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## Do the Downs!

### 2023 Player's Choice Online Tournaments

- Saturday, November 11
- Saturday, December 16



**PRIZES:** 1st place: \$1,000 (plus a trophy), 2nd place: \$400, 3rd place: \$200, 4th place: \$100, 5th place: \$50

Entry fee is \$25. \$2 WPS on one horse in any 10 races (harness, thoroughbred or quarter horse) from any North American track on the contest day. Click here for full [rules](#).

### 2023 TOURNAMENT WINNERS:

#### Player's Choice Tournaments

- Saturday, January 21 - Randy Premachuk
- Saturday, February 18 - Steve Holborn
- Saturday, March 18 - Nicole Baker
- Saturday, April 15 - Barry Mymko
- Saturday, May 13 - Brad Ostrove

#### Las Vegas Challenge Tournaments

- Monday, June 19 - Ron Zurba
- Monday, July 10 - Murray Chaban
- Monday, July 31 - Tanis Atras
- Monday, August 21 - Brian McKellar
- Monday, September 18 - David Blake

#### Player's Choice Tournaments

- Saturday, October 14 - George Williams

### \$500 EXCLUSIVE BREEDERS' CUP CONTEST

1. This exclusive contest is free to enter and is open to anyone who has participated in at least one of the eleven Handicapping Contests that have taken place in 2023.
2. The contest will take place on the five Breeders' Cup races (races 5 through 9) on Friday, November 3 and the nine Breeders' Cup races (races 3 through 11) from Santa Anita on Saturday, November 4. Select the winner of each of the fourteen Breeders' Cup races.
3. Submit your selections by horse number via email to Sheri at [sherig@ASDowns.com](mailto:sherig@ASDowns.com) or leave a voicemail at (204) 885-8780.
4. Friday's selections must be submitted prior to the start of race 5 on Friday and Saturday's selections must be submitted prior to the start of race 3 on Saturday.
5. Your selections cannot be changed once they have been submitted.
6. If your selection(s) is scratched, you will receive the favourite at post time.
7. The total number of winners from Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4 will be added together and the \$500 HPI deposit will be awarded to the person who has selected the most winners.
8. In the event of a tie, the \$500 HPI deposit will be divided equally between all the winners.



### Breeders' Cup from Santa Anita

**Friday, November 3 at 1:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, November 4 at 12:10 p.m.**



- 3% cash back bonus on Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4. Wager \$1,000 or more on your HPI account on Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4 and receive 3% cash back to a maximum of \$100. (\$2.10 wagers are not eligible). All wagers must be placed on your HPI account to qualify. Opt-in at [HPIbet.com](https://HPIbet.com)
- Special Breeders' Cup Handicapping Show with ASD Live's Kirt & Stretch. [Friday's show](#). [Saturday's show](#).
- Free Breeders' Cup programs and DRF at all locations (except casinos).
- Breeders' Cup merchandise draws at all locations (except casinos)
- The Terrace Dining Room will be open for seating. If you would like to reserve a table please call 204-885-3330. The Club West menu will be available along with the daily food specials.
- Breeders' Cup Canadian bet minimums: WPS (\$2), Daily Double (\$2), Exactor (\$1), Special Daily Doubles (\$1), All-Turf Pick 3 (\$4), Pick 6 (\$1.40), Triactor (\$.60), Pick 3 (\$.60), Pick 4 (\$.60), Pick 5 (\$.60), Super Hi-5 (\$.60), Superfecta (\$.20). Please note that the \$1.40 Pick 6 amount must be entered as a custom amount on HPI.

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## ASD Survey



Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the ASD Survey through HPIbet.com. We value your opinions. Congratulations to all the \$50 HPI deposit winners. The deposits will be made today (Friday, Nov. 3) by noon. Please check your HPI account to see if you are one of our lucky winners!

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## 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.

- Draws to win 20 break-open tickets! Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.
- Draws for \$20 in FREE VLT Spins Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. **One lucky draw winner turned their \$20 into \$1,604!**





## Dining at Assiniboia Downs

### New! \$11.95 Daily Lunch Specials

Enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks from our Club West Dining Room menu or try our ever changing \$11.95 lunch special.

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



### New! Daily Drink Features All Day Long

- Monday - Margarita \$6 (lime, peach or strawberry)
- Tuesday - Corona \$5
- Wednesday - Wine \$4.50 (6 oz. glass of house white or house red)
- Thursday - Beer \$4.75 (house pint of beer)
- Friday - Trifecta Tea \$6 (Absolut peach vodka, lemonade, sweet tea)
- Saturday - RazDerby Lemonade \$6 (Absolut raspberry vodka, lemonade)
- Sunday - Caesar \$6



### New! Daily Evening Chef's Specials

**Monday - BBQ Ribs \$19.95:** Smoky char-broiled ribs with our signature BBQ sauce. Served with french fries and coleslaw.

