

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Wednesday 08/26/20

Race One:

1st: **(4) RIVERSIDE WALK** – makes her Tapeta debut off a long layoff while dropping way down in class. She shows a couple of workouts here for Larry Hayes and is able to get leading rider Pablo Morales – 25% with his sprint rides.

2nd: **(2) PEPPY** – began her career here last year in great form with two wins in her first four career starts. She returned to the races last out against similar company with an even fourth and should be much fitter for Jonathan Sheppard.

3rd: **(1) PASSION'S IMAGE** – made her Tapeta debut a winning one last out by a nose

Race Two:

1st: **(5) LOOPY** – broke her maiden here in her first start against maiden claimers then raced evenly going six furlongs. She stretched out to two turns last out and won easily for Katy Cheeks who wins 25% first start after a win.

2nd: **(1) HIGH CLASS PLAYER** – woke up two starts back on the turf at Tampa Bay Downs then shipped here and won going this distance. Daughter of Wrote draws the rail with Addiel Ayala. If she scratches, I do not like her entrymate.

3rd: **(3) RIPROARING** – raced evenly in two dirt starts at Belterra Park and now tries Tapeta while dropping down in class

Race Three:

1st: **(2) FIELD OF COURAGE** – raced evenly in a turf sprint at Saratoga then did nothing there going two turns. He ships here for Rudy Rodriguez who wins 19% going long to short and draws well with Pablo Morales.

2nd: **(1) CITY PLAN** – showed good speed going seven furlongs on the turf at Mountaineer Park then shipped here and held well to be third going two turns. He turns back to a sprint against similar company as last out.

3rd: **(4) HE'S SO ZAZZY** – rallied from way back to get third last out after being shuffled back from post one.

Race Four:

1st: **(2) HOLY TRUTH** – did nothing in his first three career starts on dirt but woke up here in his Tapeta debut against this maiden claiming level. He came back with another second last out for Joe Martin who wins 17% with his maiden claimers and 16% going short.

2nd: **(1) DIAMOND VEGAS** – his only decent start came here last year when he dropped down to maiden claimers for the first time. He showed some speed last out going two turns and drops down in class and distance for Mark Maddox.

3rd: **(3) CATZALIONBYTHERALE** – drops way down in class and returns off a 185-day layoff for Linda Rice.

Race Five:

1st: **(5) LACEE** – finished up last year with a good win going a two-turn mile in fast time. She showed little last out in her first start off the long layoff but she should benefit from the race with Addiel Ayala back aboard.

2nd: **(9) THEYKEEPONCOMIN** – romped by six lengths last September here then returned off the long layoff and showed good speed before weakening. She has strong early speed and should be able to stalk the early pace.

3rd: **(1) CAROLYN** – was a good second here last out against this bottom-level claiming group.

Race Six:

1st: **(1) NEVERLOOKBACK** – beat this claiming level easily two starts back then won by a head last out in fast time. A repeat of his last two starts is good enough to beat these and he gets Pablo Morales who rode him to victory two starts back.

2nd: **(5) MULLED WINE** – did nothing on the dirt going two turns at Tampa Bay Downs in May then came here three months later and rallied for second going six furlongs. Scott Spieth rides back – flat-bet profit with his last 156 sprint rides.

3rd: **(6) EMPIREMEISTER** – could not overcome post 10 last out but rallied wide to get up for third.

Race Seven:

1st: **(4) STORM ADVISORY** – ran well in three straight dirt starts before coming back here and running a good second in fast time against this class level. Prolific winner over the years has never won here in three tries but that changes today.

2nd: **(3) OLDZFOURFORTYTWO** – finished up last year with two straight wins then went to the sidelines for almost 10 months. He returned with a good third here last out when pressing the pace and should be fitter today.

3rd: **(5) SMOKIN NITRO** – speedy gelding makes his Tapeta debut in his first start off the claim by Leland Hayes.

Race Eight:

1st: **(4) LOOKIN PERFECT** – doesn't win as much as you would like but she looks prepared for this. She was an even third two starts back here then showed good speed before weakening going two turns.

2nd: **(1) OH MY PRECIOUS** – made a bold, middle move before weakening two starts back then got up to win by a head last out. She drops down to bottom claimers for Joe Cheeks who wins 15% with his overall claimers.

3rd: **(2) COZAR'S QUEEN** – speedy mare could be tough to catch off a pair of fast five-furlong workouts over the track.

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