

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

### Race One:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(2) MAMMOTH** – finished out of the money in his first five career starts but made his Tapeta debut last out and was an even third going six furlongs. Ed Rojas wins 34% with his maiden claimers and the last 35 show a huge, flat-bet profit.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1) PITON** – returns off a 317-day layoff for Wayne Rice whose stable is just getting started. He showed high speed here last year going this distance and could hold on for a piece. Son of Data Link is a half-brother to five other winners.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(8) UNCONQUERED SPIRIT** – did nothing in five starts on dirt then just missed in a turf sprint last out at Delaware Park.

### Race Two:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(7) PEMAQUID DOT** – broke her maiden here last year then went to the sidelines for eight months. He did nothing on dirt and turf but returned here with an even third against decent company for former leading trainer Teresa Connelly.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1) ACT LIKE A LADY** – won going away in her well-bet career debut here going a two-turn mile. She comes back against conditioned claimers from the rail with first-time Lasix and Pablo Morales rides back.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(4) HONEY BOURBON** – did nothing in her first three career starts then broke her maiden going two turns on the synthetic at Turfway.

### Race Three:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(3) GOOD ON YA** – returned to the races with two decent dirt sprints at Tampa Bay Downs against open company. He shipped here and was a fast second behind a winner that came back to beat open-company allowance foes here.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) SWAT PARTY** – broke his maiden here first time out going six furlongs last year but then kind of floundered since then against this state-bred allowance level. He adds Lasix and should improve second start off the layoff.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(2) BAD MEDICINE** – ran extremely well on the turf two starts back at Mountaineer Park but tired badly here last out.

### Race Four:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(10) IMPERIAL KING** – ran well in his career debut at Gulfstream Park behind a winner that came back and won the Dr. Fager S. as the odds-on favorite next time out. He tired going seven furlongs there last out and ships here for Tim Hamm.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(7) CHANNEL FURY** – just missed here in his well-bet career debut going this distance in decent time. He is by Even the Score out of a stakes-winning dam that has produced three winners from three other foals to race including two stakes winners.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(5) DRUNKEN LOVE** – has had three chances including one here last out where he showed good speed for a half mile.

### Race Five:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(4) TIZ RED WINE** – speedball held on to be third two starts back here against cheaper company. She moved up in class off the claim by Rory Barron and was an even third in fast time. She's faster than the ones to her outside so she can work out a stalking trip.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(7) DANCE OR STROLL** – horse for the course has won eight times here and many came against better company than these. After showing nothing on a muddy track at Laurel, she shipped here and just missed behind the top choice last out.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(2) CULTURAL MANDATE** – doesn't really have the back class to handle these but looks to be the best of the rest.

### Race Six:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(7) GOODNIGHT MAN** – beat decent open-company claimers here last October but ran poorly in her next two starts. She bounced back last out when she held on for third and could improve in her third start off the layoff.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(3) BROOKLYNS SURPRISE** – finished up last year with a good win but did nothing on returns over a sloppy track at Penn National. She made a decent middle move here before weakening last out against this state-bred allowance level and could improve today.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(5) MONBA NUMBER FIVE** – returns off a 725-day layoff but has been training here the past month.

### Race Seven:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(4) PEANUTS PERFECTION** – was a sharp winner off the layoff over a muddy track at Thistledown then came back to win again at Mountaineer. He tries Tapeta for the first time but has a ton of speed and gets Pablo Morales.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) MUCHMORETHAN THIS** – showed good speed in a turf sprint at Monmouth Park against stakes foes then was an even fourth here in the Tom Ridge S. He drops back down to a more realistic class level and picks up Scott Spieth.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(2) FAST FIRE** – one-dimensional closer came from 10 lengths behind to win going away last out here in fast time.

### Race Eight:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(9) ORCHESTRAL** – returned here off a long layoff and held on for fourth going two turns against this claiming level. He has strong tactical speed and the right rider in Pablo Morales who will probably send him now that he has a race under his belt.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: **(10) GIANT VOICE** – just missed in his Tapeta debut here going two turns then came back and weakened late in a long sprint. Leland Hayes wins 20% stretching out and is 4 for 12 first start after being beaten as the favorite.  
3<sup>rd</sup>: **(7) BEING THERE** – beat state-bred allowance foes to finish up last season and raced evenly against these off the long layoff last out.

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