

Penn National Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Thursday 05/10/18

Race One:

1st: **(2) ZELICA** – None of these that have started have ever run well or had any money bet on them so we'll go with the first-time starters. Flint Stites wins 16% with his debut runners and the last 79 of them show a flat-bet profit. Looks to have had a good month of training here.

2nd: **(3) FIDDLER** – First-time starter from Bernie Houghton who wins 12% with his debut runners and 21% with his overall maiden claimers. Her dam broke her maiden here and had some decent class. David Cora rides – 11% riding for Houghton.

3rd: **(4) POLAR OPPOSITE** – First-time-starter from Lester Stickler, Jr. who wins 21% with his maiden claiming runners.

Race Two:

1st: **(6) AWESOME ANTHONY** – Added blinkers two starts back but could not overcome post 12 going two turns here against one level better. He dropped down to this claiming level and won by ten lengths for Alfredo Velazquez who wins 26% first start after a win.

2nd: **(1) TRANSCENDENT** – Beat better two starts back when stretched out to two turns in his second start off the claim then came back with an even third. He will have to overcome a wide draw with Dana Whitney and I do not like the other part of the entry.

3rd: **(4) PONTE VEDRA SKY** – Dropped down to this claiming level and won by nine lengths two starts back then tired off a bad break.

Race Three:

1st: **(5) BLACK JACKET** – Added blinkers two starts back and his late rally fell a length short then he came back at Parx with an even effort. Off for 157 days, he returns against much cheaper company. Bernie Houghton wins 20% with his overall claimers.

2nd: **(6) FINAL BLESSING** – did nothing two starts back when blinkers were added and he stretched out to a mile then he returned two months later with a sharp win against maiden claimers. He has good early speed and turns should stalk the pace from here.

3rd: **(4) IRONBOUND** – Woke up two starts back when he went gate to wire then tired after a half-mile against allowance foes.

Race Four:

1st: **(4) MAJESTIC CALLING** – Took him 13 tries to break his maiden then came back against better company with a good third. Last out, he tried two turns to no avail and now turns back to a sprint. Bruce Kravets wins 9% with his overall claiming starters.

2nd: **(5) MR MATTIS** – Broke his maiden by a nose first time out then lost all chance when stretched out to two turns. He drops down in class and distance for Brandon Kulp who wins 12% going long to short and is 5 for 7 when he rides Dana Whitney.

3rd: **(3) SO MANY NATIVES** – Broke his maiden here third time out last August and usually shows decent gate speed.

Race Five:

1st: **(7) INTERCEPT** – Horse for the course beat allowance foes by a neck two starts back here then came back ten weeks later and was rushed up after a poor start. He drops down in class while stretching out in distance for Kim Graci who wins 18% with her claimers.

2nd: **(3) GAME BREAKER** – Was a game second on a sloppy track two starts back behind a next-out winner as the even-money favorite then was a good third last out after a stumbling start. Tim Kreiser wins 26% going long and 19% riding Otero.

3rd: **(5) MEMORIES OF WINTER** – Went gate to wire two starts back against one level cheaper then chased the pace last out.

Race Six:

1st: **(2) HEARTFLIX** – Very consistent gelding needs to step it up or he will be back in the claiming ranks. Son of BERNARDINI was a good second two starts back then just missed last out in a game effort going 5 ½ furlongs and faces the same allowance level.

2nd: **(1) ICE KAUFY** – Moved up to this level off the claim and was an even fourth. He dropped down in class last out and won after opening up a big lead. He moves back up to allowance company for Tim Kreiser who wins 26% first start after a win.

3rd: **(6) KOKO SWAG** – Speedball breaking from the outside could be tough in his second start since shipping north.

Race Seven:

1st: **(4) AUTHENTIC KITTEN** – Only 1 for 22 lifetime but he has a big pace advantage against this group. She opened up a big lead two starts back going two turns before getting caught in the stretch then broke poorly last out when turned back to six furlongs.

2nd: **(3) COUNT ON CHLOE** – Broke her maiden fifth time out then raced against better the next three starts. Daughter of CONGRATS showed good speed for a half-mile last out and now drops down to \$5K claimers for the first time.
3rd: **(6) PARTY SPOT** – Was only beaten three lengths two starts back then raced evenly against this class level last out.

Race Eight:

1st: **(2) JUMPIN FRAC FLASH** – Beat this claiming level by eleven lengths then raced evenly after a slow start. Throw out his two-turn try and he was only beaten two lengths last out back in a sprint as the lukewarm 7/2 favorite. Johan Rosado rides back – 18% sprinting.

2nd: **(7) MOORESTOWN JACKIE** – Speedball just missed two starts back then he went gate to wire to win easily. 10YO has won 13 times here and Erin McClellan wins 18% first start after a win and 21% with her overall claimers.

3rd: **(8) BUFALO** – Just missed going gate to wire two starts back then came from just off the pace to get up in time going this distance.