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FRIDAY & SATURDAY DINNER SPECIALS

- **FRIDAYS:** 8 oz. top Sirloin steak charbroiled and seasoned with our smoky dry rub. Served with vegetables and choice of mashed potatoes or french fries. Every Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. \$24.95. Reservations are not required.
- **SATURDAYS:** Smoky charbroiled St. Louis ribs with our signature BBQ sauce. Served with vegetables and choice of mashed potatoes or french fries. Every Saturday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. \$24.95. Reservations are not required.



SPIN TO WIN FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS - Enter at the VLT cage every Friday & Saturday for a chance to Spin the Wheel for up to \$100 Cash! Draws will be made throughout the afternoon and evening.



FIRST TOURNAMENT OF THE YEAR THIS SATURDAY - \$1,750 is up for grabs in Saturday's Online Player's Choice Tournament. The deadline to enter is tomorrow (Friday, Jan. 21) at 4 p.m. Play any 10 harness or thoroughbred races on Saturday. Your 10 \$2 WPS wagers must be made before 10 p.m. [Entry form](#). [Rules](#). If you have any questions about the tournaments or are thinking about entering for the first time email Sheri at SheriG@ASDowns.com.

MONDAY MADNESS IN JANUARY - 5% cash back on all eligible wagering every Monday in January. Minimum wagered \$100 (each Monday). Maximum deposit \$25 (each Monday). Wagers must be placed on HPI account to qualify. (\$2.10 payoffs not included).



PLAYER REWARDS POINTS EXTENDED - You now have until February 28, 2022 to use up your old Player Rewards points. Points can be used for program and DRF purchases from the kiosks, food and beverage purchases or entry into monthly handicapping contests.

At The Post with G.S. Thompson

Speculating bred to top book of mares
Ziprick Thoroughbreds breeding their best mares to new stallion



JJ Atkins Plate (G1) winner Converse is out of a half sister to local mare Pillow Book, one of the many high quality mares that will be bred to Speculating this spring by Ziprick Thoroughbreds. Trackside Photography photo.

A few years ago top Manitoba breeder Cam Ziprick said he was thinking of retiring from the breeding business, but every time he tried to scale back another "big horse" would

come along. That combined with the lucrative Manitoba-bred purse supplements, restricted stakes, and Breeder and Stallion awards, made it impossible to quit.

Instead, the 56-year-old owner of [Ziprick Thoroughbreds](#) in Russell, Manitoba bought another new stallion, Speculating (Medaglia d'Oro-Well Dressed by Notebook), and went shopping for more mares that would help make his new stallion a success.



Speculating (Medaglia d'Oro-Well Dressed by Notebook) was sold for \$235,000 as a yearling. He stands for \$1,750 live foal plus a \$250 booking fee at Ziprick Thoroughbreds in Russell, Manitoba.

Ziprick's current band of mares could be his best ever. If they're not already stakes winners or stakes producers, they're either related to someone who is or sired by a top broodmare sire. And most are either in foal to Speculating or being bred to that stallion this spring.

Mares being bred (or in foal) to Speculating include:

- Sweet Tizzy Lizzy (Tiznow-Sweet November by Storm Cat)
- Justoneofakind (More than Ready-Queen's Court by Monarchos)
- Danger Pay (Circulating-Anotherbuck by Aferd)
- High Pioneer (Pioneering-Mystique de Marti by High Brite)
- She's Regal (Going Commando-She Is Impressive by Regal Classic)
- Jungle Storm (Storm Boot-Primistal by Stalwart)
- Spiteofsuccess (Midshipman-Inspeightofsuccess by Speightstown)
- Frisky Janelle (Henny Hughes-Frisk Her by Officer)
- Tadaa (Going Commando-Voila by More Than Ready)
- Pillow Book (Maria's Mon-Melhor Ainda by Pulpit)
- Runaway Delite (Mineshaft-Tart by Dixieland Band)
- Spun Eazy (Hard Spun-Sutra by Meadowlake)
- Reasonable Cause (Going Commando-Danger Pay by Circulating)

Most of the foals from the above mares will show up in the annual [Manitoba CTHS Yearling Sale](#). While many are under the impression that Ziprick doesn't sell his best yearlings in the sale, the facts don't bear that out.

"We've been getting such good prices for our yearlings we have to sell them," said Ziprick. "We only kept one last year that didn't sell. It showed promise last year and will go back to trainer Devon Gittens this year. We think he does a great job with the young horses."



Undefeated Melisandre (#2), bred by Cam Ziprick, Charles Fouillard and Barry Arnason, could be headed for a meeting with her older sister Hidden Grace in 2022. **Jason Halstead photo.**

Ziprick will also campaign multiple stakes-winning mare Hidden Grace with partners Barry Arnason and Charles Fouillard. And it's quite possible that Hidden Grace could run against her full sister, the undefeated 8-for-8 Melisandre. Wouldn't that be a treat to watch!

