

# The Big Horse Handicapper



Your guide to betting on the races at Northville Downs

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## Race 2 *F&M NW \$3,750 Last 4 Starts, Opt. Clm. \$10,000 Pace*

**5 - DANIKOVA** parried pressure to beat a similar field in Cleveland five back, and most recently kept pace from the pocket in a local Open. She's back to a proven level after that July 29 win falls off her card. This class relief is exactly what she needs; proven versatility is a big plus. **1 - PRINCESA ALTA** gets a pass for her extended first-over gain on the drop out of Open company last out. Looking at her local lines, she has shown pressing and deep closing ability at this class and tougher. Pole keeps her close to the action with minimal exertion needed. **8 - SHES CRUISING HOME** tied for Open victory from the pocket five back, and since chased for a couple minors. Wide draw is her biggest hurdle; class relief can alleviate that some.

## Race 4 *F&M TrackMaster Rating ≤71.8 Pace*

**7 - CRYSTAL REI** seeks her third win in a row after parrying pressure last week and sprinting off from an easy lead before that. While the 35-time winner will have to overcome the outside this week, she's got a clear form edge over largely similar rivals. **2 - ULTIMATE GAMBLE** made a three-wide push up the backstretch last week before fading, but she made that ground out of the eight-hole. Inside draw puts her readily within striking range this time; August lines show better staying power. **4 - FULL OF SHARKS** chased for minors in six straight races, and generally moves forward late unless she's first-over. Similar mild late gains make her a logical inclusion in exotics yet again.

## Race 7 *Open Handicap Trot*

**5 - CELEBRITY PEGASUS** missed last week but was a super gritty second to Saulsgood — who had a cosy pocket ride — when they met on Sept. 1. Give this one all the credit in the world for having done significantly more work in the race — and in his 34-1 upset the start before. Back class noted, too. **7 - I GET IT** closed well from astern last week after setting the pace in Signature Series events and a local Open win six back. That versatility will suit him well from the outside, especially with the short approach to a tight first turn. **8 - STONEBOROUGH** won three of his last four, including last week's Open from the pole. He does his best work from on or near the lead, but can he leave explosively enough to gain control from here?

## Race 8 *F&M Open Handicap Pace*

**4 - ARTISTIC CUT** pressed stoutly to take the lead away from Juxta Cowgirl on the far turn last week, and then only lost a neck to Hired Luck after a game stretch drive. Gradual improvement since rising to the Open ranks is a plus; credible mid-price player again. **3 - JUXTA COWGIRL** has cooled off some since arriving from Pennsylvania, but she still does her best work on the lead. Given her two inside rivals, she stands a better chance of controlling the terms easier and longer this week. **5 - CRUISIN THRU TIME** parried pressure to win three back, then pressed stoutly into second after that and chased evenly from deeper off the pace more recently. The kinder draw can serve to help her get more directly involved with less exertion.

### Full-Card Selections

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

### 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