins 30% first start after being beaten as the favorite.

2nd: **(3) AVAST MATEY** – tired in his Tapeta debut here two starts back off a layoff then held well to be second last out. Ed Rojas wins 22% third start off the layoff and 20% with his synthetic-track starters. Eddie Dominguez rides back.

3rd: **(2) JONNY'S CHOICE** – raced evenly in his Tapeta debut going 5 ½ furlongs and stretches out to two turns.

Race Six:

1st: **(6) ARBA** – broke his maiden on the dirt at Thistledown then did nothing there against allowance foes. Last out here in his Tapeta debut, he showed good speed to the final yard with Erin Walker who is very aggressive out of the gate.

2nd: **(5) LIGHTNING JACK** – won going away by over five lengths in his career debut on the dirt at Finger Lakes as the odds-on favorite. He moves up in class here for Linda Rice who wins 21% first start off a maiden win.

3rd: **(4) KING ECLIPTICAL** – returns off a 279-day layoff for Flint Stites who gets Willie Martinez to ride.

Race Seven:

1st: **(3) LOOKIN DYNAMIC** – beat similar claimers two starts back going a mile on the dirt at Laurel then she came back on the turf at Saratoga with an even fourth when she broke awkwardly. Mike Trombetta wins 29% going from turf to synthetic.

2nd: **(2) VIOLET BLUE** – did nothing on the Tapeta at Woodbine three starts back but that was against grade three stakes company. She returned off the long layoff with an even third on the turf then raced evenly here last out against similar company.

3rd: **(4) FORGOTTEN PEACE** – broke her maiden here last year in her second career start and she won here last out on the front end.

Race Eight:

1st: **(8) ENJOY BASEBALL** – has yet to win here in three tries but this is the cheapest claiming price he has ever raced for. Last out, he was an even third going 5 ½ furlongs and the class dropdown and extra furlong should help.

2nd: **(4) THE CONNECTOR** – broke his maiden on the turf going two turns at Tampa Bay Downs against good company but then faded last out at Delaware Park. Son of the versatile City Zip drops down and distance with Pablo Morales getting the mount.

3rd: **(3) HAY HAY MY MY** – broke his maiden on the dirt by six lengths and drops down over a surface that he has run well on before.

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