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140 VLTs

ASD Hours

- Open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- VLT machines are sanitized between use

2024 Live Race Dates

- Monday, May 20 to Tuesday, September 17 - click [here](#) for schedule

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Do the Downs!

Upcoming Handicapping Tournaments

Las Vegas Challenge Tournaments:

- **Las Vegas Challenge - This Monday, July 8**
- Las Vegas Challenge - Monday, July 29
- Las Vegas Challenge - Monday, August 19
- Las Vegas Challenge - Monday, September 16



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 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.

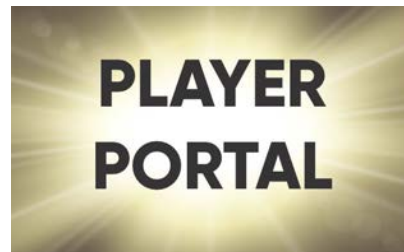
2024 Tournament Winners:

- Player's Choice - Saturday, January 20 - Winner: Ron Phelps
- Player's Choice - Saturday, February 17 - Winner: Trevor Phelps
- Player's Choice - Saturday, March 16 - Winner: Don Allard
- Player's Choice - Saturday, April 13 - Winner: Myron Fedoruk
- Player's Choice - Saturday, May 11 - Winner: Kevin Arnst
- Las Vegas Challenge - Monday, June 17 - Winner: Darcy Penner

Assiniboia Downs Player Portal

Assiniboia Downs racing information in one convenient place!

- Free Assiniboia Downs Live Programs
- Assiniboia Downs Racing Selections
- Horse Racing Nation Power Picks
- Jockey and Trainer Statistics
- ASD Live YouTube Link and more!



Check out our Player Portal [here](#)

Free Family Fun Every Monday

Join us for free family fun activities every Monday through to Monday, September 2.

- Bouncy castles
- Face painting
- Live entertainment
- The fun starts at 6:30 p.m.



HPI Promotion - Manitoba Derby VIP

You could be a Manitoba Derby VIP! Earn an entry for every \$50 spent on ASD each race night in July. Five draws will be made on Friday, July 26 for the following:

- \$500 HPI deposit for Manitoba Derby Night.
- An invitation for two to the Manitoba Derby Press Conference which includes complimentary lunch and beverages.
- Reserved seating for two on Manitoba Derby Night at the Manitoba Derby VIP table which includes a complimentary Prime Rib buffet.

See complete details at HPIbet.com.



Club West Gaming Lounge



Join us today in the Club West Gaming Lounge and discover why we're the ultimate destination for VLT entertainment in the area!

Premier Amenities

- **Spacious Area:** Our gaming lounge provides ample room for you to relax and enjoy your gaming experience comfortably.
- **Sanitization:** VLT machines are sanitized between use.
- **Great Customer Service:** Our friendly staff is dedicated to providing top-notch service, ensuring your visit is enjoyable from start to finish.
- **Licensed Lounge:** Sip on your favourite drinks from our licensed lounge while you play.
- **Food & Drink:** Indulge in delicious food and drinks available right in the gaming lounge.

Draws for \$500 in the VLT Lounge every Race Night!

Every race night a draw for \$500 Cash will be made every race night in the VLT lounge at 11:30 p.m. during Crazy Hour!



Daily Draws for Cash

- **Lucky Stars:** Monday to Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Enter for a chance to pick a Lucky Star for up to \$100 cash.
- **Lucky Spins:** Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Enter for a chance to win \$20 in free VLT spins. Keep what you win!

ASD



This Season we will be featuring a 50/50 draw EVERY race night with proceeds benefiting Final Furlong and the Winners Foundation. **50/50 tickets for Monday, July 8 are on sale now!**

- The 50/50 draw will be made each race night at 10 p.m.

- 1 ticket for \$10, 10 for \$20, 50 for \$50, 200 for \$100
- Tickets can be purchased from the VLT cashier's cage, Guest Services, from the designated 50/50 seller or online at [5050.ASDowns.com](https://www.5050ASDowns.com)
- Ticket sales close at 9:50 p.m.
- You don't have to be in attendance to claim your prize
- Winning ticket numbers are posted at [5050.ASDowns.com](https://www.5050ASDowns.com)
- Manitoba Jockey Club LGCA-5630-RF-44247

There's Always a Deal at ASD!