**Tuesday - Tacos \$9.95:** Two flour tortillas stuffed with taco beef, chicken or fish, lettuce, green onions, cheese and diced tomato. Served with a drizzle of avocado cilantro lime sauce and taco chips.



**Wednesday - Two Topping Pizza \$14.95:** Thin crust pizza with mozzarella and tomato sauce. Choose from pepperoni, bacon, ham, spicy beef, chicken, tomato, mushroom, peppers, black olives or onions.

**Thursday - Chipotle Mozza Burger \$14.95:** Our signature sirloin patty and crispy bacon smothered in melted mozzarella. Topped with fresh sliced tomato, fried onion rings, chipotle mayo and sweet bold barbeque sauce.

**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.

**Reservations are not required. The above specials are available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily.**

**Everyone who purchases one of the above specials will receive a coupon to play our free "Pick to Win" game in the VLT lounge for a chance to spin our lucky cash wheel where you can win up to \$100 cash!**

## At The Post with G.S. Thompson

### Breeders' Cup Picks Top 3 and Longshots for Friday and Saturday





Carla's Way has been listed at 6-1 in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf. Shown here winning the Rockfel Stakes at Newmarket. (Steve Davies/Racingfotos.com)

### Breeders' Cup Picks for Friday, November 3

#### RACE 5 - Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint

1. Crimson Advocate  
 4. Big Evs  
 2. No Nay Mets  
 Longshots: 6. Starlust 8. Cherry Blossom. 9. Amidst Waves

#### RACE 6 - NetJets Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies

1. Candied  
 7. Tamara  
 6. Chatalas  
 Longshots: 3. Scaleable 12. Just F Y I

#### RACE 7 - Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf

9. Carlas Way  
 11. She Feels Pretty  
 6. Porta Fortuna  
 Longshots: 5. Content 14. Les Pavots

#### RACE 8 - FanDuel Breeders' Cup Juvenile

10. Muth  
 2. Prince of Monaco  
 6. Locked  
 Longshot: 11. Noted

#### RACE 9 - Prevagen Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf

2. River Tiber  
 8. Unquestionable



14. Carson's Run  
Longshot: 5. My Boy Prince



Ushba Tesoro wins the Dubai World Cup. The Japanese star has been listed at 4-1 for the Breeders' Cup Classic. (Erika Rasmussen photo)

### Breeders' Cup Picks for Saturday, November 4

#### **RACE 3 - Big Ass Fans Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile**

- 4. Zozos
- 3. Cody's Wish
- 6. Skippylongstocking

#### **RACE 4 - Maker's Mark Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf**

- 2. Warm Heart
  - 6. Inspirai
  - 1. An Italian
- Longshot: 12. Lumiere Rock

#### **RACE 5 - PNC Bank Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint**

- 1. Goodnight Olive
- 2. Society
- 9. Yuugiri

#### **RACE 6 - FanDuel Breeders' Cup Mile Presented by PDJF**

- 6. Mawj
  - 10. Songline
  - 14. Master of The Seas
- Longshot: 1. Shirl's Speight

#### **RACE 7 - Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff**

- 4. Idiomatic
- 9. Clairiere
- 6. Search Results



Longshots: 3. Pretty Mischievous 7. Wet Paint

**RACE 8 - Longines Breeders' Cup Turf**

9. Mostahdaf

11. King of Steel

5. Auguste Rodin

Longshot: 4. Bolshoi Ballet

**RACE 9 - Longines Breeders' Cup Classic**

8. Ushba Tesoro

12. Arabian Knight

3. White Abarrio

Longshots: 2. Zandon 5. Derma Sotogake

**RACE 10 - Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint**

10. Motorious

5. Live In The Dream

7. Nobals

Longshot: 8. Aesop's Fables

**RACE 11 - Qatar Racing Breeders' Cup Sprint**

7. Speed Boat Beach

2. Dr. Schivel

8. Elite Power

**Good Luck!**

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**Two New Sires for Manitoba**

Canadian Classic winner Ami's Holiday, Vosburgh Stakes winner Following Sea



Vosburgh Stakes (G2) winner Following Sea is on his way to Manitoba to stand at stud.

Two new sires are coming to Manitoba, and both were serious runners.



Canadian classic winner Ami's Holiday, among the leading sires in Canada with just four crops of racing age, will stand the 2024 breeding season at 2 Points Ranch in Manitoba in partnership with owner and breeder Ivan Dalos, who had stood the son of Harlan's Holiday at Colebrook Farms Ontario.

And Vosburgh Stakes (G2) winner Following Sea has been purchased by longtime owner-breeder-trainer Garry Naherniak and is expected to arrive in Manitoba in three weeks.

