

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Wednesday 09/02/20

Race One:

1st: **(5) NEVER FORGET HER** – made her Tapeta debut two starts back and rallied for third against better company. She came back with an even effort against the same group and now drops down in class for Jeff Skerrett who wins 16% with his claimers.
2nd: **(3) SUNDAY EXPRESS** – returns to the races off a 336-day layoff for Teresa Connelly who wins 20% with her overall claimers. She broke her maiden by almost six lengths last time out against males and meets decent company with Pablo Morales picking up the mount.
3rd: **(2) ACT LIKE A LADY** – broke her maiden first time out then came back and just missed when Lasix was added.

Race Two:

1st: **(7) LE GENERAL** – did nothing two starts back against much better in a turf sprint at Belmont Park then shipped here and raced evenly. He drops down in class for Linda Rice who wins 34% first start after being beaten as the favorite.
2nd: **(1) SPINNING JOEY** – finished up last year with a decent effort from post 12 going six furlongs in fast time. He came back here against this claiming level last out and almost went gate to wire for Adam Rice who wins 33% second start off the layoff.
3rd: **(1) SAVE ME PAULA** – lost all chance two starts back when he broke poorly then was beaten less than two lengths last out.

Race Three:

1st: **(5) SIR LUDLOW** – broke his maiden on the dirt at Tampa Bay Downs then did little when tried on the turf. He made his Tapeta debut last out and showed good speed to the deep stretch and turns back to six furlongs while adding blinkers.
2nd: **(6) THE FILTER** – raced well on the Tapeta at Golden Gate then was claimed two starts back and shipped across the country. He chased the pace from post one going 5 ½ furlongs and draws much better with Eddie Dominguez.
3rd: **(3) FOLTYNEWICZ** – returned to the races off a long layoff last out in an off-the-turf raced and drops down in class.

Race Four:

1st: **(6) SHOOT YOUR CUFFS** – was soundly beaten in his first three career starts here then dropped down to this maiden claiming level last out and was right there in the deep stretch. John Bourke wins 24% against this maiden level.
2nd: **(7) I'M JUST LAUGHING** – showed high speed before missing by a length in his career debut going 5 ½ furlongs and comes back against the same maiden claiming level while stretching out to six furlongs. Ed Rojas wins 32% with his maiden claimers.
3rd: **(2) R C M EXPRESS** – another that did nothing in his first three career starts then showed good speed against these with blinkers on.

Race Five:

1st: **(2) HIDEY HIDEY** – first-time starter from Gerry Brooks who wins 14% with his maiden claimers. Daughter of Congrats (10% debut winners) is the first foal to race out of a dam by Awesome Again that won three times.
2nd: **(3) MIDNIGHT FAME** – showed speed for a half-mile two starts back on the dirt at Gulfstream Park then came back here and tired. She drops way down in class for Teresa Connelly who wins 23% with his synthetic-track starters and gets Pablo Morales.
3rd: **(4) TAMI ANN** – first-time starter from Bill Cowans who wins 19% with his debut runners and 12% with his maiden claimers.

Race Six:

1st: **(4) WILD WINTER** – raced evenly here two starts back then was a good third last out when dropped down to this claiming level. 10YO has 18 seconds and thirds on the Tapeta but only two wins but he does well against this claiming level.
2nd: **(1) PEPPERMINT ZIP** – beat this claiming level two starts back to finish up last year then returned here with a dull effort against better. He drops back to a more realistic class level for John Bourke and gets in light with Amanda Schwartz.
3rd: **(5) SPICY SHOT** – just missed here 15 months ago then returned against better company than these and showed speed on the dirt.

Race Seven:

1st: **(3) KID RUSSELL** – won his career debut here last year then came back with a good second in a \$100K stakes race. Off for nine months, he did nothing on dirt at Thistledown then came back here and could not overcome post10 so he drops in class.
2nd: **(6) STRAIGHTOUTADUTTON** – broke his maiden in his seasonal debut last out at huge odds and now drops down in class against winners for Randy Russell who wins 24% first start after a maiden win.
3rd: **(2) FUDGE** – broke his maiden as the 6/5 favorite in his career debut here and moves up a notch in class.

Race Eight:

1st: **(7) SHE'S A TROOPER** – was a good third on the turf two starts back at Mountaineer Park in her first start in eight months then shipped here and was run down late after taking a late lead against better maiden claimers.
2nd: **(8) HIGHLY EXPLOSIVE** – returned to the races against this maiden claiming level with blinkers added then stretched out two turns and showed good speed to the deep stretch. Tim Girten wins 27% third start off the layoff.
3rd: **(1) ALL AMERICAN JEWEL** – still winless in 14 starts but all came against slightly better company and she draws the rail.

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