\$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.

Along with our fantastic lunch specials, we also offer happy hour food and drink specials and weekend food deals. Click [here](#) to find out more!



Live Racing Certified Angus Prime Rib Buffet

Enjoy our fabulous Certified Angus Prime Rib Buffet from the best view in the house!

Our Certified Angus Prime Rib Buffet is available every race night. The table is yours for the entire evening and includes complimentary racing programs and tip sheets.

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.

Call 204-885-3330 to reserve your table.

Adults - \$54.95, Seniors (65+) - \$49.95, Children 6 to 12 - \$32.95, Children 5 & under - \$19.95

At The Post with G.S. Thompson

Lee Delaronde, Rachaad Knights Winning in Bunches **Hot trainer wins six, jockey wins four, Morse and Badaloo score at 54-1**



Rachaad Knights won the 5th race on Monday in a downpour aboard Maclean's Bella for trainer Jamie Hartmann. Knights won four races on the week to lead all jockeys. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)

Lightning, thunder and heavy rain forced the cancellation of the final two races on Monday night, but the fireworks went off without a hitch, and there was another explosion in the last race on Wednesday night.

Rachaad Knights was the hot jockey on the week with four winners as he continued to live up to the potential three-time leading jockey Antonio Whitehall told us about earlier. Knights won the second race on Monday aboard Prairie Drifter (\$6.60) for trainer Devon Gittens and the fifth and final race during a downpour on Macleans Bella (\$4.40) for trainer Jamie Hartmann.



Jockey Renaldo Cumberbatch notched his 500th career win aboard Eagle Express for trainer Lee Delaronde on Tuesday. Congratulations! (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)

Knights went on to win the sixth race on Tuesday aboard Runtoday (\$9.60) for trainer Will Tourangeau and added another victory for the same trainer in the first race on Wednesday on Lab Rat (\$2.80). The hot apprentice now sits in a tie for second in the standings with 16 wins, four back of leading rider Prayven Badrie, who is having an excellent season with 20 victories so far.

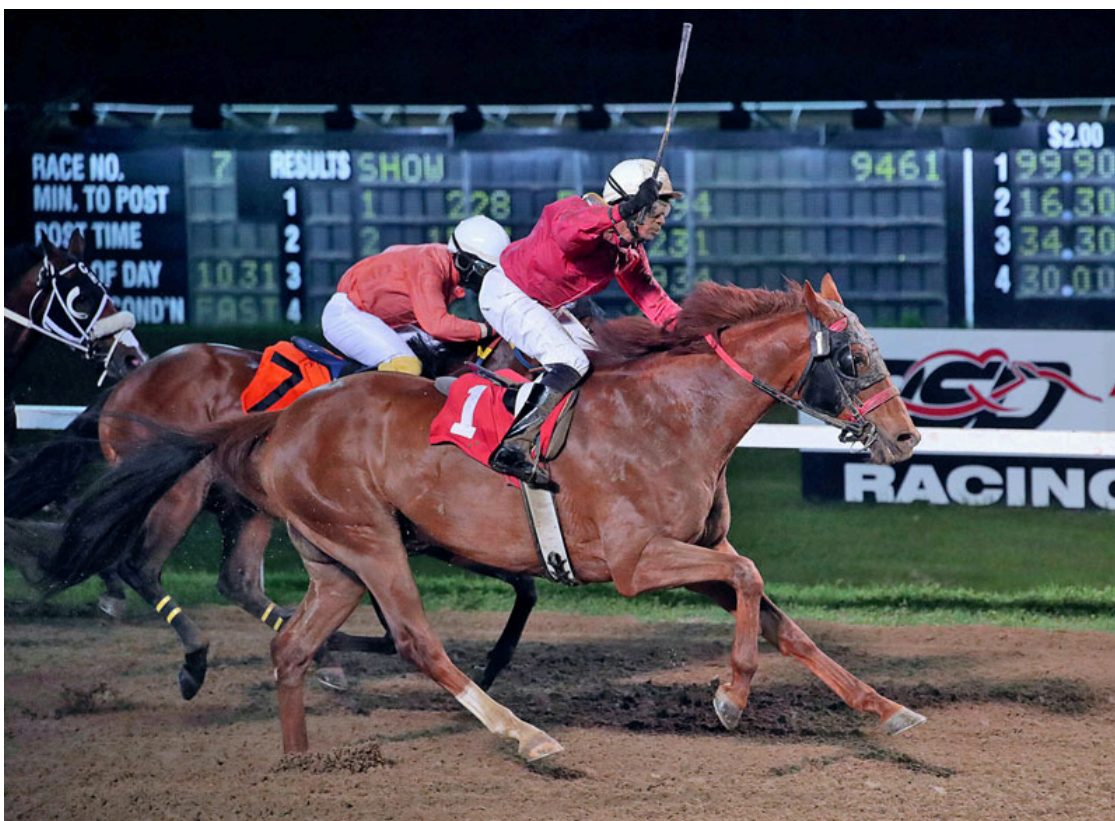
Three-time leading rider Antonio Whitehall (15 wins) is next followed by Ronald Ali (14) and Renaldo Cumberbatch (13). Cumberbatch also notched his 500th career win in the fifth race on Tuesday aboard longshot Eagle Express (\$21.00) for trainer Lee Delaronde, who was the hottest trainer on the week with six wins. And take note of the great prices on his horses.



