

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Monday 09/07/20

Race One:

1st: **(1) DIALED ON ALICE** – just missed two starts back here going six furlongs on a dull track then stretched out to two turns and weakened late. He turns back to a long sprint for Joe Martin who is 6 for 13 when he uses Pablo Morales.

2nd: **(3) COMMADORE BARRY** – moves up in class on paper but these state-bred maiden races are pretty wide open. He was an even fourth last out here in his Tapeta debut and now adds blinkers for the first time while turning back in distance.

3rd: **(4) SHAENA BUE** – still a maiden after 23 starts including 14 here but we are only asking him to hit the board.

Race Two:

1st: **(3) GO HIPPO GO** – dropped down to this claiming level two starts back with a good third then beat similar last out despite racing wide from post 10. He has some back class here and does his best racing at two turns.

2nd: **(8) GRAY DUDE** – turf horse looking for class relief drops down to the bottom here while making his Tapeta debut for Steve Klesaris who wins 14% second start off the layoff. He ran well last out at Colonial Downs on the turf and gets Morales.

3rd: **(1) BALK** – was only beaten two lengths two starts back here in a long sprint then just missed going two turns in good time.

Race Three:

1st: **(8) SAMURAI ZIP** – romped by three lengths two starts back going six furlongs then he came back as the 9/5 favorite and just missed going 5 ½ furlongs. 10YO horse for the course goes for his 17th win here at five furlongs with Scott Spieth back aboard.

2nd: **(2) MAXIMUM FACTOR** – has run second here in all four career starts on the Tapeta. He just missed six days ago and has enough gate speed to keep from getting shuffled back from post two. Addiel Ayala picks up the mount – flat-bet profit with his sprinters this year.

3rd: **(6) MUCHO PROSPECT** – returned off a seven-month layoff with a sharp win then moved up in class off the claim by Brooks.

Race Four:

1st: **(9) ORCHESTRAL** – battled for the lead before weakening two starts back in his first start in 11 months then just missed last out. 10YO has plenty of back class but has to overcome the wide draw. Tim Girten wins 26% third start off the layoff.

2nd: **(7) CONQUEST GIROBALL** – finished up last year with a trio of even efforts then came back and rallied some in a long sprint off a long layoff. Leland Hayes wins 36% first start after being beaten as the favorite and 25% second start off the layoff.

3rd: **(4) HAPPY WANDERER** – makes his Tapeta debut off a decent effort on the turf against this claiming level at Colonial Downs.

Race Five:

1st: **(1) SOUPER BOOM** – dueled for the lead in his well-bet career debut in a turf sprint at Colonial Downs. He heads up a tough entry from trainer Mike Trombetta and either one will do since the same rider is named on both.

2nd: **(3) GAMBLER ROCKET** – showed good speed from post 10 going six furlongs in fast time against salty maidens on the dirt at Oaklawn Park. He came back here four months later and held well for third while pressing the pace from post 8.

3rd: **(5) RHYTHM MUSIC** – first-time starter from John Bourke who wins 12% with his debut runners and 16% against this maiden level.

Race Six:

1st: **(4) PEPPY** – Jonathan Sheppard has been shipping in live horses here and spotting them well. This mare ran evenly in her two starts over the track off the long layoff and now drops down in class. Scott Spieth rides back – 3 for 6 with Sheppard this meet.

2nd: **(2) SKY DIETY** – only 2 for 20 lifetime so she's not a prolific winner but this is the lowest claiming level she has raced for. Her last two starts were turf sprint in Louisiana and now she returns to the Tapeta which she ran well over last year.

3rd: **(10) LOOKIN PERFECT** – tired some going two turns here but rallied nicely for second back at six furlongs.

Race Seven:

1st: **(5) COURTING A KISS** – ran well on the Tapeta at Woodbine last year and comes in here off many dirt sprints around the country. He moves up a notch in class for Chris Hartman who wins 28% with this surface switch and 25% with his overall synthetic-track starters.

2nd: **(6) BANTU** – woke up some in his Tapeta debut with blinkers added two starts back as he missed by a head after being shuffled back from post one. He broke much better last out in a long sprint but weakened late. Willie Martinez picks up the mount.

3rd: **(8) THE CONNECTOR** – showed a little talent with a win on the turf second time out then came here and ran well against cheaper.

Race Eight:

1st: **(10) MY CLAW** – still a maiden after nine starts but she ran okay last out on the dirt in her first start in over two years and drops down in class here. Juan Silva wins 23% second start off the layoff and 24% with his overall maiden claimers.

2nd: **(11) MOZA** – did nothing in her first two career starts on the dirt then came here and was a game second against better maidens. She lost all chance out of the gate when moved way up in class and now drops down for Mike Rogers.

3rd: **(1) ENTHRONED** – showed good speed before weakening on the synthetic at Turfway Park then just missed there last out.

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