

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Tuesday 09/01/20

Race One:

1st: **(4) MAXIMUM FACTOR** – dropped way down in class here two starts back and missed by a head from post 10 in his second start off the long layoff. He came back against this group and ran well again.

2nd: **(7) DONALD** – returns to the races off a 327-day layoff for Randy Russell who wins 9% with this move. This is the lowest claiming price he has raced for and he shows two, fast five-furlong workouts here the past three weeks.

3rd: **(5) DIAMANT** – dropped down to this claiming level and won by a neck last out going this distance.

Race Two:

1st: **(6) BEYOND SMART** – horse for the course ran evenly two starts in a row then raced closer to the pace last out and weakened late. Gerry Brooks wins 18% going long and 23% with his synthetic-track starters.

2nd: **(4) FOX ROX** – after racing on the turf this winter at Tampa Bay Downs, he came here and won when dropped down to this claiming level. Last out, after moving up in class, he was an even fourth for Mark Hoffman who wins 17% with his overall claimers.

3rd: **(2) MASTEROFTHEHOUSE** – made a middle move before weakening two starts back going six furlongs and stretches out tonight.

Race Three:

1st: **(3) AZZEDINE** – even though he is 0 for 28 lifetime, none came on Tapeta or any other synthetic track. His last race going two turns on the turf at Monmouth Park would crush this field and gets Mario Pino for his PID debut.

2nd: **(1) FRIO** – did nothing in two straight starts on the turf at Tampa Bay Downs then shipped here for his Tapeta debut and he rallied for second against similar maiden claiming company. Pablo Morales gets the ride from post one.

3rd: **(7) LORD BYRON** – just missed two starts back here in his Tapeta debut then did nothing when moved way up in class.

Race Four:

1st: **(6) PEPPER** – finished up last year with a good second against this maiden level going this distance. He returned almost 10 months later and raced second after racing wide. Third start off the long layoff should have her fit for this.

2nd: **(1) GRAND MAMOO** – showed good speed out of the gate before weakening in her well-bet career debut against lesser company then came back against this level and was right there in the deep stretch after adding Lasix.

3rd: **(2) ROYAL COLLECTION** – raced evenly in her career debut going a mile on the turf then showed good speed there on the dirt.

Race Five:

1st: **(5) BET THE POT** – made a lone start here two years ago and it was a good third going two turns. He did nothing last year but came back this year with two wins on the turf at Parx Racing. Jonathan Sheppard wins 22% first start after a win.

2nd: **(7) BAD MEDICINE** – showed some speed before tiring two starts back going two turns then came back against this state-bred allowance level with a good third going six furlongs after a rough trip early.

3rd: **(6) VISKI JONES** – didn't do much on the dirt two starts back off a long layoff then showed good speed here last out going two turns.

Race Six:

1st: **(3) LARIMAR** – just missed on the dirt at Monmouth Park in her well-bet career debut then tired next out as the odds-on favorite. Off for almost a year, he romped in a turf sprint at Colonial Downs and now tries Tapeta for Mike Stidham.

2nd: **(7) ELIA** – ran well last year here with a two seconds then a win against maiden \$25K claimers. Off for 11 months, she went gate to wire going six furlongs and now tries open allowance foes with Mario Pino who for some reason is only winning with 4% of his sprint rides.

3rd: **(2) MORGAN'S Z VA** – horse for the course was an even third last out here going this distance.

Race Seven:

1st: **(3) THE CURT FOX** – rallied from behind to prevail by a neck two starts back against cheaper then was a good third when moved up in class. He draws well today and gets a major rider switch to Pablo Morales.

2nd: **(5) JARETH** – won his Tapeta debut last year then went back on the turf for his first two starts this year. He returned here and beat much cheaper claimers then his late rally just missed going six furlongs last out.

3rd: **(6) SERVE REVENGE COLD** – ran well here last year against decent company then beat decent company last out going two turns.

Race Eight:

1st: **(4) RED LINGERIE** – broke her maiden against cheap maiden claimers here in her Tapeta debut then came back against this conditioned claiming level and missed by a neck. Joe Martin wins 16% with his synthetic-track starters.

2nd: **(2) FOOT RUB LOVE** – has had many chances here but hardly even seems to run a bad race over it. She just missed two starts back going six furlongs but didn't do much when moved up off the claim by Gerry Brooks.

3rd: **(8) DOMINANT STRANGER** – returned off the long layoff to miss by a length but didn't do much last out.

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