

# PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS

## RACING NOTES

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### Presque Isle Downs Review and Preview September 10, 2026

#### Getting Into The Business

Recently the Los Angeles Lakers in the National Basketball Association sold for a record \$12.5 billion last month. The NFL's Seattle Seahawks sold for over \$9.6 billion in July 2026. This month, Los Angeles Rams owner Stan Kroenke agreed to buy the Los Angeles Angels baseball team for \$4 billion.

Since the ownership of sports franchises is out of financial reach of most people, there is ownership in a different sport that is possibly more in reach: horse racing.

There are a few different ways of becoming a racehorse owner. Some trainers are adept at putting together ownership groups and syndicates to buy into a racehorse, thus spreading the risk out among more than one party. Another is to team up individually with a trainer to get into the business. You can also put together your own group to get into the sport.

As far as getting the horse, one option is to go to a sale or auction and buy a horse either in training or a young horse yet to develop. A racehorse can also be purchased privately or claimed at the racetrack out of a claiming race with a trainer for a listed price in the official program.

All owners must be approved and licensed by their respective state's horse racing commission.

For more information on getting into ownership locally, contact the Pennsylvania Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association at (717) 469-2970 or [www.pahbpa.com](http://www.pahbpa.com) on the web.

#### Jockey and Trainer Standings

Gaddiel Martinez leads all riders with 70 victories. Antonio Gallardo and Israel Rodriguez are tied for second with 50, while Walber Alencar and Edwin Gonzalez have 26 and 25 wins.

As for trainers, Randy Russell is on top with 40 wins. Kevin Rice is second with 35. Scooter Davis sits in third place with 31 victories. Juan Arriagata and Ron Potts have 27 and 26 wins.

#### This Week's Schedule

It's Masters Week, and with it comes an altered racing schedule. Live racing will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday at a post time of 3:30pm with eight races each day. There is no racing on Wednesday. Friday night's special Masters program will feature ten races including the \$300,000 guaranteed Grade II Masters Stakes for fillies and mares three years old and up at six and a half furlongs. Post time 5:00PM Friday.



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