

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Monday 08/24/20

Race One:

1st: **(2) DYNAMIC WAR** – horse for the course is 9 for 16 here and won under a similar layoff last year by 11 lengths. She has tons of early speed and the right rider with Pablo Morales back aboard – 20% with his route mounts.

2nd: **(4) MARMALADE** – has won 10 times here over the years and had an even prep for this off the long layoff. She drops down in class off that effort but will need some pace up front. Anthony Ferraro wins 15% second start off the layoff and gets Addiel Ayala.

Race Two:

1st: **(4) MANDEVILLE** – finished up last year in even form. Daughter of Kitten's Joy came back and dominated similar claimers by coming from off the pace and now meets the same group for Katy Cheeks who is off to a great start this year.

2nd: **(2) OUR CLOSURE** – made her Tapeta debut a winning one when she dropped down to this claiming level and won by seven lengths. She has plenty of back class on the turf for Ed Rojas who wins 27% first start out of his barn and 25% when he uses Morales.

3rd: **(6) HONEST GINGER** – horse for the course prepped for this on the dirt at Belterra Park and has some back class.

Race Three:

1st: **(4) CLASSY HALO** – broke her maiden here going 5 ½ furlongs off the long layoff then was a good third when moved up to this allowance level going two turns. She turns back to six furlongs and should be fit from her recent efforts.

2nd: **(7) NEVER FORGET HER** – rallied for third here against this allowance level after being shuffled back from the inside. She draws outside for another crack at them for Jeff Skerrett who wins 18% with his synthetic-track starters and 17% against allowance foes.

3rd: **(5) OUR LITTLE JEWEL** – showed some talent in her first seven starts on the turf then raced evenly here going two turns.

Race Four:

1st: **(4) HERO'S RETURN** – broke his maiden by 19 lengths two starts back on the dirt at Laurel then showed good speed there last out going seven furlongs. He makes his Tapeta debut for Mike Trombetta who always seems to do well shipping in here.

2nd: **(1A) MR. MIKE** – was a good second two starts back at Aqueduct in March then made his Tapeta debut here going six furlongs and beat cheap maidens. Son of Candy Ride moves up off the claim by Anthony Stabile and picks up Willie Martinez.

3rd: **(3) SCATSUKU** – just missed in his Tapeta debut off a long layoff for Ed Rojas who wins 24% in this spot.

Race Five:

1st: **(7) OWLETTE** – ran extremely well on the Tapeta at Woodbine including a good third going two turns against grade three stakes company. She is two for two at today's distance and has tons of early speed no matter how far she goes.

2nd: **(9) ARTIE'S PRINCESS** – part of an uncoupled entry trained by Wesley Ward as both are listed to be ridden by Mario Pino. She ran extremely well in a turf sprint stakes race at Saratoga last out and is 3 for 4 on the Tapeta at Woodbine.

3rd: **(1) FAST SCENE** – won three of her first four career starts last year including two stakes wins for Tim Hamm.

Race Six:

1st: **(9) HEY BIG GUY** – rallied from way back to just miss going a bit longer in good time three weeks ago. He has plenty of back class and the wide draw shouldn't affect him since he will drop back early. Addiel Ayala rides back – 14% with his route mounts.

2nd: **(7) BOWSPRIT** – had been racing against much better company but suddenly dropped down to bottom-level claimers last out and he won going away on the turf at Colonial Downs. He has won here before against high-class allowance foes two years ago in fast time.

3rd: **(5) PIONEER DANCER** – one-dimensional closer got up in time last out going six furlongs in fast time.

Race Seven:

1st: **(4) TAKE CHARGE TINA** – consistent turf mare was claimed for \$25K two starts back at Belmont Park then came back at Par Racing and won as the favorite in her first start off the claim by Rudy Rodriguez. The red-hot Willie Martinez picks up the mount.

2nd: **(3) TOOLCAT** – broke her maiden here last year in her two-turn debut for Ron Potts who wins 21% going from turf to synthetic and 20% with his synthetic-track starters. Daughter of Kitten's Joy should be fit off recent turf races in Delaware.

3rd: **(2) FORGOTTEN PEACE** – horse for the course goes for her third straight victory this year for Tim Girten.

Race Eight:

1st: **(2) CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU** – had raced mostly on the turf before shipping here last out and running a good second as the 7 to 5 favorite when dropped down to this conditioned claiming level. Pablo Morales rides back for Ed Rojas.

2nd: **(7) BEN OF THE BUSH** – was no match for the top choice last out but he should be able to make one run from the back. Ron Potts wins 17% going long and he and Huber Villa-Gomez have always been a potent combo here over the years.

3rd: **(5) PRIVATE LAKE** – drops down in class off a catastrophic start last out but he had a decent half-mile breeze two days later.

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