

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Wednesday 08/19/20

Race One:

1st: **(5) SAMURAI ZIP** – horse for the course is still killing it at the age of 10. He has won 16 times here including a sharp win last out three weeks ago. He somehow shows his best early speed here and draws perfectly. Shelly Radosevich handles these oldtimers brilliantly.
2nd: **(3) NO CHOICE** – won a dirt sprint four starts back at Tampa Bay Downs then did nothing there. He showed some improvement here the last two starts and drops down to the bottom here for Lisa Allen who wins 9% with her synthetic-track starters.
3rd: **(1) TALE OF A SONG** – he usually wins or you can't find him. Coming off two dirt losses, maybe it's his turn to wake up here?

Race Two:

1st: **(10) SIXTY CENT** – ran extremely well in her well-bet career debut on the dirt 81 days ago at Tampa Bay Downs. Tim Hamm wins 12% second time out and 17% with his maiden special weight starters. Pablo Morales rides – 27% with his sprint rides.
2nd: **(2) DANA'S BEAUTY** – first-time starter from Randy Russell who wins 8% when they debut at this maiden level. By the red-hot sire Not this Time – 25% debut winners -, she is out of a dam by City Zip.
3rd: **(9) TACTICAL PAJAMAS** – first-time starter from Ron Potts who wins an amazing 35% with his debut runners.

Race Three:

1st: **(2) PAPAL LAW** – returned to the races off a nine-month layoff and almost went gate to wire on the turf at Laurel. He came back there and did hold on going nine furlongs in very fast time and should be the one to catch in here against state-breds.
2nd: **(4) AFTERBURNER** – rallied from off the pace to win going away two starts back on the turf at Parx Racing then he faded here last out as the favorite. He drops back to state-bred company and has won five times here already.
3rd: **(6) LATE BREAKING NEWS** – could be tough in his Tapeta debut if he shows his usual speed out of the gate.

Race Four:

1st: **(6) KISSMEONEMORETIME** – drops in class off two decent efforts on the synthetic track at Arlington Park and should be fit in her second start off the layoff. Anthony Stabile wins 25% first start after being beaten as the favorite.
2nd: **(2) ANNIE UP BUCK** – was a sharp winner here two starts back last October then came back and ran second. She returns off a 308-day layoff for James Hogue who wins 12% in this spot and 14% with his overall claimers.
3rd: **(5) DAWLISH** – won her well-bet career debut here last August and won her last start here for Jonathan Sheppard.

Race Five:

1st: **(1) LOOPY** – broke her maiden here in her first start against maiden claimers then she came back and was an even fourth last out. She drops down to the right conditioned claiming level and draws the rail with Erin Walker who can get them to relax on the front end.
2nd: **(8) MULTITUDE** – ran well on the turf this year against similar company then shipped here and rallied from way back to get second. Ron Potts wins 23% first start after being beaten as the favorite and the last 91 of them show a flat-bet profit.
3rd: **(2) TREASURE THE STORM** – speedball breaking from the inside should be tough in her second start off the layoff.

Race Six:

1st: **(4) STEVIS MAN** – incredible horse for the course has won 17 times here in 31 starts and is still going strong against good company. I like that they brought him back against high-class company last out off the layoff and now they get serious on the dropdown.
2nd: **(8) PREFERRED OUTCOME** – was stuck against New York-bred allowance company for most of last year. After a seven-month rest, he was a good third here against this claiming level after looming boldly at the top of the stretch.
3rd: **(1) NO WAY NEVER** – has run well here before and was a good second last out against this claiming level last out.

Race Seven:

1st: **(6) COME ON CITY** – returned off a 14-month layoff with two straight wins on the turf at Mountaineer Park then came here and rallied for second in her Tapeta debut. She has some tactical speed and lots of stamina so a fast pace would help.
2nd: **(1) WATCH HER STRUT** – horse for the course raced evenly in two turf starts out of town then shipped here and went gate to wire. She comes back against the same company for Matthew Kintz who wins 32% first start after a win.
3rd: **(5) MILL AND GLORIA** – went gate to wire two starts back on the dirt at Parx then held on for second there last out.

Race Eight:

1st: **(4) R CHERRY** – did nothing in her first four career starts on the dirt but showed good speed here in two starts against better. Ed Rojas wins 34% with his overall maiden claimers and 19% dropping down two or more class levels. Pablo Morales picks up the mount.
2nd: **(10) PALACES DIAMOND** – makes her Tapeta debut off three decent dirt starts at Tampa Bay Downs against better maiden claimers. Tim Girtten wins 34% first start out of his barn and 25% with this class dropdown.
3rd: **(11) HELLS BELLS HELEN** – was badly over matched in her first 3 career starts but improved a lot here when dropped down in class.

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