Trainer Murray Duncan and jockey Dwight Lewis teamed up to win their first race of the meeting with Salto del Lupo in the 2nd race on Tuesday. Well done! (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)

Delaronde won the fourth race on Monday with Smart Call (\$18.30), scored a hat trick on Tuesday with Getcha (\$5.30) in the first race, Victory Line (\$7.60) in the third, and the aforementioned Eagle Express in the sixth, and followed up with two more victories on Wednesday with S C Angel (\$9.6) in the fourth race and Magnolia Speed (\$12.10) in the sixth.

Delaronde has now moved into third in the standings with nine wins since taking over the training of Jerry Gourneau's stable, and with the help of assistant trainer Madison Tirk and her crew, it won't be long before they catch trainer Devon Gittens, who has 10 wins.



Captive Kitten explodes home late at 54-1 to win the 7th race on Wednesday, giving jockey Douglas Badaloo his first win at Assiniboia Downs. Congratulations! (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)

Trainer Murray Duncan teamed up with jockey Dwight Lewis to get their first wins of the meeting with Salto Del Lupo (\$3.30) in the second race on Tuesday, and trainer Victoria Morse joined forces with jockey Douglas Badaloo to get their first wins of the meeting in dramatic fashion in the final race on Wednesday with the longest shot on the board.

Captive Kitten (\$110.70) came flying home from last to first to win the seventh race on Wednesday, giving Badaloo his first ever win at Assiniboia Downs, and capped off a whopping \$1 Pick 4 of \$6,237.70.

A replay worth watching!



Captive Kitten (\$110.70) became the longest price winner of the meeting when he came flying from out of the clouds to win the last race on Wednesday evening for trainer Victoria Morse (right). Douglas Badaloo up. Beth Penton smiling on the head end. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)

Looking for a Special Photo of Your Big Horse or...?
Track Photographer Jason Halstead may have just what you're looking for



Rachaad Knights (outside) on his way to winning the 2nd race on Monday evening aboard Prairie Drifter for trainer Devon Gittens. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia 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. Prices are excellent! Almost as good as his photos 😊

Wager on Top Tracks



Watch and wager on world class racing from the comfort of your private carrel in our race book located on the 2nd level of the grandstand. The race book is open daily at 10 a.m. Can't make it to the track? Visit one of our partner locations listed below or wager at HPIbet.com. Click [here](#) for a list of tracks to wager on during the month of July.

Carryover Watch

- Assiniboia Downs (July 8) - Jackpot Pick 5 carryover \$261,460
- Monmouth (July 5) - Jackpot Pick 6 carryover \$194,092

See all carryovers [here](#).

Can't make it to the track to wager?

