

# PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS

## RACING NOTES

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### SPECIAL POST: MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day will feature a special post time of 12:30PM. Racing on Tuesday and Wednesday will revert to the standard 3:30PM post time. Five sprints and three route races will make up the eight race program.

The seventh race features a starter optional claiming field of fillies and mares going six furlongs. The morning line favorite Loaded Once More is trained by Jay Bernardini. The eight-year-old Reload mare won two straight at Mahoning Valley in Ohio before getting beat in two tries at Mountaineer Park in West Virginia. She has 18 wins in 58 lifetime starts, including 10 wins in 31 attempts at six furlongs. Wesley Ho gets the call to ride.

She will be challenged by a pair of Moises Valdez-trainees in Mi Amore and Fields of Green. Both are exiting wins. Trainer Davis's Time For An Angel, Shorty Mac, Little lamb Chop, No Tappin Out, and Thee New Beginning round out the field.

### WEEK IN REVIEW

Jockey Antonio Gallardo has started the thoroughbred racing season Presque Isle Downs red hot. After scoring two wins on the opening day card with sophomore sprinter Strike D'Oro for conditioner Juan Arriagada and a victory with veteran mare Right Now for trainer Tim Gerten, Gallardo slowed down on Tuesday by capturing only one winner, taking Van to a smart looking victory while closing strong late.

Business really got good for him on Wednesday.

Gallardo secured four wins in six riding opportunities on the Wednesday afternoon program, including three aboard Scooter Davis-trainees: St Emilion in the opener, Certain in the fifth, and Extrasexybigdaddie in the feature seventh race. His other win came on Ron Potts' stallion On Tap.

After the first week of racing, Gallardo's seven wins puts him solidly in front of Second place Gaddiel Martinez with four winners, Huber Villa-Gomez is third with three wins, four riders are tied for fourth with two victories.

On the training side, both Ron Potts and Scooter Davis lead the conditions in wins with three each. Potts won with Shadow Factor with jockey Villa Gomez in the opening day feature and had a second win in Tuesday's opener with New issue. Five trainers are tied with two wins apiece heading into week two action.



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