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**Do the Downs!**

## Only 6 Nights of Live Racing left!

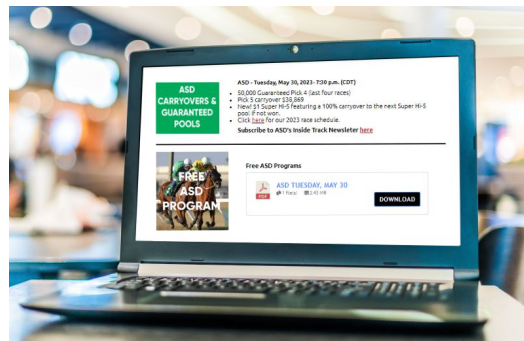
- Monday, Sept. 11, Tuesday, Sept. 12 & Wednesday, Sept. 13, Monday, Sept. 18, Tuesday, Sept. 19 & Wednesday, Sept. 20
- Racing starts at 7:30 p.m.
- Jackpot Pick 5 carryover \$75,069 (last five races)
- \$1 Classic Hi-5 carryover \$5,579 (race six)
- \$50,000 Guaranteed Pick 4 (last four races)
- New to the races? Be sure to stop by and see Brad and Shannon. They will answer all your questions about racing and wagering.
- Download the [Dark Horse Betting App](#), open a new account and get \$30 in free wagers.
- Free admission and free parking daily.
- Can't make it to the track? Watch and wager at [HPIbet.com](https://HPIbet.com)
- **Please note that we have added two race nights to our original schedule due to cancellations. Wednesday, September 13 & Wednesday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m.** See revised ASD schedule [here](#).



## ASD Player Portal

Get all the information on Assiniboia Downs racing in one convenient place! The [ASD Player Portal](#) features the following FREE information:

- Link to watch ASD Live Racing on our YouTube channel
- ASD Live with Kirt & Stretch
- Free ASD programs
- ASD expert picks
- Horse Racing Nation power picks
- Charting Horse Value charts
- Trust The Prophets Monday handicapping live stream
- Brisnet premium pps
- Jockey bios
- Photo finish photos



All of the above information is free of charge and available on the ASD [Player Portal](#).

## September HPI Bonuses

- **ASD CUSTOMER APPRECIATION** - Wager \$100 or more on Assiniboia Downs on Monday, September 11, Tuesday, September 12 & Wednesday, September 13 and receive 3% cash back. Minimum wagered \$100. Maximum cash back \$25. Available to all Manitoba HPI account holders. Must opt-in at [HPIbet.com](https://HPIbet.com). All wagers must be made on your HPI account. (\$2.10 payouts not eligible)
- **ASD CUSTOMER APPRECIATION** - Wager \$40 or more on Assiniboia Downs on Monday, September 18, Tuesday, September 19 & Wednesday, September 20 and receive 3% cash back. Minimum wagered \$40. Maximum cash back \$100. Available to all Canadian HPI account holders. Must opt-in at [HPIbet.com](https://HPIbet.com). All wagers must be made on your HPI account. (\$2.10 payouts not eligible)



- **ASD CUSTOMER APPRECIATION** - Wager \$100 or more on any track on Friday, September 22, Saturday, September 23 & Sunday, September 24 and receive 2% cash back. Minimum wagered \$100. Maximum cash back \$25. Available to all Manitoba HPI account holders. Must opt-in at [HPIbet.com](http://HPIbet.com). All wagers must be made on your HPI account. (\$2.10 payouts not eligible)



# CHASE THE ACE



**Supporting the Community!**

**Win \$5,000 by selecting the Ace of Diamonds!**

**Tickets for Chase the Ace Week #17 are on sale now with a \$5,000 Guaranteed Accumulator Jackpot if someone picks the Ace of Diamonds!**

- Tickets are available online at [ASDowns-CTA.com](http://ASDowns-CTA.com), Guest Services or at the VLT cashier's cage.
- 1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10, 10 tickets for \$20, 50 tickets for \$50, 200 tickets for \$100.
- **The weekly draw will be made Wednesdays at 9:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now through until 8:45 p.m. the following Wednesday.**
- Full contest rules click [here](#).
- Proceeds support community charities including: [Final Furlong](#), [Winners Foundation](#), [Manitoba Indigenous Cultural Education Centre](#), [Indigenous Languages of Manitoba](#), [Manitoba Lung Association](#), [MADD Winnipeg](#), [The Dream Factory](#), [Canadian Mental Health Association](#), [Manitoba Arthritis Society](#), [Manitoba Conservatory of Music & Arts](#) and [ALS Society of Manitoba](#).
- By purchasing a ticket, you are helping these charities make a positive difference in the community. Thank you for supporting the Chase the Ace charity program.
- The week 16 winning ticket was P-3174364. Patricia T. took home the weekly prize of \$201. She turned over card #11 which was the 10 of spades. This week's winning ticket was purchased online.