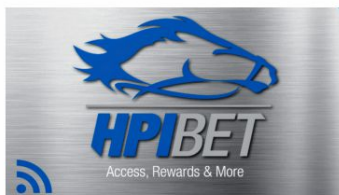
Watch and wager at one of our off-track betting locations:

- **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
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Bet \$5,000 or more in the week* and receive a cash back bonus of 4%	Bet \$4,000 or more in the week* and receive a cash back bonus of 3%	Bet \$3,000 or more in the week* and receive a cash back bonus of 2%	Bet \$2,000 or more in the week* and receive a cash back bonus of 1%



Wagers must be placed using your HPIbet Rewards Card. The week (*) is designated as Monday through Sunday. Any bonus money earned during this period will be deposited to your HPI account on Wednesday by 5 p.m. Betting bonus cash is in addition to regular HPIbet rewards points earned. Assiniboia Downs reserves the right to alter or amend this promotion at any time. Bonus calculations are available on payouts of \$2.20 and above. Maximum weekly bonus deposit \$1,000.

"I Won Bigg" Wagering Group

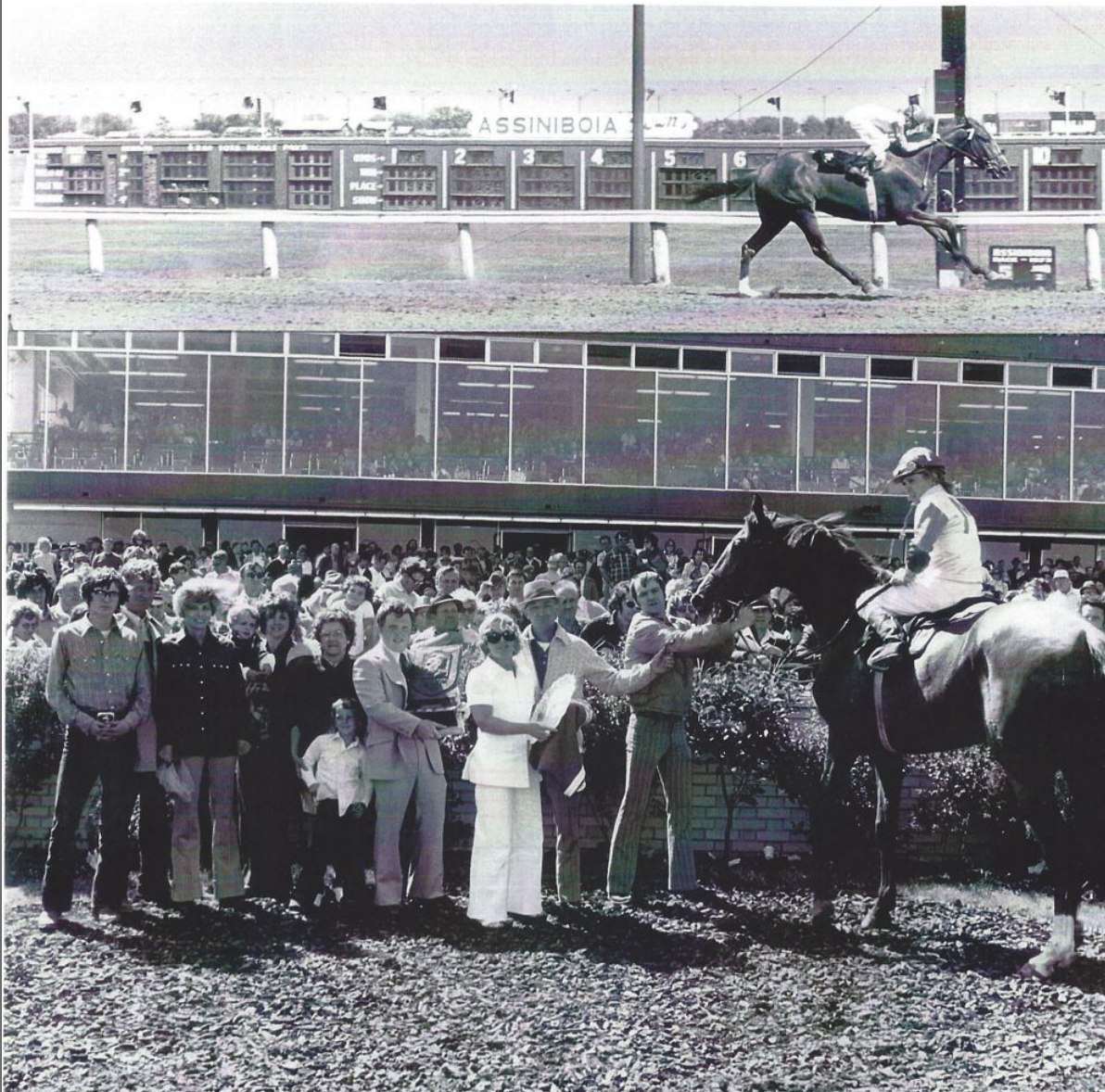
The "I Won Bigg" wagering group will be meeting on the following weekly schedule:

- Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. on the plaza. Woodbine and Belmont will be the featured tracks this Saturday.
- Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the north end of the Clubhouse. Assiniboia Downs will be the featured track on Wednesdays.

Everyone is welcome. If you would like more information please email Larry.

A Snapshot in Time

by Track Historian Bob Gates



ASSINIBOIA DOWNS RACETRACK

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WESTERN CANADA'S FINEST

DATE JULY 2, 1973

JOHN W SIFTON MEMORIAL STAKES

WINNER MUNNIE AWARD

PURSE \$ 5,000 ADDED
DISTANCE 1 MILE
TIME 142.4

2 ERNIE'S TURN
3 OSCAR'S VOICE

JOCKEY LARRY BIRD
TRAINER M MONROE
OWNER G MONROE

The 2024 season features several stakes race milestones including the 55th Running of the J. W. Sifton on September 10th. Today we remember the 1973 Sifton winner, the Munroe family's Munnie Award. (Gerry Hart photo)

King's Plate / Woodbine Oaks Updates

Top 10 Woodbine Oaks contenders. Top 15 King's Plate hopefuls.

Woodbine Oaks contender War Painter had a big workout on June 29, speeding 5 furlongs in company with Horse of the Year Moira in 59.80. (Canuck Racing Club)

Last weekend's Marine Stakes (G3) brought the lightly-raced gelding Essex Serpent squarely into the picture for the 165th King's Plate on August 17 and strengthened the hand of trainer Mark Casse for Canada's biggest race. The fillies may also have something to say about the Plate again this year, as the Oaks winner is automatically considered a Plate factor. More from the *Canadian Thoroughbred* [here](#).

Handicapping Derbies in Indiana and Iowa

Kentucky Derby runners back in action at Horseshoe Indianapolis, Prairie Meadows



Stronghold is the 2-1 favourite in the \$300,000 Indian Derby (G3) this Saturday. (Chad B. Harmon)

They're not as rich and prestigious as the Kentucky Derby (G1), but the \$300,000 Indiana Derby (G3) at Horseshoe Indianapolis and the \$250,000 Iowa Derby at Prairie Meadows this Saturday have drawn Kentucky Derby alumni and could have an impact on the second half of the 2024 racing season. More on both races from the *BloodHorse* [here](#).

Bob's Blog

by ASD Historian Bob Gates

At one time the Assiniboia Downs Inaugural Handicap was one of the premier stakes races at the local track. For the longest time it was an opening day feature that kicked-off the Downs stakes race calendar. The race was a sprint that was always exciting and seemed to set the pace for the season that followed. Click [here](#) for Bob's take on the 45-year history of "The Inaugural."





Upcoming events at ASD

- Lucky Stars - Monday to Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. - [more info](#)
- Lucky Spins - Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. - [more info](#)
- Live Racing - Monday, July 8, Tuesday, July 9, & Wednesday, July 10 - [more info](#)
- Free Family Fun Activities - Monday, July 8 - [more info](#)
- Draw for \$500 Cash after each live race night in the VLT Lounge - [more info](#)
- Manitoba Night Market & Festival - Sunday, July 21 - [more info](#)

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