

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Monday 08/31/20

Race One:

1st: **(7) THE PREDICAMENT** – rallied from far back to get second in his career debut going five furlongs on the turf at Gulfstream Park then came back there and raced evenly going seven furlongs in an off-the-turf event.

2nd: **(2) CLAW** – showed good speed in his first three career starts on the turf then came here and was an even third after being bumped at the start in his Tapeta debut. He adds Lasix today and draws the rail with Eddie Dominguez back aboard.

3rd: **(1A) CONGRATS SMOKE** – first-time starter from Kevin Rice (13% debut winners) is training well here and looks ready.

Race Two:

1st: **(4) CATHMOR** – improved here second start off the layoff when dropped down to this claiming level then rallied for second last out in fast time again. He has run well here before and gets Mario Pino back aboard.

2nd: **(5) POLLARD STAR** – ran well here last year against this claiming level and has had three terrible dirt starts this year. He goes back to his favorite surface for Nick Caruso who wins 26% with this surface switch.

3rd: **(1A) PEPPERMINT ZIP** – finished up last year with a good win in fast time & drops down in class in his second start off the long layoff.

Race Three:

1st: **(5) HELLS BELLS HELDEN** – returned off a long layoff here and was an even third after being shuffled back from post one. She came back and won from post 10 and should be involved with the early pace with apprentice rider Amanda Schwartz.

2nd: **(8) JEALOUS HEART** – hasn't won in here and is only 1 for 28 lifetime but she has some early speed and gets Willie Martinez – 17% with his sprint rides. Daughter of Any Given Saturday has been training steadily for this.

3rd: **(10) BABY DRAGON** – missed by a neck two starts back in her second start off a long layoff then raced evenly last out.

Race Four:

1st: **(2) ALEXANDRA KAY** – speedball weakened two starts back here then came back in her first start off the claim by Kevin Rice and won by over five lengths in fast time. Rice wins 23% with his overall claimers and the last 167 show a flat-bet profit.

2nd: **(8) DAVE'S TEXAS LADY** – prolific winner on the turf just missed here last out against this claiming level. She battled every step of the way last out and Pablo Morales picks up the mount.

3rd: **(9) QUEENOFTHEKINGDOM** – was a good third two starts back here then weakened after a middle move from post 8.

Race Five:

1st: **(9) A BIT OF BOTH** – versatile silly has won on dirt, turf and synthetic. She was a game second on the dirt going six furlongs in fast time at Delaware Park for Brad Cox who wins 24% against this stakes level and 23% off medium rest.

2nd: **(1) INTHEMIDSTOFBIZ** – beat allowance foes on the dirt at Oaklawn Park then raced evenly in a turf sprint. She came back with a sharp win on the dirt at Indiana Downs and looks to have enough gate speed to keep from being shuffled back from post one.

3rd: **(7) CAMEL MARTINI** – horse for the course should be ready for stakes foes in her second start off a long layoff.

Race Six:

1st: **(3) AMAZON LIZZIE** – finished up last year in poor form but I like that when she came back here off a ten-month layoff, her claiming tag was waived. Daughter of Kantharos has 16 in-the-money finishes in 24 starts here on the Tapeta.

2nd: **(5) GET SASSY** – went winless last year but bounced back two starts back with a good win then she just missed. She moves up in class for Leland Hayes who wins 19% with his claimers and 15% with his synthetic-track starters.

3rd: **(1A) BEKKI'S DANCE** – was a good second two starts back then raced evenly last out after an awkward start.

Race Seven:

1st: **(2) LAWN DART** – went gate to wire in her Tapeta debut here two starts back then came back and did it against open-company allowance foes. She drops a bit in class here for Lance Stokes who wins 31% first start after a win.

2nd: **(4) FINDING PERFECTION** – lost her rider in her Tapeta debut up at Woodbine then came back there and was a sharp winner. She tired there last out in a longer turf race and now adds blinkers and Scott Spieth.

3rd: **(8) COZZENE'S CAT** – finished up last year with a good win then returned this year with a terrible effort.

Race Eight:

1st: **(1) SAVE THE DRAMA** – flashed brief speed two starts back going seven furlongs on the turf at Mountaineer Park then held on for second here against this claiming level. He has won seven times here for Shelly Radosevich who wins 28% third start off the layoff.

2nd: **(10) K'S LITTLE BILL** – horse for the course is still lightly raced at the age of 8 and he showed good speed last out here before weakening going six furlongs in fast time. Pablo Morales rides back – 5 for 10 riding for Joe Martin.

3rd: **(2) LEAVEITLONELARRY** – missed by a length two starts back then raced wide last out.

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