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## 2023 Las Vegas Challenge Handicapping Tournaments



- Las Vegas Challenge - Monday, September 18

**PRIZES:** The tournament winner receives a trip for two to Las Vegas and a trophy (the winner will be provided \$3,500 to book their trip to Las Vegas). Second place finisher will receive a \$500 deposit to their HPI account, the third place finisher will receive a \$250 deposit to their HPI account.

Entry fee into the Las Vegas Challenge is \$50 but can be reduced by qualifying on Assiniboia Downs' race cards leading up to the tournament. To qualify you must select the horse that you think will win each race on the Assiniboia Downs race card. Email your selections for that race night to Sheri at [sherig@ASDowns.com](mailto:sherig@ASDowns.com) prior to the start of racing. If you select three winners on the race card, your entry fee is reduced to \$25. For every other race card that you select three winners on your entry fee is reduced by another \$5.

### LAS VEGAS CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT WINNERS:

- Monday, June 19 - Ron Zurba
- Monday, July 10 - Murray Chaban
- Monday, July 31 - Tanis Atras
- Monday, August 21 - Brian McKellar

## Club West Gaming Lounge

140 VLTs available daily in our spacious Club West Gaming Lounge from 10 a.m. through 1 a.m. Please note that our VLTs are sanitized between play. Click [here](#) for a full list of games available at ASD.



### Win CA\$H Every Day!

- Draws to win up to \$100 cash on our lucky wheel Monday through Friday from noon until 5 p.m.
- Draws for \$20 in FREE VLT Spins Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.



## Dining at Assiniboia Downs

### Club West Dining Room & Lounge Open Daily

Enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks plus Happy Hour food and beverage specials in our Club West Dining Room & Lounge! Open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.

- Club West Dining Room & Lounge [menu](#)
- Daily Happy Hour [specials](#)



### Chef's Weekend Specials

**Friday Steak & Suds \$24.95:** 8 oz. Sirloin steak charbroiled and seasoned with our smoky dry rub. Served with fresh vegetables and a choice of mashed potatoes or french

fries. **Plus a complimentary pint of ASD Lucky Lager.**

**Saturday Prime & Wine \$29.95:** Certified Angus Prime Rib (8 oz. cut.) Served with fresh vegetables and a choice of mashed potatoes or french fries, horseradish, and Yorkshire pudding au jus. **Plus a complimentary 6 oz. glass of house wine.**



**Sunday Fish & Chips \$14.95:** Two pieces of beer battered cod with tartar sauce and lemon. Served with french fries and coleslaw.

Add a starter Caesar salad, tossed salad or soup of the day to any of the above specials for \$3.95. Served from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Reservations are not required.

## Live Racing Buffets

A limited number of reservations are still available for our all-you-can-eat Prime Rib buffet in the Terrace Dining Room for the 2023 season. Book your reservation today!

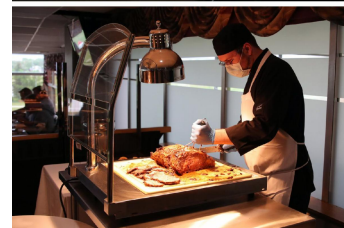
Buffet highlights include signature Certified Angus prime rib of beef carvery, seafood table featuring jumbo shrimp and salmon, fresh salads and side dishes prepared with locally grown vegetables.

Rotating entree selections of tender grilled chicken, crispy fried fish, sticky BBQ ribs, roasted meats and artisan sausages. Dessert table features warm fresh baked pies and your choice of ice cream plus cheesecakes, tortes and our famous bourbon bacon brownie.

The table is yours for the entire evening and includes racing programs and tip sheets.

Adults - \$49.95, Seniors (65+) - \$46.95, Kids 12 & under - \$29.95, Kids 5 & under - \$16.95

Reservations are required. Call 204-885-3330. Click [here](#) for our 2023 racing schedule.



## At The Post with G.S. Thompson

**Whitehall, Aebly, Win Big in Weather Shortened Week**  
Aebly scores hat trick on Monday, Whitehall wins four on Wednesday



Apprentice Fraser Aebly gets a congratulatory fist pump from trainer Elton Dickey after winning the second race on Monday aboard Shootin Money, his first of three winners in a row. (Jason Halstead photo)

Hot apprentice Fraser Aebly scored a hat trick on Monday, leading rider Antonio Whitehall stole the show on Wednesday with four wins, and trainer Jerry Gourneau continued to march towards his record fourth consecutive trainer title with a triple of his own in a weather-shortened week.

