PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS

RACING NOTES

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Presque Isle Downs Review and Preview October 18, 2026

By The Numbers

Looking at some of the statistics from the final third of meet, or live racing what the numbers look like at Presque Isle Downs since September 7th:

- Gaddiel Martinez has thirty more mounts than any other rider, but only three more wins than Israel Rodriguez over that period.
- Among jockeys riding in races for two-year-old horses, Israel Rodriguez has won four of 10 starts, Addiel Ayala has won two of six efforts, and Martina Rojas has two victories with eight starters. The two riders with the most mounts in two-year-old races, Gaddiel Martinez and Taylor Kingsley, are a combined one-for-26, with Kingsley getting the only win in her 11 tries.
- If you bet on the favorite, no rider has brought a better percentage home than Taylor Kingsley at six-of-ten (60%).
- No trainer has won more races on the route of ground (one mile or more) than Kevin Rice. He has 10 wins in 35 starts, or a 29%-win clip. However, Brandon Culp has seven wins in just 13 tries, or a 54% victory percentage.
- In the irons, no rider wins at higher percentage in distance races than Mike Allen with four wins in 17 tries or 24%.
- If you are considering playing a sprint race, the hottest trainers by percentage are Ron Potts with six winners in 16 starts (38%), and J. Michael Rogers with four wins with just nine starters (44%).
- Kevin Rice has won with half of his starters in allowance races since Labor Day with seven wins among 14 starters.

Overall Standings

Gaddiel Martinez leads all jockeys going into the final week of the meet and all but guaranteed winning the 2026 riding title, as he has 93 wins which is 22 wins more than second place Israel Rodriguez with 71 victories with 24 races slated to go. Antonio Gallardo is third with 63 wins, while Walber Alencar is fourth with 32 wins. Martina Rojas has 29 victories for fifth place.

On the training side, Kevin Rice is the leader with 49 wins, five ahead of Randall Russell. Scooter sits in third with 41 wins, while Ron Potts is fourth with 34 victories. Juan Arriagada has saddled 33 horses that have won and is the fifth-place trainer in wins.

Live Schedule

Our final race week is October 19-22. Live Race will Take place Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 3:30PM.

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