



## LIVE HARNESS RACING

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Saturday, February 3, 2024

Post Time: 7:00 P.M.

\$2.00







# The Big Horse Handicapper's Guide to Playing the Races

## TYPES OF WAGERS

### WIN

Pick one horse to win the race. You collect the WIN price for your horse.  
Minimum Wager: \$2.00 Total Cost: \$2.00

### PLACE

Pick one horse to finish first or second. You collect the PLACE price for your horse.  
Minimum Wager: \$2.00 Total Cost: \$2.00

### SHOW

Pick one horse to finish first, second, or third. You collect the SHOW price for your horse.  
Minimum Wager: \$2.00 Total Cost: \$2.00

### ACROSS THE BOARD

Pick one horse to finish first, second, or third. If your horse wins, you collect the WIN, PLACE, and SHOW prices for your horse. If your horse comes in second, you collect the PLACE, and SHOW prices for your horse. If your horse comes in third, you collect the SHOW price for your horse.  
Minimum Wager: \$2.00 Total Cost: \$6.00

### EXACTA

Pick the first two horses in the EXACT order of finish. Example: You choose #7 and #3. If #7 gets first place and #3 finishes in second place, you win!  
Minimum Wager: \$2.00 Total Cost: \$2.00

### EXACTA BOX

Pick at least two horses to finish the race in ANY order. Example: You play the #7 and #3 horses. If both horses finish first or second place, you win!  
Minimum Wager: \$1 using two horses Total Cost: \$2.

### TRIFECTA

Pick the first three horses in the EXACT order of finish. Example: You choose #7, #3 and #2. If the #7 wins, the #3 comes second and the #2 comes third, you win!  
Minimum Wager: \$0.50 Total Cost: \$0.50

### TRIFECTA BOX

Pick at least three horses to finish the race in ANY order. Example: You play the #7, #3, and #2 horses. If all three horses finish first, second and third in any order, you win!  
Minimum Wager: \$0.50 using three horses Total Cost: \$3.00

### SUPERFECTA

Pick the first four finishers in the EXACT order of finish.  
Minimum Wager: \$0.10 Total Cost: \$0.10

### SUPERFECTA BOX

Pick the first four finishers in ANY order of finish. Example: You play the #7, #3, #2, and #1 horses. If all four horses finish first, second, third, and fourth place in any order, you win!  
Total Cost: \$2.40

### DAILY DOUBLE

Pick the winner of two designated consecutive races.  
Minimum Wager: \$2.00 Total Cost: \$2.00

### PICK 3

Pick the winner of three designated consecutive races.  
Minimum Wager: \$1.00 Total Cost: \$1.00

### PICK 4

Pick the winner of four designated consecutive races.  
Minimum Wager: \$1.00 Total Cost: \$1.00

## WHAT TO SAY AT THE WINDOW

When Wagering, please remember to state:

1. **Track Name**
2. **Number** of the Race
3. **Amount** of the wager
4. **Type** of the wager
5. **Program Numbers** of your selections

**Example:**

**Northville Downs, Race 1, \$2 to win #4**

**REMEMBER TO ALWAYS CHECK  
YOUR TICKETS  
BEFORE LEAVING THE BETTING  
WINDOW**

## HOW MUCH WILL MY WAGER COST?

### EXACTA BOX – BASED ON A \$1.00 TICKET

2 horse box.....	\$2.00
3 horse box.....	\$6.00
4 horse box.....	\$12.00
5 horse box.....	\$20.00
6 horse box.....	\$30.00

### TRIFECTA BOX – BASED ON A \$0.50 TICKET

3 horse box.....	\$3.00
4 horse box.....	\$12.00
5 horse box.....	\$30.00
6 horse box.....	\$60.00
7 horse box.....	\$105.00

### SUPERFECTA BOX – BASED ON A \$0.10 TICKET

4 horse box.....	\$ 2.40
5 horse box.....	\$12.00
6 horse box.....	\$36.00

## APROXIMATE WIN PAYOFFS (\$2)

1-9	\$2.20	6-5	\$4.40	3-1	\$8.00	8-1	\$18.00
1-5	\$2.40	7-5	\$4.80	7-2	\$9.00	9-1	\$20.00
2-5	\$2.80	3-2	\$5.00	4-1	\$10.00	10-1	\$22.00
1-2	\$3.00	8-5	\$5.20	9-2	\$11.00	12-1	\$26.00
3-5	\$3.20	9-5	\$5.60	5-1	\$12.00	15-1	\$32.00
4-5	\$3.60	2-1	\$6.00	6-1	\$14.00	20-1	\$42.00
1-1	\$4.00	5-2	\$7.00	7-1	\$16.00	25-1	\$52.00





