

PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS

RACING NOTES

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Presque Isle Downs Review and Preview 8/27/26

The Name Game

Visitors to the racetrack use many methods to pick their horses. Some buy a program and study the past performances to seek out horses to play. Others may use modern computer programs with speed figures for which horse or horses are the best in the race. Still others use the confirmation, or how a horse looks in the paddock to see if he or she may be "on their toes" or have an exemplary coat. Then there is one of the most elementary ways to pick out a horse to play.

The name

Every horse has one. But, how do they get their names?

Generally, a horse gets named by the breeder or owner. They must register the horse with The Jockey Club in Kentucky. The name may be changed as many times as wanted due to sales, owner preference, etc. However, once a horse makes that first career start, generally the name sticks for the rest of the career.

Names can be reused, unless the name is of a horse that has earned over \$2 million, is a hall of famer, or has won a Sovereign or Eclipse Award, in which case the name is retired. Up to Eighteen characters may be used for the name. The name cannot be all letters or all numbers. Written permission must be obtained to use the name of a living person. There are other rules that limit how a horse may be named.

Some examples on how it's done include Isadora Duncan (IRE), who is the namesake of the Mother of Modern Dance from the early 20th Century, raced and won here for Bill Mott last Wednesday. Chubs Rocket, out of the Keith Dickey operation, is named for the sire (Hey Chub) and the dam (Lockets Rocket). Thalberg was a famous film producer in the early 20th century with his namesake campaigning for the Brandon Kulp operation with horse's sire being Producer (GB).

Just remember, when you go to the window to wager, it's the number that matters the most.

Jockey and Trainer Standings

Gaddiel Martinez has pulled away with his lead at 62 wins. Antonio Gallardo is second at 50. Israel Rodriguez sits in third with 48 victories. Eddie Rodriguez and Walber Alencar are fourth and fifth in the standings with 25 and 23 wins respectively.

Randy Russell is the winningest trainer with 34 victories. Kevin Rice is second with 30 wins. Scooter Davis sits third with 29, Juan Arriagada has 26 wins. Ron Potts is fifth with 24.

Schedule

Monday through Wednesday the week of August 31. Post time 3:30 each day. There will be a special Labor Day afternoon card starting at 12:30PM with Tuesday and Wednesday programs remaining at 3:30PM.



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