

Northville Downs presents
The Big Horse Handicapper

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

| Pick-4 Ticket |
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| Race 7: 4, 7, 9 |
| Race 8: 3, 6 |
| Race 9: 2, 5 |
| Race 10: 2, 9 |
| 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 4

9 - MAX HANOVER was outmatched in recent top-level races, but stayed on admirably from a cosy tracking trip four back. The start before that, he yielded and reached to beat three levels above this one. The amount of class relief the 17-time winner finds here is more than enough to catapult him over the top, back-row start notwithstanding. 5 - PEDRO'S DREAM likewise drops in class after being outmatched in tougher fields. Five back, he circled boldly to a second-level win — and that was out of the eight-hole. Much easier await today. 4 - ARE DEE pressed well up the backstretch on the rise to second-level competition last week, only to fade off the home turn. Debuts for Hensley; can share with a kinder journey.

Race 5

2 - ELOQUENT VELOCITY drops from Open company into a spot below her last winning level. Let's look more closely — that win came on a significant drop after being outmatched by Open competition in October, too. No reason she can't strike in this even kinder spot. Merriman opts to remain aboard, as well. 4 - GOOD TIDINGS steps down after a sustained first-over push out of the back row to duel through the middle half last week. She held second a level above this one the week before, and fought gamely at long odds before that. There's clear ability here. 5 - DELANEY R improved belatedly from astern after stale and excess cover did her no favours the week before. Slight relief and clearer sailing should aid.

Race 6

4 - WORTH A WHISPER used a stout middle move to power clear of similar two weeks ago, and rallied respectably for second in conditioned company at Northfield since. Form and versatility are both apparent. 6 - HAIL CAESAR was hard used to clear the lead last week before facing heavy pressure on the far turn and being outkicked for home by a tripped-out Stoneborough. Wide draw is this 25-time winner's biggest obstacle yet again. Mind value. 7 - URS IFU WANT IT arrived at the beginning of the month and reeled off two strong wins over conditioned company. His raw speed over this oval is definitely sufficient, but can he handle both the class hike and the outside post? That's the consideration to weigh, here.

Race 8

3 - TRIZZLE TRAZZLE maintained second from the pocket in last week's Open — at 31-1, no less. Before that, she won her way out of N4L company; and just two weeks ago, she rallied off cover for a minor in conditioned company. Progress late in recent miles is a definite selling point. 6 - VOW TO WOW missed a few weeks due to lameness, but rejoins us after contending in high-level conditioned races and proving herself as a minor player in local Opens. The brief spell gives pause, but she more than fits in here if fit. 5 - ROCKIN DEO toiled in her last two Open tries, but improved steadily to hit the ticket at healthy prices three and four back. She does her best work from off the pace; there's just enough early speed here for her liking.

Race 9

5 - CALM AS CAN BEE re-rallied for a going-away win at this class three back, and since chased OK for minor placings. Stoneborough and Hail Caesar drew into the other division, so the 44-time winner should have an easier time of things tonight. 2 - Double A Cash Hall retains Harmon after an even but no-threat sixth last week. The big variable this time: a much kinder draw. He seems to fare better in pressing or stalking roles. 1 - LITTLE JEDI saved third after a mild shuffle last week, and has been fourth or better in the last four races she completed. Pole keeps her close with ease; can share on this truly mild step up.

Driver Selections

Race 1

Kim Pluta: #3 over #4

Race 2

Charles Taylor: #4 over #2

Race 3

Kody Massey: #3 over #4

Race 4

Justin Irvine: #2 over #4

Race 5

Jason Merriman: #2 over #3

Race 7

Don Harmon: #9 over #6
Kody Massey: #7 over #8

Race 9

Don Harmon: #2 over #1