

## Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Wednesday 10/07/20

### Race One:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **(6) STRAIGHTOUTADUTTON** – broke his maiden here off the long layoff when he went gate to wire then did it again against \$20K claimers. He came back against this class level and showed high speed before weakening after setting a very fast pace.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) SAMURAI LEGACY** – broke his maiden on the dirt at Finger Lakes at odds-on then tired next out there against allowance foes. He shipped here and beat \$20K claimers and that race makes him eligible for this starter allowance class.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **(4) QUICK ENTRY** – moves up off the claim by Anthony Ferraro who wins 20% with this move.

### Race Two:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **(2) LIFESPAN** – improved a lot when Lasix was added three starts back and he was beaten 1 ½ lengths on the turf. After racing poorly next out on it, he rallied wide from post 10 to just miss in his Tapeta debut for Ron Potts who wins 19% third start off the layoff.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1) OBSESSION EMPIRE** – was beaten 59 lengths in his first three career starts on the dirt at Finger Lakes before shipping here and holding for third going this distance against similar company. Willie Martinez picks up the mount – 18% with his sprint rides.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **(6) BREVET OFFICER** – chased the pace before weakening in his career debut here going a big longer for Wayne Rice.

### Race Three:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **(7) MOON OVER MONTANA** – has run well here in the past and ships in off two decent starts on the synthetic track at Arlington Park for Larry Rivelli who wins 31% with his overall claimers and 26% going long.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) POST CLOSE** – shipped in from Louisiana off two turf efforts at Evangeline Downs to win his Tapeta debut going a mile in very fast time. He came back with an even effort when moved way up in class and now drops back down to a more realistic class level.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **(2) GREATEST GAME** – just missed two starts back then raced evenly going nine furlongs last out for Kevin Rice.

### Race Four:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **(3) MAXIMUM FACTOR** – has yet to run a poor race here with a win and five seconds. He ran second four starts in a row this year when dropped down to this claiming level then beat them last out going this distance. Pablo Morales rides back for Scooter Dickey.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **(9) JUST FLASHY** – is an all-or-nothing type that beat \$8K claimers to finish up last year on the dirt then came back and was soundly beaten in his next 3 starts. He turned it around last out with an easy win & ships here for Ilmar Loaiza who wins 23% first start after a win.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **(1) BREZNO** – horse for the course is a one-dimensional closer that just missed two starts back with Scott Spieth aboard.

### Race Five:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **(7) HABITUS** – was a good third from post 10 two starts back at Saratoga going two turns in his turf debut then he raced evenly with blinkers added at Kentucky Downs. He ships here for his Tapeta debut after training on it at Fair Hills.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **(9) THE PREDICAMENT** – has run second in all four career starts be it on Tapeta, dirt or turf. He added blinkers last out in a fast race going a two-turn mile here last out for Tim Hamm who wins 24% first start after being beaten as the favorite.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **(1) FRANZ JOSEF** – lost all chance first time out here when he broke awkwardly but improved some last out from post 9 in fast time.

### Race Six:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **(7) TEXAS MUSIC** – horse for the course is 7 for 14 here against decent company. She has tremendous early speed and went gate to wire in two of her last three starts here. Joe Martin wins 16% first start after a win and 32% when he rides Pablo Morales.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) OUR PROMISE** – won here three starts back then came back against this claiming level and just missed both times. One-dimensional closer has plenty of back class for Tim Hamm who wins 17% with his sprinters and 15% with his claimers.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **(1) NAUGHTY ME** – beat high class allowance foes here twice last year and just missed last out off the long layoff against this level.

### Race Seven:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **(3) HERE COMES JACKIE** – versatile filly has won on turf and is two for two on wet dirt tracks. She tries turf for the first time for Mike Dini who is willing to take a shot on the Tapeta since the Monmouth Park is just about over.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) WRONG COLOR** – was no match in a grade 3 stakes race two starts back on the dirt then was a good third on the turf last out. When she is on her game, she has strong early speed and it will be interesting if Pablo Morales sends her from the gate.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **(4) THISAINTJUMPSTREET** – was a good second here against this open allowance level last out in good time for Kevin Rice.

### Race Eight:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **(2) CALIFORNIA SUN** – went gate to wire against better claimers on the turf at Belterra Park last out and now tries Tapeta for the first time. Tim Hamm wins 27% with this dropdown and he could be tough second start in eight weeks.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1) ATTACK ZONE** – beat this claiming price last year but has done little since then. He has been on turf and dirt this year but at least he drops down some in class over a surface that he has won over before.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **(3) SCATSUKU** – won going two turns here against higher-priced claimers and after two poor starts, drops down in class.

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