Ami's Holiday is by Harlan's Holiday, sire of North America's number one stallion Into Mischief, and he has already started to make a name for himself as a stallion in Ontario. Read the full story from Jennifer Morrison at the *Canadian Thoroughbred* [here](#).

Following Sea is by Eclipse Award winning sprinter Runhappy, and also brings an excellent racing resume to Manitoba. Not only did he win the Vosburgh Stakes, he also finished second in the Cigar Mile (G1) and the Haskell Invitational (G1), and a troubled third in the 2021 Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1). Naherniak has not decided where Following Sea is going to stand in Manitoba, but he is sure to attract some lookers, as will Ami's Holiday.

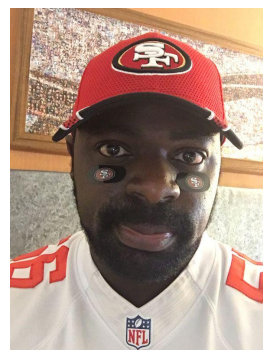
Two excellent additions to the Manitoba stallion ranks!



Ami's Holiday (Colebrook Farms photo )

## Top NFL Picks by TravyFootball: Week 9

**Raiders over Giants (Sunday afternoon):** The Giants lost the battle of New York last week against the Jets on a field goal with time expiring. It might have been the single worst passing performance in the history of the NFL. After Tyrod Taylor went down with a rib injury, backup quarterback Tony Davito (I know ALOT of QBs, and even I haven't heard of this guy) came in and proceeded to throw 7 passes...in the ENTIRE GAME! What's even more astonishing is that the two passes he completed actually





went for negative yards, so he finished with a whopping -1 yard.

The Giants as a whole finished the game 6/14 for 7 yards. I'm pretty sure even I could complete a pass for the Giants at this point. It's a far cry from where they were last year at this time. The Raiders seem to have a Jimmy Garoppolo problem. I will always be grateful to Jimmy for helping guide my 49ers to the Super Bowl a few years ago, but I will never forgive him for overthrowing Emmanuel Sanders. That would've actually WON us the Super Bowl, but I digress. It seems that all his bad habits have carried over to the Raiders now, and certain players are starting to get frustrated with him. I think the defense will win this game for the Raiders anyway. I was writing this late Tuesday night when the news broke that the Raiders fired Head Coach Josh McDaniels. Can't say I'm surprised but considering they only hired him in 2022, they still will be paying him ALOT of money for the next four years. It also seems like Jimmy G will be benched in favour of rookie Aiden O'Connell.

**Falcons over Vikings (Sunday noon):** Obviously, the biggest news for the Vikings from last week was Kirk Cousins tearing his Achilles tendon. In a corresponding move, Minnesota acquired Josh Dobbs from the Arizona Cardinals on trade deadline day to try and soften the blow a little bit. There's no way Dobbs will ever replicate the production of Cousins, but having a veteran quarterback, instead of trying out a rookie or a second-year player with very little experience, is a much better option. Expect the Vikings to be run heavy for the next couple of games while Josh Dobbs learns the offense. A little-known fact about Dobbs, not only is he a professional NFL quarterback which is hard enough, but he's also an Aerospace Engineer. So, something tells me it won't take him long to learn the playbook. I called it last week when saying the leash on Falcons QB Desmond Ridder was getting shorter. Well, he finally got benched after yet another poor performance. They said it was for Ridder's safety (he had been sacked five times and had to go into the blue medical tent) but even once he was cleared to return to the game, the coach still held him out. My personal opinion, I don't think his health had anything to do with why he didn't go back into the game.... Back up Taylor Heinicke, who flashed some good moments when he was in Washington, took over for Ridder and had mixed results, but he did get the Falcons back into the game after they were down 21-9 for the majority of it.

**Eagles over Cowboys (Sunday afternoon):** A heavyweight tilt on tap in NFC east will pit the Eagles against the Cowboys in what will essentially be a battle for first place in the division. I don't think there's been a more dominant receiver in the NFL right now than AJ Brown. In his last three games, he has tallied 25 receptions for 398 yards and three touchdowns, including a beautiful one-handed grab against the Washington Commanders last week. As much as it pains me to say this, I think Philadelphia is the team to beat right now and nobody has been able to solve the "tush push" play yet. But I don't think their defense is as strong as it was last season and Dallas may be able to take advantage of that. The Cowboys seem to have gotten their mojo back and made easy work of the Rams last week putting up 30 points before halftime as they were probably more concerned about this showdown with the Eagles. If they can play like that again, this should be a competitive hard-fought game that will come down to maybe a last second field goal.

