

Northville Downs presents
The Big Horse Handicapper

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Selections					
1	3-2-6	5	3-1-5	9	8-4-2
2	6-2-8	6	9-1-4	10	1-5-8
3	5-3-8	7	3-7-1	11	6-3-4
4	1-5-7	8	7-3-2	12	6-4-2

Pick-4 Ticket
Race 8: 3, 7
Race 9: 4, 8
Race 10: 1, 5
Race 11: 3, 4, 6
Total Stake: \$24

A Closer Look

This section features more in-depth analysis on selected events from each card of racing at Northville Downs, with something for the novice player and seasoned handicapper alike.

Race 1

3 - VOW TO WOW drops out of distaff Open competition, where she earned minor cheques in her last two tries. Staying power and grit shown there should could for a lot more in this kinder spot. 2 - FRIDAY NIGHT BLUES was parked the entire journey last week after leaving from the eight-hole, but stayed on better from an earned pocket the start before. Post relief lands him handier to the early action and should keep him fresh for the stretch drive. 6 - COUSIN MARGIE lifted late to make ground in mixed company last week, and gets a similar group this time around. The filly's been promising, having hit the board in 12 of 19 this season. Can share again with similar.

Race 6

9 - NOT PLAYIN NICE may be winless on the season, but has hit the board in nine of 13, including his last four. Back-row start shouldn't be a detriment to him, especially given his proven staying power from cosy tracking trips. 1 - TORETTO dug in under pressure for a twos-on win two weeks ago, and more recently pulled pocket to engage the pacesetter before flattening. Similar await; pole keeps him close with ease amid respectable form. 4 - YANKEE TRAVELER only missed the board once this season, but has turned in improved chasing efforts in Michigan-restricted events. Minor option with similar in this manageable group of up-and-comers.

Race 7

3 - OGRADYS FIRST MAN was a one-paced fourth behind Normandy Beach last week and a better second from the pocket the start before. Now, the 36-time winner drops into a markedly easier group after those vastly improved efforts over hit-or-miss Open outings. 7 - DON'TCALLMEFRANCIS is saddled with a wide draw, but he has given solid accounts of his abilities in recent weeks. After a failed but stern pressing attempt at Northfield, he lifted off cover for second to Normandy Beach a level above this one just last week. Relief can almost assuredly offset the post draw. 1 - STONE FIRE HANOVER passed tired foes in top-level company last week, and nearly lasted on the lead at this class the start before. Drops; draws the pole again. Mind value.

Race 8

7 - ROCK ME ALWAYS was just nabbed after working to the lead last week, but dug in well before the fresh Dusto outkicked him. All the more impressive is the fact that his runner-up effort last week came after a two-level class hike. He's pressed and stalked his way for second in three of his last four. Form is as good as any. 3 - POOF DADDY took aim off cover last week to press Rock Me Always through the final turn, only to likewise be outkicked. Forgive his late regression two back owing to the stern pace; give credit to solid wins under pressure in prior outings. 2 - JET'S SURESHOT rallied out of traffic for second last week, and lifted well off cover to just miss three starts back. Tougher await today, but form and staying power work to his benefit.

Race 9

8 - LYING IN CASH never got involved from astern at Hoosier last Saturday, but proved extremely strong in his three local outings this meet. Wide starting spot is no concern — he cleared from the eight-hole two back and parried sustained pressure before edging clear. The one to beat. 4 - NORMANDY BEACH beat high-level conditioned company in his last two races after circling cover to just miss Night Pro three weeks ago. Midpack draw should enable him to land near the pace from the outset without much trouble. 2 - DUSTO lifted into third two back and rallied to reach more recently at sixes. Inside draw should help this stout finisher have even more left in the tank at the end of the mile amid clear form uptick.

Driver Selections

Race 1 Kody Massey: #1 over #2	Race 7 David Lake: #3 over #4
Race 2 Charles Taylor: #1 over #9	Race 8 Justin Irvine: #1 over #7
Race 3 Lindsay Moen: #2 over #8	Race 9 Jason Merriman: #1 over #3
Race 4 David Lake: #8 over #6	Race 12 Jason Merriman: #4 over #2