

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Monday 09/28/20

Race One:

1st: **(2) THE TWO NANCY'S** – returned to the races off the long layoff and won easily with the claim being waived. She tired next time out as the 2-5 favorite and was claimed that day by Gerry Brooks who brought her back here and just missed against these.
2nd: **(3) MALARKEY** – was a distant second as the 1-2 favorite in her Tapeta debut while dropping way down in class. She came back and won going away last out and Linda Rice will keep running her at this level until someone takes her.
3rd: **(4) FAITH FACTOR** – could be the lone closer for Gerry Brooks who wins 19% going from dirt to synthetic.

Race Two:

1st: **(7) GOLD HAWK** – tries Tapeta for the first time after winning seven times on Polytrack out of town. After winning two in a row, he was second two starts in a row for Larry Rivelli who wins 32% going from turf to synthetic and 31% with his overall claimers.
2nd: **(5) FRONT LINE PAIGE** – had been racing on the turf but shipped here for his Tapeta debut and he rallied from far back to win going away against similar company. Jay Bernardini wins 20% first start after a win and gets Eddie Dominguez back aboard.
3rd: **(4) HAPPY WANDERER** – raced evenly in a fast turf race two starts back then was a sharp winner here last out.

Race Three:

1st: **(2) SUNDAY EXPRESS** – finished up last season with an easy win against males but then went to the sidelines for 11 months. She came back here with a good second against this conditioned claiming level for Teresa Connelly whose barn is starting to wake up.
2nd: **(3) SAMURAI LEGACY** – looked good when he went gate to wire to break his maiden easily at Finger Lakes but came back there and tired against allowance foes. He drops down in class for his Tapeta debut.
3rd: **(5) STUCK UP** – was a good second going two turns on the turf at Delaware Park then shipped here and raced evenly against these.

Race Four:

1st: **(2) SALIZA** – missed by a head in her career debut here going 5 ½ furlongs for Wayne Rice who usually doesn't have them cranked for their debuts so improvement can be expected. Scott Spieth picks up the ride – 16% with his sprint rides.
2nd: **(1) DO YOU LOVE ME** – rallied from 11 lengths behind to miss by a neck in her career debut against these. Daughter of English Channel is bred to go a lot longer and should improve here for John Bourke who wins 22% second time out.
3rd: **(5) FAST LANI** – showed a strong middle move before weakening in her well-bet career debut.

Race Five:

1st: **(1A) WELLABLED** – insanely fast 6-year-old held well to be third here two starts back against similar company then tired badly in a turf sprint at Churchill Downs against grade-two stakes company. Larry Rivelli wins 36% with his overall synthetic-track starters.
2nd: **(4) FIELDER** – pressed the pace from post 10 here two starts back then ran poorly in the same turf sprint at Churchill that the top choice did. He gets blinkers put back on and picks up Scott Spieth.
3rd: **(7) FAST FIRE** – made up 16 lengths in a long sprint two starts back then got up by a neck last out at even money.

Race Six:

1st: **(7) ART OF THE DREAM** – began the season with a sharp win where he made up 10 lengths in the stretch against this claiming level. He came back to run well in his next two starts and even though his trainer only has one win this year, he keeps Pablo Morales.
2nd: **(1) HOLY TRUTH** – ran well in three straight sprints here then stretched out to two turns for the first time and won in a wide trip. He meets similar company and should save ground from the rail. Joe Martin wins 15% first start after a win and 23% with Walber Alencar.
3rd: **(5) LEBASI** – beat similar three starts back when blinkers were added going two turns then just missed in a sprint last out.

Race Seven:

1st: **(3) OLDZFOURFORTYTWO** – horse for the course won here two starts back then came back and tired in a very fast race. He meets open allowance company for Tim Girten who wins 23% first start off the claim and 22% with his synthetic-track starters.
2nd: **(5) BANTU** – added blinkers and missed by a head despite being shuffled back from post one in his Tapeta debut against this allowance level. He lost all chance last out with a poor start but at least rallied for third with Willie Martinez back aboard.
3rd: **(7) LIFE MISSION** – won going away here in his first start in nine months then held well for third last out.

Race Eight:

1st: **(4) THE HUMONGOUS ONE** – opened up a huge lead last out going two turns before getting run down late and now turns back to a long sprint for Gerry Brooks who wins 21% first start after being beaten as the favorite and 18% turning back to a sprint.
2nd: **(2) ZOODLES** – was a good third against this level two starts back in a wide trip from post 10 then he moved up in class for new trainer Tim Girten and weakened late as the lukewarm favorite. Girten wins 24% with this dropdown and 29% with Morales.
3rd: **(9) FRENCH KISS ME** – returned to the races off the long layoff with a good third then raced evenly last out.

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