

The Big Horse Handicapper

Your guide to betting on the races at Northville Downs

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Race 1 NW \$2,000 Last 4 Starts Pace

4 - BIG KAN D was shuffled badly to last up the far side last week, but still managed to rally and save second. Class relief alone helps his cause; a clearer trip makes him a bigger threat altogether. **1 - RJP** rode the pocket to a close second at this level on opening weekend. Even in defeat to the much tougher Gitterdonefortyone, his 1:59.4 mile last week stacks up as on par with this group. Pole keeps him handy with ease. **3 - FAMOUS SHAMUS** chased evenly for minors in his last three outings, including two at this course and class. Can boost exotic value with a similar effort; clear sailing from this spot keeps him well within striking range.

Race 5 NW \$3,001 Last 4 Starts, Opt. Clm. \$7,500 Pace

1 - STRIKING REALITY hit the board in three straight races, and did significant over-land work in each instance. Ability to take air and proven stamina encourage, and extreme post relief can only serve to keep him sharper longer. **4 - SPADES IT IS** flattened after pressing up the backstretch in his last two, but he still held to finish fourth or better in his last four starts. Brinson trainee can majorly benefit from the slightest bit of trip relief. **2 - NO PULSE RICHIE** is right back in for \$7.5k after lifting from the pocket to just win last week. Expect sharper second out from the 18-time winner; should be handy again with minimal early exertion.

Race 7 Open Handicap Pace

6 - COMMANDER BOB brushed and held sway for his Jan. 6 Open win, and then did all the heavy lifting last week before RB nabbed him at the line. Credit the work he's done in both his '24 lines. **7 - RB** seeks a repeat win, but had the absolute run of the race last week before only getting up by a head. Furthermore, he's tasked with the extreme outside post after his win last week. **5 - FRED'S NIGHTMARE** seeks a third straight win after strong odds-on scores in conditioned company. His 1:54 mile on Jan. 6 is more than enough to win here, and his closing speed is ample to stay in touch with the top pair. May well end up the prime value play in the group on the class hike.

Race 9 NW \$5,000 Last 4 Starts, Opt. Clm. \$15,000 Pace

7 - ROCKIN M debuts for Brinson on arrival from The Meadows amid good form. This is a jump up from \$7k company, but not that daunting given others' lack of form at this current level. Versatility, raw speed and closing ability all work to his favour. **3 - MCFEHR** rises after a gritty win off a middle move last week. He fared more than fine at this level on paper last fall, but, as mentioned above, this group shapes up as more manageable. **8 - HARDT HERO** pressed and closed his way into three top-two finishes in his last four outings in Cleveland. Wide draw is his biggest obstacle, but proven ability to overcome stalled cover and keep advancing helps him to overcome it.

Full-Card Selections

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

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