

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Thursday 10/08/20

Race One:

1st: **(3) RED LINGERIE** – broke her maiden here in her ninth career start while making her Tapeta debut then rallied to just miss. She went gate to wire in a long sprint next out before moving up in class and distance last out and she held on for third.

2nd: **(2) GOLDEN PEARL** – had 2 starts to prepare & she won going away last out against similar claiming company. She has enough back class on the dirt to indicate that she can duplicate that effort with Willie Martinez back – flat-bet profit with his 172 sprint rides this year.

3rd: **(6) SUPER DONNA G** – added blinkers for her Tapeta debut and she was a good third then she came back and went gate to wire.

Race Two:

1st: **(2) KID RUSSELL** – broke his maiden here first time out last year then came back and just missed in a stakes race. He's been up and down this year but had a good second two starts back against better claiming company. Lasix is added for the first time.

2nd: **(3) KEYLARGO** – broke his maiden three starts back then faded when stretched out to two turns. He came back last out going six furlongs and finished ahead of the top choice. Mike Allen rides back for Lisa.

3rd: **(6) TOTAL DISTRACTION** – raced evenly here last out when he pressed the pace before fading.

Race Three:

1st: **(8) SUMMERFEST** – ran evenly in his career debut, then came back with a good third with Lasix, then came back with a good second when blinkers were added. Ron Potts wins 26% with his maiden special weight starters and 20% with his 2-year-olds.

2nd: **(2) FAST DRAW KID** – first-time starter from Graham Motion who wins 10% with his debut runners and 15% with his maiden special weight starters. He is out of a dam whose first two foals to race have already won.

3rd: **(3) CINCO DE MANDEE** – surged to the lead in the deep stretch before weakening in her well-bet career debut here.

Race Four:

1st: **(11) CHOCOLATE TWIST** – was a good second despite being shuffled back from post one three starts back against better. He moved way up in class next out and was an even fourth going a mile. Last out, he was second again going six furlongs and now drops again.

2nd: **(5) CATZALIONBYHETALE** – returned off a long layoff with a close second in his Tapeta debut against this maiden claiming level. Last out, he held well pressing the pace from post 11 and now draws well for Linda Rice who wins 28% with her maiden claimers.

3rd: **(8) KOALA BEAR** – turns back to a sprint off two decent efforts going two turns against better company.

Race Five:

1st: **(2) TWICE FOR HONEY** – drops down to claiming company for the first time after racing on the dirt at Finger Lakes in her first 10 career starts. Mike LeCesse wins 20% third start off the layoff and 17% with his overall claimers.

2nd: **(7) DON'T BLAME BERTIE** – ran well here last year but her first two starts this year were not much on dirt and turf. He dropped down to \$16K claimers last out and was beaten four lengths and now drops to \$6,250 for Todd Beattie who wins 21% with this move.

3rd: **(5) OUR GIRL SNICK** – just missed against this claiming level and tries them again with Scott Spieth back aboard.

Race Six:

1st: **(6) CAMEL MARTINI** – horse for the course was a sharp winner here two starts back off an eight-month layoff. She came back and rallied for second as the beaten favorite against stakes foes in fast time for Lance Stokes who wins 33% third start off the layoff.

2nd: **(7) LAWN DART** – tried Tapeta to begin the year & has never looked back. She has won four straight including a good win from off the pace against similar company two starts back for Lance Stokes who wins 34% first start after a win and his overall synthetic-track starters.

3rd: **(1A) WILLOUGHBY GAP** – versatile filly won here by four lengths last year and shows up here off two straight wins on the dirt.

Race Seven:

1st: **(5) LIFE MISSION** – took him 14 tries to break his maiden which he did here by four lengths in his Tapeta debut. He raced evenly next time out then beat high-class allowance foes going this distance in fast time. Leland Hayes wins 19% first start after a win.

2nd: **(6) CANADIAN GAME** – was a good winner going two turns in his Tapeta debut then he came back and did it again in almost identical circumstances. He just missed last out going this distance when stalking a fast pace and gets Pablo Morales back aboard.

3rd: **(4) SAMEDI NIGHT** – was overmatched in stakes company two starts back then ran much better last out at long odds.

Race Eight:

1st: **(2) U KNOW I B LION** – ran third two starts in a row going this distance then dropped down to six furlongs last out and she rallied for third. Mark Hoffman wins 18% with his claimers and 16% with his synthetic-track starters. Pablo Morales rides back.

2nd: **(8) DYNAMIC WAR** – speedball ran off and opened up ten lengths before getting caught late two starts back. She moved up in class and behaved a bit better last out and now drops back down to bottom claimers for Gerry Brooks who wins 22% on synthetic.

3rd: **(9) MISS AJA BROWN** – tries again after being the beaten favorite in her last three starts for Ed Rojas – 27% with Eddie Dominguez.

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