And after they're done putting on a show for the fans, Hidden Grace and Melisandre will match up nicely on pedigree with Speculating, as will Escape Clause's full sister Reasonable Cause. All three are likely to have a date with Speculating in the future.

Is there enough power in the above broodmare band to produce another millionairess like Escape Clause, who was bred by Ziprick in partnership with Arnason Farms?

The genetics are there.



Broodmares Pillow Book and Bears Princess sharing secrets at Ziprick's farm in Russell, Manitoba. Sherisse Ziprick photo.

Need a new hobby? More information on the above mares (or a few of your own), can be found at PedigreeQuery.com. Once you've typed in a mare's name you can study her pedigree and use the progeny report to dig deeper into the families of sires, dams, sisters and brothers. Beware, once you get started, you'll be in there for hours. Enjoy!

A Snapshot in Time



Trainer Karen Hendricks with Just the Rite Size in 1982. Hall of Fame trainer [Frank Merrill](#) sent the 3-year-old filly to Karen from Toronto in 1980. The speedy bay won her first two starts at Assiniboia Downs and was later sold to race in Saskatchewan, but she always had a special place in Karen's heart, as this photo shows. Photo courtesy of ASD Historian Bob Gates.

Handicapper's Corner



A book every serious handicapper should own

[The Skeptical Handicapper](#) asks the kinds of questions every serious handicapper should think about -- and answers many of them -- all with the goal of helping you make a profit at the races.

With the help of thoroughbred analytic researcher Ken Massa, author and documented Pick 6 winner Barry Meadow analyzed 168,000 races run in the U.S. and Canada between 2014 and 2017.

What if you had bet every first-time Lasix horse who was in the top three at the first call in his most recent start? Or followed each horse handled by a trainer-jockey combination with more than 20% wins if the horse showed the fastest first quarter last time out? Or played every 2-year-old first-time starter whose last workout was a 5-furlong bullet?

This book answers these and many more key handicapping questions and shows you what is actually profitable. [Well worth reading.](#)

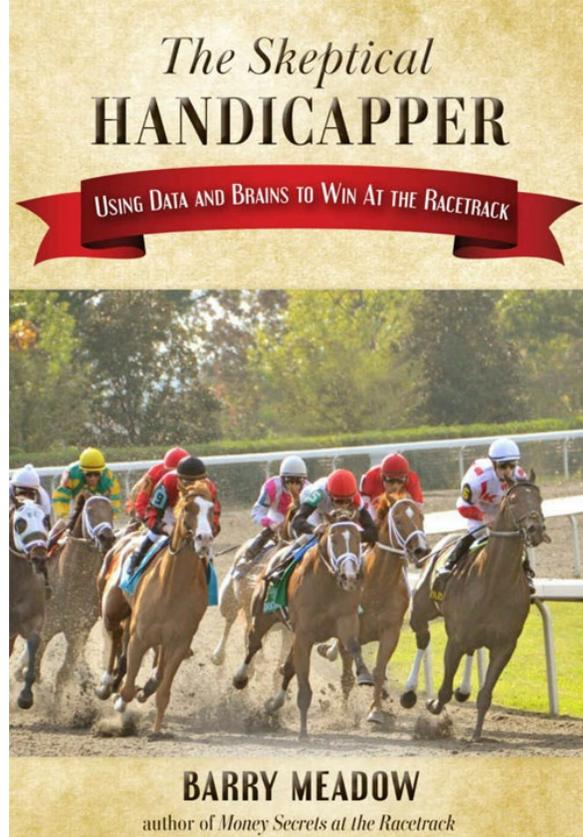


Photo of the Week



Recognize the classy lady in the corner above? It's former Manitoba champ Go Go Lolo with her first foal, Sperle, who recently broke his maiden at Sam Houston Race Park in Texas.

Go Go Lolo has her first winner! The 12-year-old mare by Awesome Again won six stakes from 2014 to 2016 at ASD for trainer Murray Duncan and the Estate of Garrylle B. Stewart after being claimed for \$25,000 at Oaklawn Park. She was then bred to Dwyer Stakes (G3) winner Speightster by new owner [CJ Thoroughbreds](#), and produced the colt pictured above named Sperle.

Now a 3-year-old, Sperle won a Maiden Special Weight race at Sam Houston Race Park on January 15, and looked just like his mother doing it! Watch the replay on the [CJ Thoroughbreds Facebook page here](#). Thanks to Pat Duncan for sending us this update from [Endeavor Farm of Kentucky](#), where Sperle was born and raised. Congratulations!

Do you have an interesting photo you would like showcased in an upcoming newsletter? Email your photos to theinsidetrack@ASDowns.com.