## HOW TO READ A RACING PROGRAM

1 Position	2 Driver	3 Class	4 Trainer	5 Time	6 Performance
Date Trk Purse FL U/D T/C Temp Det Med Cim Class Dis Leader's Time Time PP 1/4 1/2 3/4 Str Fin Ind 1/4 Ind 1/4 Ind Odds Drv Tm Order of Finish First Second Third Strs	Tr-RON BURKE (3.535-714-564-515-339) b f 2 by Dragon Again-Hip Huggers-Nobleland Sam Sylvia A Burke,Fredericktown,PA;Ronald J Burke,Cannonsburg,PA	2015 8 1 1 3 \$39,717 1:57 <sup>4</sup> Mea% ft 2014 No Starts Prior Year 8 1 1 3 \$39,717 2, 1:57 <sup>4</sup> Mea% ft			
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↑ Date Yr Track ↑ Purse Track Temp ↑ Class ↑ 1/4 ↑ 1/2 ↑ 3/4 ↑ Time of Winner ↑ Post Position ↑ point of call & margins ↑ Finish ↑ Last 1/4 ↑ Time ↑ Odds ↑ Driver ↑ Trainer ↑ First Three Finishers

### 1 The Post Position

Post positions are usually drawn randomly, and horses starting from the inside posts simply have less distance to travel. Pay attention to horses in posts 1 through 5, and pay special attention to the horses with inside post positions who had been in higher post positions in their last few starts; they may be due for an improved performance.

### 2 The Driver

Drivers, like other athletes, possess varying amounts of ability. The top drivers are easy to spot by looking at the stats next to their name (Total Races-Wins-Seconds-Thirds-Universal Driver Rating System, which is a driver's "batting average"). The drivers with the highest UDR know how to best plan out a race, and know how and when to get their horse to give his all.

### 3 Class

In order to keep the races competitive, horses are divided into stakes, conditioned and claiming races. A horse moving up in class will be facing tougher competition. A horse moving down in class may find this crowd a bit easier to beat. The simplest way to determine class—at the same racetrack—is to look at the purse amount for each race.

### 4 The Trainer

While the driver handles the horse in the race, the trainer is responsible for the horse's care the rest of the time. Trainers have statistics just like drivers, so look for the highest Universal Trainer Rating, or UTR, to find the most successful at that track.

### 5 Time

Almost all harness races are one mile in length, so looking at the last few times that the horse posted is an important factor. They are listed in fifths of a second, so 1:54:3 above means a mile time of 1 minute, 54 seconds and 3 fifths of a second. Some handicappers also pick a horse based on its final quarter-mile time.

### 6 Performance

Good horses are able to perform well week after week. In the upper right-hand portion of each horse's past performances is the track where he won his fastest mile of the year and the size of the track on which he raced. Also listed is the time of the fastest winning mile of the year, number of starts, wins, seconds, thirds, and money won for this year and last.

Odds	Pays	Odds	Pays	Odds	Pays
10-1	\$22.00	7-2	\$9.00	6-5	\$4.40
9-1	\$20.00	3-1	\$8.00	1-1	\$4.00
8-1	\$18.00	5-2	\$7.00	4-5	\$3.60
7-1	\$16.00	2-1	\$6.00	3-5	\$3.20
6-1	\$14.00	9-5	\$5.60	1-2	\$3.00
5-1	\$12.00	8-5	\$5.20	2-5	\$2.80
9-2	\$11.00	3-2	\$5.00	1-5	\$2.40
4-1	\$10.00	7-5	\$4.80	1-9	\$2.20







## **HANDICAPPER'S NOTE PAGE**

# The Big Horse Handicapper

Your guide to betting on the races at Northville Downs

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024 • Program No. 10



## Race 3 NW \$2,000 Last 4 Starts, Opt. Clm. \$4,000 Pace

**2 - PACIN GRAYSON** gets a pass for his last effort given his sustained uncovered grind through the middle half Class and post relief can help him establish a kinder journey in this more manageable field. **1 - DIESEL ACCELERATOR** won eight times last year and took on significantly tougher competition all the while. He's back in action off a winning qualifier; be mindful of underlay potential on the class drop from the pole. **3 - PB'S ON FIRE** chased for third in two of his last three tries, including from an easy pocket at this level a couple weeks ago. If he's handy — and he should be — he figures well for at least a piece.

