

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Monday 08/17/20

Race One:

1st: **(4) BUMMER** – was a good second in his career debut against this maiden level on the dirt at Penn National then he dropped down in class and ran poorly as the lukewarm favorite. Flint Stites wins 26% first start after being beaten as the favorite.
2nd: **(6) DIALED IN ON ALICE** – did nothing last year in two starts on dirt to begin his career but returned here 16 months later and was a good second in his Tapeta debut against this maiden level.
3rd: **(2) JOEYVILLE** – has had many chances but shows nine placings and gets the red-hot Pablo Morales back to ride.

Race Two:

1st: **(7) FROST PROOF** – ran poorly in two straight off-the-turf events on sloppy tracks at Mountaineer Park but woke up here last out when he opened up a big lead before getting run down in the final strides
2nd: **(2) INVIGORATING** – raced evenly here last year then did nothing in two starts on the turf. Last out, he dropped down in class here and he broke his maiden by a head and now drops down in class against conditioned claimers for Jonathan Sheppard.
3rd: **(6) TRUENO** – makes his Tapeta debut after breaking his maiden in his 14th career start.

Race Three:

1st: **(6) GET SASSY** – horse for the course just missed going seven furlongs on the turf two starts back at Mountaineer Park then she came back here and won easily. Leland Hayes wins 22% first start after a win and 20% with his overall claimers.
2nd: **(5) YES IT'S ERIE** – horse for the course returned here, where else with her name, and was an even third in a wide trip from post eight going 5 ½ furlongs. Addiel Ayala rides back – 12% with his sprint rides.
3rd: **(2) DAVE'S TEXAS LADY** – she is 9 for 25 outside of here and only 1 for 11 here so she's the opposite of a horse for the course.

Race Four:

1st: **(8) BABY DRAGON** – returned off a long layoff with a terrible effort on the dirt at Tampa Bay Downs but she was right at home here last out when she missed by a neck against better company. Pablo Morales rides back 27% with his sprint rides.
2nd: **(5) RED LINGERIE** – was beaten 134 lengths in her first eight career starts on dirt and turf but tried Tapeta last out and she won easily. No reason she can't come back and do it again for Joe Martin who wins 13% first start after a maiden win.
3rd: **(2) OH MY PRECIOUS** – is only 1 for 20 here but they all came against better company.

Race Five:

1st: **(11) RICHIESINTHEHOUSE** – ran great on the Tapeta last year up at Woodbine. He made his 2020 debut on the Tapeta here and he romped by over five lengths as the odds-on favorite in blazing-fast time. Larry Rivelli wins 34% first start after a win.
2nd: **(3) MORE THAN GOOD** – won this race last year but only a pair of allowance races since then. He comes in here off a trio of dirt races at Thistledown and he needs to break well to get early position for his stalking running style.
3rd: **(10) SAMEDI NIGHT** – finished up last year with a good win against open allowance foes then won here 13 days ago off the layoff.

Race Six:

1st: **(3) LE GENERAL** – was claimed for \$20K two starts back at Belmont Park by Linda Rice then did nothing there in a turf sprint when moved up in class. Rice tries Tapeta for the first time and drops him way down in class – 22% in her second start off the claim.
2nd: **(6) JOHNNY CAB** – was third here in a stakes race last October then was up and down the class ladder since then. He keeps dropping down in class for Tim Girten who wins 34% first start out of his barn and he is able to get Pablo Morales to ride.
3rd: **(7) EXCLUSIVE DONALD** – began his career with two straight wins then ran poorly last out at Thistledown.

Race Seven:

1st: **(1) NOBLE AUTHORITY** – won his Tapeta debut last year going two turns then ran well against allowance foes. He returned off a long layoff with an even third going two turns on the turf at Parx Racing while training well on the Tapeta at Fair Hill training center.
2nd: **(5) DRIFTWOOD** – another one that broke his maiden here last year but did little in his next three starts. He almost went gate to wire on the turf at Delaware Park last month for Ron Potts who wins 18% going from turf to synthetic.
3rd: **(4) ALPHALFA** – returned to the races off a long layoff with an even third here against allowance foes in fast time going six furlongs.

Race Eight:

1st: **(3) PASSIONATE EMOTION** – was claimed for \$5K to finish up last year. Off for nine months, she returned with the claiming tag waived and was a good second. Now, she runs for the tag and gets Pablo Morales back aboard.
2nd: **(8) BEKKI'S DANCE** – horse for the course goes for his 14th career win here at the age of eight. She was a good second in a waiver claiming off the long layoff last out here and gets Addiel Ayala back aboard.
3rd: **(6) POQUITO ROSE** – looked great here when she best this claiming level by over three lengths.

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