In The News

[Canadian Horses, Horsepeople in Action Elsewhere](#)



Plentiful returns with jockey Stanley Chadee Jr. after winning the 2021 Manitoba Mile at ASD. He makes his first start of 2022 this Saturday at Oaklawn Park. Click image for entries. **Jason Halstead photo.**

Manitoba Mile and Gold Cup winner Plentiful makes his first start of 2022 this Saturday in the [7th race at Oaklawn Park](#) for trainer Murray Duncan and the Estate of Garylle B. Stewart. Plentiful has been listed at 20-1 on the morning line in the \$50,000 Allowance/Optional claiming race, which features a purse of \$101,000. There are numerous Canadian horsepeople and horses in action south of the border this winter, including former ASD trainer Martin Drexler. Update from [Jennifer Morrison](#) at the Canadian Thoroughbred [here](#).

Pappacap Kicks Off 3-Year-Old Season in Lecomte

BC Juvenile runner-up faces eight in Kentucky Derby qualifier at Fair Grounds



Papacapp winning the 2021 Best Pal Stakes (G2) at Del Mar. Blood Horse/Benoit photo.

Trainer Mark Casse hates to play catch-up, especially with a newly turned 3-year-old. So, at a time when the other top four finishers in the TVG [Breeders' Cup Juvenile](#) presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance (G1) have yet to start their 3-year-old campaign, Casse will get the jump on them with runner-up Pappacap. More from the Blood Horse [here](#).

Road to the Kentucky Derby 2022

- **Jan. 21, 22 & 23** - [Derby Future Wager](#)
- **Jan. 22** - Lecomte - Fair Grounds
- **Jan. 29** - Southwest - Oaklawn
- **Feb. 5** - Holy Bull - Gulfstream
- **Feb. 5** - Sam F. Davis - Tampa
- **Feb. 5** - Withers - Aqueduct
- **Feb. 6** - Robert B. Lewis - Santa Anita



Full list of Kentucky Derby prep races [here](#).

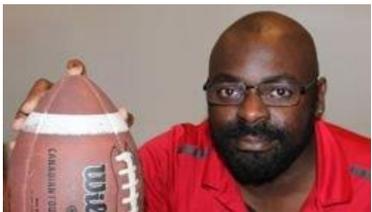
Carryover Watch & Programs

- [Gulfstream](#) (Jan. 20) Jackpot Pick 6 - \$153,443
 - [Santa Anita](#) (Jan. 21) Jackpot Pick 6 - \$96,800
 - See all carryovers [here](#).
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"I Won Bigg" Betting Group

The "I Won Bigg" betting group meets every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The group is coming off a \$2,450 pick 6 win from Santa Anita and hope to keep things rolling with another Santa Anita win this Saturday! Want a share? \$20 gets you in! Email Larry at larry@ampereelectric.ca.

Top 3 NFL Picks with TravyFootball: Divisional Round



Bengals over Titans (Saturday afternoon): The final score indicates the game was closer than it actually was, but the Bengals were never really in danger of losing to the Raiders. They controlled the tempo from the start and once again, rookie phenom Ja'marr Chase was unstoppable, tallying 116 yards. Now they hit the road to take on the #1 seeded Tennessee Titans, who might see the return of their star running back Derek Henry.

Bills over Chiefs (Sunday evening): Both the Bills and Chiefs made easy work of their opponents last week in the wildcard round. Pat Mahomes set a record by throwing five touchdowns in just over 11 minutes. Not to be outdone by Josh Allen, who also tossed five touchdowns against the Patriots in what might of been his best performance to date. I'm not sure what the weather conditions will be, but I'm expecting a lot of points to be on the board after this one is done.

Packers over 49ers (Saturday evening): Two weeks ago, when San Fran played the Rams, I didn't think I could be more emotionally engaged in a football game. Then the 49ers decided that "If you thought that game was thrilling, watch this!" and proceeded to pull on the heart strings of every Niners fan (me included) out there. When Dallas was driving the field for one final push, my heart rate -- according to my Apple watch -- hit a high of 122 beats per minute. Luckily due to some poor clock management, San Fran held on for the 23-17 victory. I don't expect any sort of drama like that against the Packers though. The Niners are coming in a little banged up. Nick Bosa (concussion), Fred Warner (ankle), and Jimmy G (sprained right shoulder), are all questionable starters, and how practice goes for them this week will determine how close this game will be.

REMAINING DIVISIONAL GAME:

Bucs over Rams (Sunday afternoon)

LAST WEEK'S PICKS: 5-1

The Best of Bob

by ASD Historian Bob Gates

This week, Bob takes a look back on the historic events that led to closures and race cancellations at the Downs. Which ones do you recall? **Hint:** Some notable events took place in 1982 and 2004. Bob has all the details [here](#). (From May 2020)



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