

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Thursday 09/24/20

Race One:

- 1st: **(8) DRUNKEN LOVE** – improved greatly when he shipped here and tried Tapeta. 2-year-old gelding flashed good speed in his first two starts here against maiden special weight company then was a good third at this distance against this maiden claiming level.
- 2nd: **(9) BROOKLYN LAW** – did nothing in his career debut but actually improved some last out against maiden special weight company. He drops down to maiden claimers and adds Lasix for the first time.
- 3rd: **(6) WHOOPS** – had no shot when he broke poorly from an inside post and draws better today.

Race Two:

- 1st: **(5) BABY DRAGON** – rallied from post 10 to miss by a head two starts back then moved up to this conditioned claiming level and rallied for second in fast time. Mark Hoffman wins 18% with his claiming starters and 16% with his sprinters.
- 2nd: **(2) I'M JUST LAUGHING** – speedball almost hung on in his well-bet career debut then faced state-bred company and won going away at 7-10 odds. He will be tough to catch if Eddie Dominguez can shake him loose – 23% when he rides for Ed Rojas.
- 3rd: **(3) BISHI** – took hi 47 starts to break his maiden but he came back two starts later and was a good second against these.

Race Three:

- 1st: **(2) MIDNIGHT PIRATE** – dropped down to this conditioned claiming level and was a good second after taking the lead in the deep stretch. He ran a similar race last out and tries them again from post two with Pablo Morales.
- 2nd: **(3) TROIS PONTS** – was an even third in her Tapeta debut when she dropped down to this conditioned claiming level. She improved some here last out behind the top choice again. Tim Girten wins 22% with his synthetic-track starters and 21% with his claimers.
- 3rd: **(4) FRESHMAN CLASS** – one-dimensional closer rallied from far back to win going away to break his maiden here.

Race Four:

- 1st: **(4) ART FORM** – added Lasix for her Tapeta debut two starts back and she was an even fourth. She dropped down to this class level last out and rallied from way back for Jonathan Sheppard who wins 16% first start after being beaten as the favorite.
- 2nd: **(1) BLACK PATENT SHOES** – was beaten 54 lengths in her first three career starts on the dirt but she was a good second in her Tapeta debut. She came back and broke her maiden going away then just missed by a neck despite a rough trip.
- 3rd: **(8) BALLYBRACK LASS** – has run well on the Tapeta here and poorly on everything else so why isn't she here all the time?

Race Five:

- 1st: **(4) VALDOLOBO** – ran well on the turf after shipping here from Europe a couple of years ago. She showed good speed on the turf two starts back then shipped here against this class level and almost went gate to wire for Mike Stidham.
- 2nd: **(1) INDY RIDE** – very inconsistent 3-year-old but he shipped here and dropped down to this claiming level with a good second going six furlongs in fast time. Maria Bowersock wins 15% with her sprinters and 11% on synthetic tracks.
- 3rd: **(7) SCATSUKU** – beat this class level rather easily two starts back then tired last out going a two-turn mile in very fast time.

Race Six:

- 1st: **(1) SIR LUDLOW** – won on the dirt when Lasix was added then did nothing in his turf debut. He came back here for his Tapeta debut going two turns and he showed good speed to the deep stretch. Last out, he raced evenly with blinkers when dropped down to this level.
- 2nd: **(6) KING OF LEINSTER** – ships in from Florida where he raced exclusively on the turf. Only 1 for 25 lifetime, he drops down a notch in class and he should handle the two turns here from a middle post with Addiel Ayala who wins 18% with his route mounts.
- 3rd: **(4) MOTATAN** – returned off the long layoff with a decent effort here against better then gunned to the front from post nine.

Race Seven:

- 1st: **(3) NO WAY NEVER** – horse for the course has five wins and four seconds in only ten starts here. After racing on the turf, he came here and after running second, he won twice in good times. Mike Pappada wins 28% first start after a win and gets Morales.
- 2nd: **(1) FUEL THE BERN** – ran well against the top choice two starts back when he found himself nine lengths behind then he raced closer to the pace but still couldn't beat him. Son of Bernardini draws the rail with Willie Martinez.
- 3rd: **(2) BLICHTON** – horse for the course has won 13 times here but moves up some in class.

Race Eight:

- 1st: **(7) CORT'N ASONG** – prolific winner tries Tapeta for the first time. He dropped down to this claiming level last out and showed good speed on the dirt at Delaware Park and ships here for Ron Potts who wins 20% with his synthetic-track starters.
- 2nd: **(9) POINTMAN** – tried to make up some ground after falling too far behind two starts back then he raced evenly here last out. Don Buckner wins 18% second start out of his barn and 14% with his overall claimers with his last 44 showing a flat-bet profit.
- 3rd: **(4) DIMATE** – not the most inspiring pick but his trainer only has one win this year yet is able to get leading rider Pablo Morales.

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