The races were cancelled on Tuesday in consideration of the safety of the horses and their riders, as smoke from the wildfires in Alberta and B.C. continued to waft their way to Manitoba, but there was no stopping Aebly, Whitehall and Gourneau from continuing their meet-long rolls to victory.



Fraser Aebly wins the fourth race on Monday aboard The Lonna Ranger for trainer Wendy Anderson. (Jason Halstead photo)

Aebly scored a natural hat trick on Monday, winning the second race aboard Shootin Money (\$5.20) for trainer Wendy Anderson, the third on Kontie (\$4.30) for Lise Pruitt and the fourth aboard The Lonna Ranger (\$6.10), again for Wendy Anderson. The 19-year-old apprentice from Grand Prairie, Alberta has been splitting his time between Assiniboia Downs and Hastings Racecourse this year as he prepares to take his tack to Woodbine in the fall, and he's riding beyond his years.

Aebly has won 17 races at Assiniboia Downs and is winning at a 20 percent clip here, while also winning 22 races at Hastings Racecourse to sit fourth in the standings there. The 4' 11" 105-pounder could have his apprentice allowance to the end of the Woodbine meeting next year, which would provide a tremendous advantage to trainers there, as it has here.



Fraser Aebly wins the third race on Monday with Kontie for trainer Lise Pruitt. (Jason Halstead photo)

Leading rider Antonio Whitehall continued his dominant roll at the top of the local standings with a single on Monday and a four-bagger on Wednesday. The last time the two-time leading rider had four wins on a card here was when he won his second title in 2020.

Whitehall won the first race on Monday aboard One Sky (\$5.40) for trainer Cal Britton and followed up Wednesday with a natural hat trick in the first three races and another victory in the sixth race. Whitehall won the first race aboard Kim's Texas Bling (\$3.10) for trainer Jerry Gourneau, the second on Drop a Caribou (\$6.00) for Shelley Brown, the third aboard Annakhosana (\$3.10), again for Gourneau, and then gave Exchequer (\$10.40) a dream inside trip stalking a duel to win the sixth race for trainer Will Tourangeau.



Leading rider Antonio Whitehall says thank you after his second of four wins on Wednesday, this one in the second race aboard Drop a Caribou for trainer Shelley Brown. (Jason Halstead photo)

Whitehall's five-win week vaulted him into what looks like an insurmountable lead in the jockey standings with 49 wins, 14 more than Damario Bynoe (35 wins), followed by Jorge Carreno (29), Chavion Chow (29) and Ronald Ali (24). Two of Whitehall's three wins also helped trainer Jerry Gourneau score a hat trick on Wednesday.

Gourneau's lead in the trainer standings also looks insurmountable with only six race days left in the live race meeting. The 61-year-old conditioner from the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reservation in Belcourt, North Dakota now has 39 wins, 11 more than Wendy Anderson (28), followed by Jared Brown (25), Mike Nault (23) and Devon Gittens (21). The common thread that runs through all three of these winners – Gourneau, Whitehall and Aebly?

They put the work in.



Happiness on a gray horse. Jockey Antonio Whitehall after scoring his fourth victory of the evening in the sixth race on Wednesday aboard Exchequer for trainer Will Tourangeau. (Jason Halstead photo)

### Fan Appreciation Nights

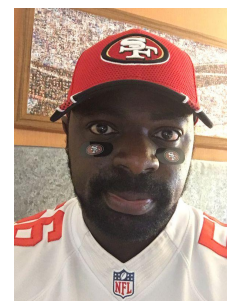
Mon, Sept. 18, Tues, Sept. 19 & Wed, Sept. 20

- Live Racing Programs \$2, Tip Sheets \$.50-cents
- Coors Light Cans \$5 (plus tax)
- Concession Specials: Hot Dogs \$3.95, Large Popcorn \$4.95, Single Scoop of Ice Cream \$2. Ice Cream is available at main floor concession only. (plus tax)
- A draw for a Winnipeg Blue Bomber package will be made each night

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### Top NFL Picks by TravyFootball: Week 1

**Falcons over Panthers (Sunday noon):** Once again, the hype train has taken off when it comes to the Atlanta Falcons. Every year they trick people into believing that they will be a decent team, and every year they always disappoint. Second year QB Desmond Riddler will be the starter headed into week one, and has had some decent weapons to work with in Kyle Pitts, Drake London, and rookie running back Bijan Robinson. This will also be the debut game for first overall pick, Bryce Young, at QB for the Panthers. Based on what I saw during the pre-season, Young will be running for his life quite often behind a very shaky offensive line, and the Panthers might be vying for the first overall pick in 2024 as well.



