

## Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Monday 10/12/20

### Race One:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(1) SEEKING VIOLET** – was only beaten a length against similar company in her Tapeta debut with blinkers added then tired after 6 furlongs when moved way up in class. Daughter of First Dude is out of a stakes-placed dam that has produced 2 winners from 2 foals to race.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(6) TWILA MAE** – still a maiden after 13 tries but all of them came against better maiden company. After being outrun in a stakes race two starts back, she came back with an even third after getting shuffled back from an inside post.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(5) NOSTALGIA** – ran well here last year against better maiden company and has been on the turf in five starts this year.

### Race Two:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(3) MR. CAT** – has had four starts here this year and raced evenly in all of them. He surged to the front last out in the deep stretch before being outrun to the wire and should be able to work out an inside stalking trip from here with Mario Pino.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(11) BRAHMS BREEZE** – speedball held better here 11 days ago against this bottom-level claimers for Louis Ruberto who wins 13% with his claiming starters. Scott Spieth gets the mount – 17% with his sprint rides.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(10) SHOGOOD** – has run well on synthetic tracks out of town and showed good speed last out in his Tapeta debut.

### Race Three:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(9) ZIDIKAI** – tired in her first start in off a five-month layoff then came back and missed by a length. After running poorly last out, Mike Rogers drops her way down in class while adding Addiel Ayala.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) PINE JUNCTION** – was a good third against this maiden claiming level second start off the layoff then ran poorly next out when moved up in class. She was an even third when dropped back down to this level for John Bourke who wins 24% with his maiden claimers.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(4) DAISES OF MAY** – has had 28 chances and her recent form is poor but she strung together a series of good races here last year.

### Race Four:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(6) THE CONNECTOR** – beat cheaper three starts back then raced evenly against open allowance foes in fast time. She was only beaten three lengths last out and now drops back down in class for Mark Hoffman.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(1) BAD LITTLE BEAST** – ran well here last year then beat decent company on the dirt at Gulfstream Park. He ran poorly there next out before changing barns to Brittany Russell who wins 23% second start out of her barn.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(2) WHISKEY DASH** – was no match for open allowance foes the past two starts and now drops way down in class.

### Race Five:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(2) SMOKIN' JAY** – romped by over five lengths in his well-bet career debut going five furlongs on the synthetic track at Arlington Park. He ships here for Carlos Silva who wins 12% first start after a maiden win and 11% with his synthetic-track starters.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(6) SURLY FURIOUS** – raced evenly here in his career debut going 5 ½ furlongs then broke his maiden by over seven lengths going two turns. Son of hot young sire Upstart should love a long sprint and draws well for it.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(5) LIKE A SALTSHAKER** – raced evenly in his career debut then graduated in fast time when Lasix was added for the first time.

### Race Six:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(7) ANDRETTI** – rallied suddenly to miss by less than a length in his career debut here going six furlongs and now the son of Bernardini stretches out to two turns. Eoin Harty wins 15% with this move and 20% with his second-time starters.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(5) RIGHTEOUSNESS** – did nothing in his first two career starts on dirt but just missed going this distance here last out as the odds-on favorite when he pressed the pace from the start. Son of Uncle Mo is a half-brother to the stakes winner Gronkowski.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(3) MUTAFAANY** – was beaten by 57 lengths in his first three career starts but just missed here at 55-1 odds.

### Race Seven:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(5) REAL FACTOR** – won his Tapeta debut here from off the pace then came back here against this optional claiming level and was a good third in very fast time. James Lawrence is a shrewd shipping trainer and he goes with Mario Pino – 21% with his route mounts.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(6) LANIER** – speedball rated from just off the pace here last out off a six-month layoff to win going away so the gas is there if Willie Martinez wants to use it. Brett Santangelo wins 28% second start off the layoff and 17% first start after a win.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(11) THE SINNER IS YOU** – ran on the turf in three starts to begin the year but shipped back here and just missed going six furlongs.

### Race Eight:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(7) PEPPER** – finally broke his maiden in his eighth try here and now tries open allowance company for the first time. His speed ratings are marginally better than these but she should appreciate long sprint. Keith Dickey wins 27% with his synthetic-track starters.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(2) ENVIED** – turf filly tries Tapeta for the first time for Ben Colebrook. Daughter of the awesome American Pharoah just missed two starts back and she should be a major stretch factor. Pablo Morales picks up the mount – 28% sprinting this year.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(8) ABBEY'S SNOW WHITE** – horse for the course has been in the money 24 times here including a good 3rd last out at this distance.

Race Nine:

1<sup>st</sup>: **(8) WHISPER SLOW** – ran three straight strong races here and now drops down in class for Tim Hamm who wins 20% with this drop and 15% with his synthetic-track starters. Daughter of Distorted Humor is out of a dam that is a half-sister to Bricks and Mortar.

2<sup>nd</sup>: **(4) ZOYSIA** – began her career with five decent tries on the turf before shipping here and beating maiden claimers by five lengths.

Mike Stidham wins 20% first start after a maiden win and the daughter of Lemon Drop Kid trains on Tapeta at Fair Hill.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **(5) DON'T MAKE ME BEG** – just missed going a mile here then broke her maiden going six furlongs against similar company.

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