

# The Big Horse Handicapper



Your guide to betting on the races at Northville Downs

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## Race 2 NW \$1,760 Last 4, Opt. Clm. \$5,000 Pace

**3 - FRED'S NIGHTMARE** is guaranteed class relief from his last start, and he should find himself in a much kinder spot all round — he was pushed through middle splits of :55.2 and 1:24.4 in that Sept. 17 outing before packing it in on the far turn. That sort of situation is extremely unlikely here. Can bounce. **9 - CHOCOLATE CRACKERS** makes the same drop in class as Fred's Nightmare by way of the optional \$5k tag, and benefits from a kinder draw compared to that last outing. Clear sailing is a must for the 42-time winner. **5 - BETTOR'S CHOICE** chased OK from the pocket two back and circled three-wide for a head-stretch bid the week before. Those lines indicate finishing ability — he just didn't get to put them to use last week after being shuffled to the tail of the field up the backstretch. Minor option with racing room.

## Race 6 Open Handicap Pace

**5 - LYING IN CASH** parried pressure and sprinted clear for a powerful twos-on score in top-tier conditioned company three weeks ago. He's been off since, but remember that he was a dominant force locally in the spring. Lots to like off that Sept. 10 line; the draw gives him just enough of a jump on his toughest foes here. **8 - QUALITY CLOSER** invaded from Cleveland two weeks ago and delivered a solid wire-to-wire score at odds-on in a similar group. He's assigned the extreme outside now after that sharp 1:55 win; that will likely be his biggest obstacle. Pressing ability — as demonstrated two and four back — encourages. **2 - JET'S SURESHOT** could end up a sleeper in this field given the potential for multiple leavers. Two back, he pressed into a no-match second behind Quality Closer, and more recently he lifted from off the pace for a respectable third. Consistent and improving finishing ability is a definite plus for this guy.

## Race 7 NW \$2,750 Last 4, Opt. Clm. \$7,500 Pace

**6 - DAKOTA ROADSTER** only has one third-place finish to show from three starts since arriving from Massachusetts, but he debuts for the St. Louis barn — which is winning locally at a 32% clip — off the claim this week. Success for \$7.5k out east noted. Likely feast or famine, but the ability to dominate is clearly there. **9 - GABE THE BABE** steps down in class again after closing mildly for minors in recent outings. Staying power should count for more as he works his way down another couple levels; clear sailing is a must. With close cover, he's a threat. **1 - HEADBANGER** has stayed reliably for minors in his last couple at this level, most recently passing tired foes to save fourth at almost 12-1. Inside draw should cut down on the amount of work he needs to do.

## Race 10 NW \$4,001 Last 4, Opt. Clm. \$10,000 Pace

**1 - OGRADYS FIRST MAN** moves up in class for the second time in three starts, but he does so following a pair of solid third-level outings. Last week, he blasted from the eight-hole to land in third, made a strong bid off the home turn, and protected second. Extreme post relief tonight should negate the class hike pretty substantially. **5 - PANTHER TIME** is another one moving up in class amid improved form. In his last two starts, he circled wide around stalled foes and sustained closing bids for second. That staying power can carry him up this slight step. **2 - SHARKHART** won a third-level race last week — and did it the hard way — but his win was three full seconds slower than the other division of the same class. Draw keeps him close and clear with ease, but will he be able to step up his speed enough to keep with the top pair? Minor call given that observation.

### Full-Card Selections

Race 1	2-4-8
<b>Race 2</b>	<b>3-9-5</b>
Race 3	5-3-6
Race 4	7-2-8
Race 5	2-4-7
<b>Race 6</b>	<b>5-8-2</b>
<b>Race 7</b>	<b>6-9-1</b>
Race 8	3-6-8
Race 9	3-2-6
<b>Race 10</b>	<b>1-5-2</b>
Race 11	3-1-6
Race 12	7-5-1

### Exotic Combinations

#### \$1 Exacta

3-horse box	\$6
4-horse box	\$12
5-horse box	\$20
AB/ABC	\$4
AB/ABCD	\$6
AB/ABCDE	\$8
ABC/ABCD	\$9
ABC/ABCDE	\$12

#### 50¢ Trifecta

3-horse box	\$3
4-horse box	\$12
5-horse box	\$30
A/BC/BCD	\$2
A/BC/BCDE	\$3
A/BCD/BCD	\$3
A/BCD/BCDE	\$4.50
AB/ABC/ABCD	\$4
AB/ABC/ABCDE	\$6
AB/ABC/ABCDEF	\$8
ABC/ABC/ABCD	\$6
ABC/ABC/ABCDE	\$9

#### 10¢ Superfecta

4-horse box	\$2.40
5-horse box	\$12
6-horse box	\$36