

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Thursday 09/17/20

Race One:

1st: **(7) KELLY BE KRUSIN** – did nothing in her first four career starts but woke up two starts back with a good second when blinkers were added for the first time. She was a good second here last out in her Tapeta debut for Joe Martin who wins 19% with his maiden claimers.
2nd: **(2) GRAND MAMOO** – speedball breaking from the inside held well to be third here two starts back against open maiden company then weakened last out when the pace was too hot. Randy Russell wins 19% dropping down to maiden claiming company.
3rd: **(1) BLUEBIRD DAY** – first-time starter from Bodemeister who wins 10% with his debut runners out of a stakes-placed dam.

Race Two:

1st: **(4) J'S TWOSTEP BEAUTY** – raced well on the turf at Tampa Bay before shipping here and hanging on for second going two turns against this conditioned claiming level. She goes from a 10% rider to a 25% rider.
2nd: **(6) VINDICTA** – was a good third two starts back behind the top choice here then tired after moving up in class. She drops back down for Kevin Rice who wins 23% third start off the long layoff and with his overall claiming starters.
3rd: **(9) ZANGARVA** – one-dimensional closer shipped here and rallied from way back to prevail by a neck.

Race Three:

1st: **(7) KOALA BEAR** – returns to the races off a 339-day layoff for Ron Potts who only wins 5% in this spot but 19% with his overall maiden claimers. He might need a race but doesn't face much in here with Huber Villa-Gomez riding back.
2nd: **(5) DECLARED** – ran well in his career debut on the turf at the Fair Grounds but did nothing there next time out. Off for five month, she ran well at Delaware Park and now drops down in class for his Tapeta debut with Pablo Morales.
3rd: **(4) SIR AGGRAVATOR** – raced evenly two starts back then lost all chance last out when he broke poorly from post one.

Race Four:

1st: **(2) MALARKEY** – was badly outrun two starts back at Saratoga going seven furlongs as the lukewarm favorite then shipped here for her Tapeta debut and was an even second in decent time against this claiming level.
2nd: **(4) YES IT'S ERIE** – returned to the races off a long layoff and was an even third without being risked for the claim. She weakened in her next two starts for Tom Cooper who wins 13% with his sprinters and 11% with his overall synthetic-track starters.
3rd: **(1A) D J SOUL SISTA** – horse for the course drops down to this claiming level after rallying at Arlington Park last out.

Race Five:

1st: **(4) THE PREDICAMENT** – has run second in all three career starts even though they came on turf, dirt and Tapeta. He missed by a head here last out as the odds-on favorite going two turns when stuck behind a slow pace and now adds blinkers.
2nd: **(2B) CONGRATS SMOKE** – first-time starter from Kevin Rice who wins 13% with his debut runners. By Congrats (10% debut winners, he is out of a dam by Tiznow (8% debut winners) that is a half-sister to a grade one stakes winner.
3rd: **(6) PALACE INTRIGUE** – first-time starter from Graham Motion that wins 16% when they debut at a mile or more.

Race Six:

1st: **(8) GEYSER** – had been trying to come from way back in turf sprints then came here and won going six furlongs in good time. He drops down in class for Mark Shuman and it looked like he grabbed the track much better last out.
2nd: **(10) BETWEENHEREANDCOOL** – horse for the course has 10 wins and 10 seconds here and is still running well at the age of 10. He just missed here two starts back then weakened late in a long sprint when moved up in class.
3rd: **(4) FIELD OF COURAGE** – made his PID debut last out with an even third but he has 5 wins in the past on Tapeta.

Race Seven:

1st: **(1A) SPETTACOLI** – finished up last year with a good win on the turf at Colonial Downs then returned there 11 months later and missed going gate to wire by a neck. He made his Tapeta debut here last out and ran well against better claiming company.
2nd: **(5) SCIENCE TO WIN** – is only
3rd: **(4) SIGNS OF GREATNESS** – tired against open allowance foes two starts back but just missed against these last time out.

Race Eight:

1st: **(10) FROST PROOF** – opened up a big lead two starts back before being run down late then came back and tried to set a slower pace to no avail. He should get loose again with David Delgado back aboard.
2nd: **(2) COTTON HOUSE** – was a good second on the turf against better two starts back then shipped here and was beaten less than a length when dropped down to this level. Ricky Hendriks wins 18% with his route mounts and he gets Pablo Morales back aboard.
3rd: **(5) THE FILTER** – raced evenly in his PID debut then came back and weakened in a fast race so now he drops down in class.

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