**Packers over Bears (Sunday afternoon):** The revamped Chicago Bears will open their season hosting their division rivals, the Green Bay Packers, at Soldier Field. This will be the first time in about 18 years where Aaron Rodgers (who destroyed the Bears every time they played) will not be involved. The awkwardness of not seeing number 12 lined up under centre for Green Bay will probably take some time getting used to, but for the sake of Packer fans, hopefully not too long. New starting quarterback Jordan Love will look to extend the winning streak to nine straight Packers victories over the Bears.

**Cowboys over Giants (Sunday night):** I really hate saying anything positive about the Dallas Cowboys, but it would be naïve of me to think that they aren't one of the top contenders in the NFC once again. I'll even go as far as saying they might make it to the NFC championship game this season, but it's very hard to trust this team when it comes to the playoffs (especially if they run into the 49ers). They will go on the road in Week One to face a team that they have owned over the past few years, the New York Giants. After handing Daniel Jones a large contract extension in the off-season, the Giants will look to build on the success they had last year. Even those whole division matchups tend to be tougher. I don't expect any upset here and Dallas should win this one pretty comfortably.

### Looking for a Special Photo of Your Big Horse?

Track Photographer Jason Halstead may have just what you're looking for



Delvecchio (inside) showing his frameable heart and determination early in the running of the Phil Kives Stakes. (Jason Halstead photo)

Looking for that extra-special photo of your big horse, one you might not find in your win pictures? Track photographer Jason Halstead takes numerous photos during the races, and not all of them can make it into the win photos. If you're looking for something frameable from your big race, or of your special horse, email Jason at [jjhphoto@gmail.com](mailto:jjhphoto@gmail.com). Prices are excellent! Almost as good as his photos 😊

### Carryover Watch

- Parx (Sept 11) - Jackpot Pick 5 carryover \$124,729
- Del Mar (Sept 8) - Jackpot Pick 6 carryover \$117,716

- Woodbine (Sept 8) - Jackpot Hi-5 carryover \$88,126
- Assiniboia Downs (Sept 11) - Jackpot Pick 5 carryover \$75,069

See all carryovers [here](#).

### Can't make it to the track to wager?

Watch and wager at one of our off-track betting locations:

- Canad Inns Windsor Park - [1034 Elizabeth Road](#)
- Green Brier Inn - [1611 Main Street](#)
- Rookies at Central Hotel - [201 Melrose Avenue East](#)
- Quest Inn - [367 Ellice Avenue](#)
- McPhillips Station Casino - [484 McPhillips Street](#)
- Club Regent Casino - [1425 Regent Ave W](#)
- Nor-Villa Motor Hotel - [1763 Henderson Hwy](#)
- Club 3D - [3317 Portage Avenue](#)
- Wager 24/7 at [HPIbet.com](#)

