

Northville Downs presents
The Big Horse Handicapper

Thursday, May 19, 2022



Full-Card Selections

\$5 Show Parlay

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

Race 1: #1 ER Maria
Race 4: #9 Petes Party Tools
Race 7: #2 Empire Earl N
Race 8: #3 Followthewind N
Race 9: #9 De Havilland

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

1 – ER MARIA draws prime and can capitalize on an improved performance last mile. The veteran has reclaimed skills of late. Slim call. 4 – DELANEY R might have been impacted by the tough post assignment last week; moved late however and appeals. Could leave. Last year's raw speed returns and she can win this well. 8 – SKYWAY JEWEL has a tough job today, but always finds a way to be close. Mobile, portable, and often ranges in. Some chance of being the early speed. That's another plus.

Race 3

3 – ROCKIN LEXI made a giant statement last time on the class drop and steps back up. The confidence appeals. Nice draw for a float and press. Tissue-thin nod as a price play. 6 – LIBBY'S IDEA gained positions late passing tired foes, and that was after a brief bid of her own from the rear. Like condition, but better overall scenario today. Tab tote. 1 – NOX gets out of the second tier and into pole position. Has had a nice spring season and will have many more options today. Don't ignore.

Race 5

2 – WHAT A PITTSTOP raced well in Florida club action last time out, and enjoyed a month's rest after. Fresh and drawn well. Another slender nod. 5 – JEKYIL N HYDE got a lot closer last week and takes a less taxing position today. Readily shares. 8 – INDIGO K led most of the mile last week and, while caught, still kept very close. Post is painful, yet the departure skills are proven.

Race 6

5 – PAYARA gets better with each week and has been doing so at high odds. The great value of the recent past isn't as likely today, but a steady increase in speed makes for a breakout performance. Might very well be right here. Top call of the card. 4 – ART'S BEACH has been a steady performer of late, and at high odds. Useful; trending the right direction. 6 – MEGGIE MAY I rested the winter and qualified locally to good result on May 6. Let's see one ... but do include in any exotics you create.

Race 7

2 – EMPIRE EARL N gets sizeable post relief in a second successive Open bid. Versatile player across several types of local action this spring. Back class noted. 6 – HOLTON rode the pylons with moderate, consistent pressure to scoop up second place last week. Can leave a bit or float, and figures to be a primary beneficiary of any excess speed should that arise. Massey's aboard. 9 – DEER RUN BILLY comes in from Ohio and tries this higher level. Another proven portable from the gate. All combined, the versatility from many here will make for an excellent race.

Driver Selections

Race 7

Jason Merriman: #1 over #3

Race 8

Justin Irvine: #3 over #2

Race 9

Art McIlmurray: #7 over #2