

The Big Horse Handicapper



Your guide to betting on the races at Northville Downs

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Race 1 *F&M NW \$1,050 Last 4 Starts, Opt. Clm. \$3,000 Pace*

5 - RISKY BECKY chased better than evenly for minors two and three levels above this one back in October. Rearward trips of late have contributed to a recent form downturn, but this double drop and midpack draw can combine to get her back on track. Class edge duly noted.

6 - FULL OF SHARKS chased OK to hit the top four in her last two tries, and now gets an easier group amid improved closing bids. Trending upward in a field where many are moving the opposite direction. **3 - VEGAS HIGHROLLER** chased and closed well for three second-place finishes in her last five starts, all above this level. Slight post relief can cut down on the amount of work she'll have to do to crack the ticket again; logical candidate for exotic value.

Race 4 *NW \$20,000 in 2023 Trot*

1 - WONDERFUL DAY improved from worse than midfield in both of her starts at the NW35k level, and she's hit the board in over half of her starts this season. Now, she gets an easier group and the pole. That consistent staying power should count for a lot more here! **6 - SOLAR** hasn't raced since August, but was a minor player in tougher conditions when at his prime. Easier await on debut for DeMull; last week's qualifier is encouraging in terms of fitness. **3 - BRUSHBACKARTIST** rallied to upset at 48-1 three back and most recently lifted into third against tougher. Slight relief can aid; favourable trip is key.

Race 8 *F&M Open Handicap Pace*

5 - DANIKOVA won with authority in a similar spot four back, and she has hit the board in her last four Northville Opens from a variety of trips. Stalking, pressing and closing ability all work to her benefit. "Consistent contender" is an understatement. **4 - ARTISTIC CUT** was a strong second in three of her last four outings, both here and at Dayton. Forgive her Nov. 3 line on account of traffic trouble and a wicked pace in front of her. If she's close and clear, she figures very strongly. **7 - FANCY HILL** circled three-wide to an Open win three back, made similar gains for second behind Cousin Margie the week after, and flattened after pushing forward in the middle half most recently. Credit the work she's done in recent outings. Value player with similar.

Race 9 *Winners 1-3 Ext. PM Races or NW \$25,000 Lifetime Pace*

4 - CAPTAIN CARMELLA fared plenty well in Kentucky this spring and early summer, racking up 11 top-three finishes in 15 tries and pacing 1:53 at Lexington. Class and form unite; last week's qualifier was respectable. **2 - ULTIMATE GAMBLE** only chased OK from tan easy pocket last week, but made much stronger inroads from deeper back in her two previous outings. Clear sailing makes her a big threat from another handy draw. **3 - CANT TOUCH NASTY** lost all chance when he broke before the start last week, but previous front-end wins are amply fast to topple this group. Feast or famine, maybe, but he's got the raw speed edge over this course when he does put it all together. Mind value as such.

Full-Card Selections

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

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