

PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS

RACING NOTES

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WEEK IN REVIEW

Trainer Randy Russell had quite a day to kick off the race week at Presque Isle Downs on Monday. He saddled a pair of winners in Where You Was in the third race, and Leonard's Legacy in the fifth race. Both went off as longshots at odds of 16-1 and 8-1 respectfully. For the former, it was his first try in 2026, while the latter raced on opening day in the first race.

The longest shot of the meet came home on Tuesday, as I'm Blushing needed every bit of the one mile and 70 yards race to catch the leader Night Nurse to score for jockey Martina Rojas, owner Winterhawk Farms, and trainer Kim DePasquale. Rojas stalked the leader with her, never further back than five lengths before closing very willingly. The last time I'm Blushing was in a race came in late October 2024 at Gulfstream Park in Florida while his last win came in May 2022 at the opening day of the Pimlico's spring meet in Maryland on the turf in 2022.

Wednesday was a day for returning winners. The first of the horses to make their second visit to the winner's circle this meet was Van. The Kimberly DePasquale trainee closed willingly under Gallardo to secure the victory. However, Van will race for new connections in his next start as Cody Potts claimed Van from Winterhawk Farms and will race for trainer Ron Potts.

The second of the trio of returnees was Neoprene for Ebenezer Racing LLC and Schaber Racing LLC. Unlike the first win when jockey Huber Villa Gomez sat a perfect trip to pass for the win late, jockey Addiel Alaya led start to finish. Adaya was riding in place of an ailing Villa Gomez, who is sidelined with an injury.

The third return victor was On Tap. Owned by Cody Potts and trained by Ron Potts, Gallardo rode him to his third win in eight tries at Presque Isle with four wins in sixteen lifetime races overall.

JOCKEY & TRAINER STANDINGS

Gallardo moved back into sole possession of first place in the jockey standings with 13 victories. Gaddiel Martinez is second with 11 wins, while Israel Rodriguez sits third with 10.

Among trainers, Scooter Davis has seven winners. Both Ron Potts and Jose Arriagada have six winners. Both Kim DePasquale and Randall Russell each won three races this week to lead all trainers as both now have five winners at the meet.

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND

Live racing continues Monday through Wednesday next week with a post time of 3:30PM.

On Monday, June 15, the first stakes race of 2026 Presque Isle Downs Racing season takes place. The \$100,000 guaranteed Tom Ridge Stakes will feature three-year-olds going six furlongs.



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