Last week: 1-2

Overall: 13-11

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

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



Burrow Down (inside) battles it out early with Evan Pandura on her way to victory in the Miss Sandy Dee Overnight Stakes for trainer Murray Duncan and owner Gerald Babchishin. Stanley Chadee, Jr. up.  
(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 😊

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## Carryover Watch

- Woodbine (November 3) - Super Hi-5 Jackpot carryover \$348,390
- Aqueduct (November 3) - Pick 5 carryover \$147,582

See all carryovers [here](#).

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## 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](#)
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## "I Won Bigg" Wagering Group

The "I Won Bigg" wagering group will meet every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. on the plaza. This week the group will be playing the Breeders' Cup from Santa Anita. \$20 per share. Email Larry at [larry@ampereelectric.ca](mailto:larry@ampereelectric.ca) for more information. ASD will be seeding the "I Won Bigg" Breeders' Cup group play with \$500.

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## A Snapshot in Time

by Track Historian Bob Gates



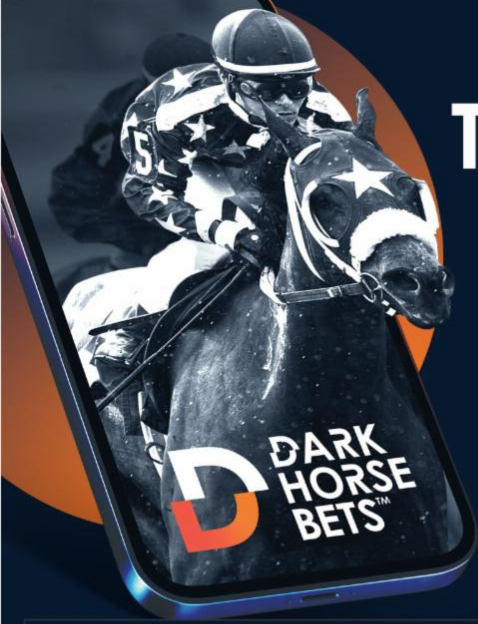
Wasn't that early blast from "Old Man Winter" a shocker!? It's always such a downer when snow comes before Halloween. Thing is, it got the history guy to thinking about Downs race meets that went into the month of November, and that, my friends will be our theme for the next few weeks.

Let's start with 1979. The 131-day meet came to a close on November 4th. Newspaper accounts of the day reflect that on Sunday, November 4th, the season came to an abrupt ending when the jockeys refused to ride after the 5th race because of bad weather and a track that some riders felt was not safe. A search of our photo archive came up dry for a win photo from November 4, but here is one from Saturday night November 3rd. The 9th race was the 21st running of the R. J. Speers Memorial Handicap that was won by Nick



Block's Scarlet Rich with Peter McAleney in the saddle. Anyone notice that Bob King is the man holding the 8-year-old chestnut stallion for the win photo. (Gerry Hart photo)


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Roses for Debra a live longshot in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (Adam Coglianese/NYRA)

The Breeders' Cup World Championships offers a cornucopia of betting opportunities to the horse racing fan, and a huge part of the allure of the two-day event Nov. 3-4 at Santa Anita Park is trying to uncover a longshot. Seeing something in a racehorse that others didn't is a nice boost to the ego and, hopefully, a nice boost to the wallet. More from Mike Curry at *America's Best Racing* [here](#).

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### **International Runners Figure to Have Say in Many Races**

**DRF's Marcus Hersh rates the chances of overseas shippers in the Breeders' Cup**





Inspiral, trained by John and Thady Gosden, will stretch out to 1 1/4 miles for the first time in the Filly and Mare Turf. (Barbara D. Livingston)

It takes time and effort to parse the form of dozens of international Breeders' Cup runners. These horses are all over the Saturday card. The time has been spent, the effort put forth. Here's how it looks, and let's hope it was worth the work. More from Marcus Hersh at the *Daily Racing Form* [here](#).

## Best of Bob

by ASD Historian Bob Gates

The Downs was Dick and Gloria Armstrong's home away from home. Dick was one of the best jockeys to race here back in the 1960s. Sixty years ago, he won his first of four leading rider titles. Bob has gone through the record books to take a look at the career highlights of the jockey from Maple Creek, Saskatchewan. Click [here](#) to read Bob's tribute to Dick Armstrong and his Diamond Jubilee. (From June 2022)





### Upcoming events at ASD

- Break Open Bonanza - Draws for Break-Open tickets - Monday to Friday - [more info](#)
- Lucky Spins - Draws for \$20 in free VLT Spins - Friday to Sunday - [more info](#)
- [Breeders' Cup](#) - Friday, November 3 & Saturday, November 4
- Player's Choice Handicapping Tournament - Saturday, November 11 - [more info](#)
- Inspirations Market - Saturday, November 11 & Sunday, November 12 - [more info](#)
- New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance - Sunday, December 31 - [more info](#)

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### Feedback

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