

Northville Downs presents
The Big Horse Handicapper

Saturday, May 14, 2022



Full-Card Selections

1	5-2-4	6	7-6-4	11	5-2-3
2	1-6-5	7	2-6-8	12	4-5-2
3	6-7-5	8	2-3-7	13	4-1-2
4	1-2-5	9	4-2-7		
5	1-2-8	10	7-3-2		

\$5 Show Parlay

Race 4: #2 This Time
Race 6: #6 Liberal
Race 9: #2 Catch Me Conrad
Race 10: #7 Rock Me Always
Race 13: #4 High Kitty Kitty

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

1 - BILBO BOBBINS crashes to the second-lowest rung of the class ladder after showing flashes of ability at the top. He pushed steadily to victory 1-1/2 levels above this five back, so there's every reason to believe he can rebound on this drop. 6 - LOCAMOTION FRED likewise drops precipitously after pressing into and holding second two levels above this one. He overcame a first-over grind to beat a hair softer in Ohio two months ago. 5 - U R DRIVINGME NUTZ held up OK last week, all things considered — after being caught wide in a speed duel for six furlongs, he only lost by 2-1/2 lengths. Easier await this time ... at least on paper.

Race 4

1 - DIESEL ACCELERATOR drops precipitously after finishing an in-touch eighth from astern in a high-level conditioned race in Cleveland. Before that, he was generally even in local Opens and a contender when the trip warranted. This is the easiest field he's seen all year. 2 - THIS TIME won two and four back, and looks to rebound after pressing uncovered for the first seven furlongs last week. Every reason to believe he'll bounce with the switch to a much kinder starting spot. Useful value player all round. 5 - ACTING CAPTAIN rose to this level after an April 30 win, and he faced sustained pressure for seven furlongs before giving way in mid-stretch. Any relief can boost staying power for a minor.

Race 7

2 - SOME NOBODY gave way under pressure in his first start of 2022, but he didn't fare badly, all things considered. Expect sharper second out; a somewhat kinder field awaits, too. 6 - ALL THE BETTOR missed the ticket in his last two tries, but give him credit for the amount of work he did uncovered in the toughest parts of those races. Any semblance of trip relief can help him lift. 8 - SUNSHINE DAY tired late after pushing the pace hard last out, but she finds a markedly easier group this time. Back-row start should help keep her fresh more easily.

Race 9

4 - OH K MAN never got involved with \$30k claimers at Miami Valley last week, but didn't lack for late pace, either. Here, in Michigan, he was first or second three times in his last five Open attempts. Every chance to bounce on this return up I-75. 2 - CATCH ME CONRAD hit the board in five straight outings, from pressing, stalking and deep closing trips alike. Consistent staying power is his biggest attribute. 7 - JET'S SURESHOT rallied from astern for a 15-1 Open upset last week, sweeping past Magic Shark in the final sixteenth. That said, he had an extremely fast pace to close into. Can he do it again? Let the board be the final arbiter, but potential for pace pressure is abundant.

Race 12

4 - A REAL MIRACLE returns to action after six months off. When we last saw the 50-time winner, he was competing in \$10k company at The Meadows — and holding his own, to boot. This group represents a significant cut back in class. 5 - AMERICAN SCHNAPPS likewise returns to action off a long spell, and his late progress in last week's qualifier indicates fitness. Beware underlay potential coming off the shelf, but certainly give him his due. 2 - SON OF J LO missed last week, but did work gradually into a no-match third at big odds in a slightly tougher group when we last saw him. Kind draw puts this credible value option within striking range right from the outset.

Driver Selections

Race 1
Lindsay Moen: #4 over #3, #6

Race 2
Justin Irvine: #1 over #2
David Lake: #5 over #7
Darrell Wright: #6 over #9

Race 4
Justin Irvine: #1 over #6
Darrell Wright: #2 over #3

Race 5
Justin Irvine: #1 over #8

Race 6
Lindsay Moen: #1 over #3, #4

Race 7
Justin Irvine: #2 over #1, #8
Marc St. Louis Jr.: 6 over #4

Race 9
David Lake: #6 over #8
Kim Pluta: #7 over #2

Race 10
Tyler St. Louis: #3 over #1

Race 11
Marc St. Louis Jr.: #2 over #1, #7