

Northville Downs presents
The Big Horse Handicapper

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

Pick-4 Ticket
Race 7: 1, 2, 6, 8
Race 8: 3, 6
Race 9: 2, 4
Race 10: 2, 9
Total Stake: \$32

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 2

4 - POOF DADDY rises after winning twice in his last three outings. Two back, he was hard used out of post seven through the first six furlongs and understandably tired through the far turn. A much kinder draw his time around should alleviate those issues. 1 - CUZ I'M HAPPY also seeks back-to-back wins, but jumps up two levels after his odds-on score last out. The good news: He just missed at this level two back after working from the back row to secure the pocket. Pole keeps the 22-time winner — who has hit the board in half his starts this year — involved from the outset ... right where he likes to be. 8 - TRILLIONAIR was fourth or better in five of his last six, with the lone miss coming after a sustained first-over grind in a tougher race three back. He's shown good pressing ability and closing kick from astern.

Race 4

1 - ROCKIN RUSTY added Lasix on the step up to third-level company last time out, and he stayed on more than respectably to miss Poof Daddy by just a length. The week before, he braved a first-over grind to nearly convert at this level. Steps down amid renewed trajectory. 8 - ROCK ME ALWAYS took on markedly tougher earlier this fall and proved he could hang through to the ends of those miles more than respectably. This represents a triple drop from those local lines. Wide draw looms yet; mind value. 5 - THE LAST SHARK rode the pocket to a no-match second on the step down to this level two weeks ago, but showed even finishes against tougher when wide draws didn't relegate him to the back. A similar effort is enough for a minor placing coming right back.

Race 5

6 - REEL sprinted clear at this tag two back, but faded more recently in a tougher event after being embroiled in a speed duel for the first six furlongs on Nov. 20. He's back in for the optional tag; solid bounce-back opportunity awaits the 40-time winner. 2 - LIBERAL was pinned in against tougher last out, but he stayed on well to hit the board twice at this level before that. Inside draw keeps him close to the pace with minimal exertion involved. 3 - ALWAYS RELENTLESS stayed on respectably for third at extremely long odds on the drop to this level two weeks ago. Before that, he was hit-or-miss against tougher, but I'm inclined to forgive his Nov. 6 outing due to the wide draw. Can share, especially being closer to the action from the outset.

Race 8

6 - MR MATCH ON BAECH drops back to his winning level from three weeks ago, but it's especially worth noting how commendable his effort against top-level company more recently was. After getting away worse than midfield, he braved a long uncovered push through the middle half and into the far turn. Plenty to like coming out of that effort, even if he did level off late. 3 - JET'S SURESHOT lifted off Mr Match On Beach's cover to win that race at 11-1, but before that, he came up short from pressing and stalking trips alike. Still, he's been fourth or better in six straight, mostly against tougher. Beware underlay potential on this drop. 7 - TRIZZLE TRAZZLE takes on the boys tonight after a powerful kick clear to dominate distaff company last week. She's trending upward; wide draw is her main obstacle.

Race 9

2 - SIR GLOBALOP Z TAM won twice in his last three, and now returns to bottom-level company after a respectable chasing effort for third a level above this one. The veteran's sharpened up nicely in recent weeks; cosy draw keeps him close with ease. 4 - LISSILAS hit the board in his last six, including a win via a first-over grind two back and a strong late push to save third out of traffic three back. 1 - TYLERS GREAT gets another crack at this group after sustaining uncovered pushes into top-four finishes twice in his last three. Two back, he closed significant ground from far back. A little trip relief can go a long way; Massey opts aboard.

Driver Selections

Race 3
 Kim Pluta: #9 over #5

Race 9
 Kody Massey: #1 over #2

Race 4
 Justin Irvine: #6 over #4

Race 10
 Kody Massey: #6 over #7

Race 7
 Kody Massey: #6 over #5, #7
 Jason Merriman: #1 over #4