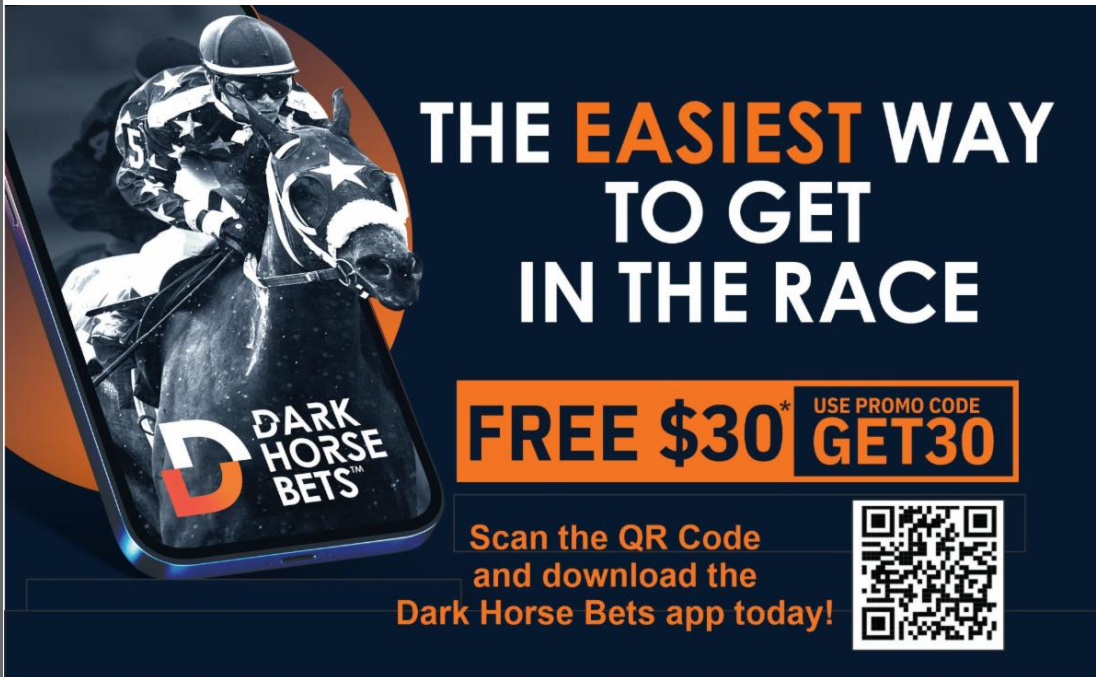
### "I Won Bigg" Wagering Group

The "I Won Bigg" wagering group will be playing Assiniboia Downs every Wednesday. \$20 per share. Email Larry at [larry@ampereelectric.ca](mailto:larry@ampereelectric.ca) for more information.

### A Snapshot in Time by Track Historian Bob Gates



In 1968, John and June Sifton's Clique was a force in handicap races. The stakes-winning gelded son of Round Table is seen above in the special winner's enclosure in the infield next to the tote board. The Gold Cup victory was Clique's fourth win in six starts and had veteran Bobby Stewart aboard. (Gerry Hart Photo)

An advertisement for the Dark Horse Bets app. On the left, a smartphone displays the app's logo, which features a stylized 'D' and the text 'DARK HORSE BETS™'. The background of the ad is dark blue. To the right of the phone, the text 'THE EASIEST WAY TO GET IN THE RACE' is written in large, bold, white and orange letters. Below this, an orange box contains the text 'FREE \$30\*' and 'USE PROMO CODE GET30'. At the bottom, a QR code is shown next to the text 'Scan the QR Code and download the Dark Horse Bets app today!' in orange.

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**88th Prince of Wales Stakes Saturday: Biggest Field in 21 Years**  
Few Canadian bred 3-year-olds are afraid of King's Plate winner Paramount Prince



Jockey Patrick Husbands guides Paramount Prince to victory in the 164th running of the \$1,000,000 King's Plate. (Woodbine / Michael Burns Photo)

King's Plate winner Paramount Prince has not scared many away from the second jewel of the Canadian Triple Crown, as he will meet 11 rivals in the \$400,000 Prince of Wales Stakes at Fort Erie, on Tuesday, September 12. It's the biggest field for the Prince of Wales since 2002 when Le Cinquieme Essai defeated 11 horses to claim victory. More from Jennifer Morrison at the *Canadian Thoroughbred* [here](#).

**Colonial Downs: Virginia Derby Day**  
**Six Stakes Worth Combined \$1.3 Million this Saturday**



EquiSport Photo

Nobals wins the Twin Spires Turf Sprint (G2) at Churchill Downs. Gerardo Corrales up. (EquiSport Photo)

Patricia's Hope's Nobals, winner of six stakes including the Grade 2 Twin Spires Turf Sprint Stakes at Churchill Downs May 6, leads a field of 10 horses entered in Saturday's \$150,000 Korb Da Hoss Stakes at Colonial Downs, one of six turf stakes on the New Kent County Virginia Day program. The six stakes races combined feature purse money of \$1.3 million. There are 11 races on the Saturday card which starts at 1:30 P.M. More from the *Paulick Report* [here](#).

### **Bob's Blog**

**by ASD Historian Bob Gates**

Who knew that a simple post on a Facebook page would lead to a contact with one of Canadian racing's elite family. Even though the Levesque family history with the Downs dates back a half century ago, Pierre Levesque still has fond memories of racing at Assiniboia Downs. [Click here](#) to join our history guy in this week's trip back in time to when Levesque horses reigned supreme.



### Upcoming events at ASD

- Spin to Win in the Club West Gaming Lounge - Monday to Friday - [more info](#)
- Lucky Spins - Draws for \$20 in free VLT Spins - Friday to Sunday - [more info](#)
- ASD Live Racing Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. - [more info](#)
- Together Again - Friday, Sept. 22 - [more info](#)
- Vintage & Collectibles Sale - Saturday, Sept. 30 - [more info](#)
- MICEC Monster Bingo - Saturday, October 21 - [more info](#)

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### Feedback

We would love to hear from you! Email your comments and/or suggestions to [theinsidetrack@ASDowns.com](mailto:theinsidetrack@ASDowns.com).

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