## Race 5 NW \$3,000 Last 4 Starts, Opt. Clm. \$7,500 Pace

**5 - SPADES IT IS** pressed hard in both of his starts this mini-meet, and stayed on enough to hit the super on both occasions. This is a slightly more manageable field on the whole, and he's done considerably more work in recent weeks than a lot of the others. **2 - CRUSOE HANOVER** rises after back-to-back wins by a combined 9-1/2 lengths. The 47-time winner also showed pressing and closing ability in late December Northfield lines, so he's not lacking for versatility. Should be handy with ease from here. **4 - STRIKING REALITY** can pose a threat from off the pace given recent stalking and closing bids to hit the board against similar, both here and at Dayton.

## Race 8 Open Handicap Pace

**5 - COMMANDER BOB** lasted on the lead two back and was just nabbed by RB out of the pocket in the Jan. 19 Open. A winner in two of four, this 15-time winner has done most of the work in this mini-meet's limited offering of top-level races. If anyone earns victory in the course's final Open, it's him. **3 - DILLINGER** could well play the spoiler given his strong form in high-level conditioned claimers in Cleveland and The Meadows. Capable presser-stalker consistently moves forward and has proven he can take a lot of air. **6 - RB** did win the previous installment of the Open, but only just collared Commander Bob after drafting behind him the entire mile. How much will he have to work from this outside post?

## Race 11 NW \$5,000 Last 4 Starts, Opt. Clm. \$15,000 Pace

Well, friends, it all comes down to this one. **5 - PANTHER TIME** invades from Northfield amid good stalking and closing form in comparable conditioned races. In a field that's largely moving up the ladder, this guy's got both class and form edges. **3 - GITTERDONEFORTYONE** parried sustained pressure to win going away two weeks ago. He moves up a couple levels into this race, but should be handy from the inside and proved he can contend with similar in a series of strong efforts last fall. **6 - MCFEHR** brushed and just held to win at 23-1 two weeks ago. Barring misadventure the start before, he's shown good staying power locally in mid- to upper-level races. Can share once again in the finale.

## Full-Card Selections

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

## 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















## **Explanation of Wagering Terms:**

**WIN – You will collect if the horse you wager on finishes first**

**PLACE – You will collect if the horse you wager on finishes first or second**

**SHOW – You will collect if the horse you wager on finishes first, second or third**

**PERFECTA – You must correctly select the first two finishers in the EXACT order**

**TRIFECTA – You must correctly select the first three finishers in the EXACT order**

**SUPERFECTA – You must correctly select the first four finishers in the Exact order**

**DAILY DOUBLE – You must correctly select the winner of two consecutive races**

**PICK 3 – You must correctly select the winner of three consecutive races.**

## **RULES OF OPERATION:**

- CHILDREN MUST BE ACCCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES.
- USE OF PROFANITY IS NOT PERMITTED
- COLLECTING DISCARDED MUTUEL TICKETS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED
- NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGE IS PERMITTED INSIDE THE BUILDING
- NORTHVILLE DOWNS IS A NON-SMOKING FACILITY

**DON'T FORGET TO CASH THOSE TICKETS!**



**Northville Downs, LLC will be moving. While that transition takes place, please be sure to cash all of your winning tickets before February 10, 2024.**

**Simulcasting will be paused on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> and the restart of simulcasting will be announced as soon as possible.**

**If you can't make it to the track, you can mail any winning tickets to:**

**NORTHVILLE DOWNS  
47526 Clipper St.  
P.O. BOX 701220  
Plymouth, MI 48170**

**Please include the following on a separate sheet of paper:**

- Your full name (First & Last)**
- Your mailing address**
- The number of tickets enclosed (make copies for your records)**
- Be sure to sign all tickets on the back**
- Your phone number**

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