

# DID YOU HEAR THE LATEST?

Stay up-to-date with the latest news from Assiniboia Downs.

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## Manitoba/Saskatchewan Sire Profiles

Sixteen Manitoba and Saskatchewan thoroughbred sires have registered for the lucrative breeding programs offered by [CTHS Manitoba](#). We continue our sire profiles this week with Nonios. We still have three stallions left to profile, and are currently waiting on photos from their owners. There will be an excellent selection of stallions to choose from this spring for Manitoba mare owners.



Nonios winning at Santa Anita  
(Benoit photo)

### Nonios

(Pleasantly Perfect-Stylish Manner by Touch Gold)

A Grade 3-winning son of Dubai World Cup (G1) victor Pleasantly Perfect, Nonios offers Manitoba breeders access to a stallion with both racing class and a commercially appealing pedigree.

His top earner, Alacritous, has amassed over \$302,000 from 12 victories, while other notable offspring include Manitoba-bred stakes winners Mechanic Susie, Russian Pearl, Sugar Daddy Jack, Mr. Splash and Betterlucknexttime.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about Nonios.



### Horses Arrive in ASD Backstretch

Horses have arrived in the ASD backstretch for 2025!

Trainers Wendy Anderson, Mike Taphorn, and Devon Gittens all have horses in the backstretch now with more coming in shortly. The training track is expected to open on March 15, with horses currently using the Indoor Equicizer



## 2025 Live Racing Season

- **REVISED** 2025 Live Race Dates - click [here](#)
- **NEW ENHANCED** Shipping Incentives - click [here](#)
- **REVISED** Condition Book #1 - click [here](#)
- Stakes Schedule - click [here](#)
- Stall Application - click [here](#)



## Wager Daily on Top Tracks

- Watch and wager on world-class racing at ASD, off-track locations or HPIbet.com. [Click here for a complete list of places to wager.](#)
- Join the "I Won Bigg" wagering group every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. on the plaza. Everyone is welcome. For more information email [Larry](#).

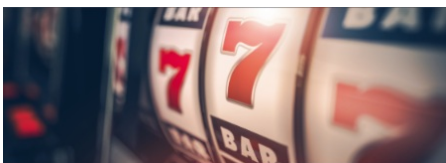


## Tickets on Sale for Easter Brunch & Mother's Day Brunch

Tickets are on sale now for Easter Brunch & Mother's Day Brunch. **Both of these will sell out quickly so call 204-885-3330 and get your tickets today!**

- [Easter Brunch](#) - Sunday, April 20
- [Mother's Day Brunch](#) - Sunday, May 11

Click the above links for menu details and ticket prices.



- #1 Spot in Winnipeg for Jackpots!
- Free Draw for \$200 Cash every Friday, Saturday & Sunday plus draws to Spin the Lucky Cash Wheel



## A Snapshot in Time by Bob Gates

This past February 15th Ken "Hank" Hendricks passed away peacefully. He was 75. Over the next four weeks we will take a pictorial trip of just a few of the highlights from his career at Assiniboia Downs. Click [here](#) to read more.



- \$11.95 Daily Lunch Special
- Happy Hour (3 to 5pm & 9pm to close)
- \$4 Spirit Hour (11 pm to midnight)
- Daily Evening Specials



Chancer McPatrick gets blinkers on for the Tampa Bay Derby. (Walter Wlodarczyk / NYRA)

## Tampa Bay Derby Cheat Sheet

The 45<sup>th</sup> running of the \$400,000 Tampa Bay Derby (G3) goes this Saturday at Tampa Bay Downs with seven 3-year-old colts battling for a total of 105 Kentucky Derby points.

Two-time Grade 1 winner Chancer McPatrick gets blinkers on for the race, and is expected to be the top choice of many, but there are some talented runners in the field. ~ *America's Best Racing*

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## Steve Haskin's Kentucky Derby Rankings Week 6

For the first time ever, Hall of Fame racing writer Steve Haskin has a dead-heat for the top spot in his annual Kentucky Derby rankings. Haskin has been around horses since the late 1960s at Belmont Park and his in-depth analysis is always worth reading before playing the Derby.

He's also asking readers to weigh in and help him break the tie at the top this week. He's not saying he'll listen to you, but he just might! ~ *Secretariat.com*

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Secretariat.com has been running Steve Haskin's horse racing columns for years, and for good reason! Haskin spent decades in the backstretch learning his craft, and it shows!



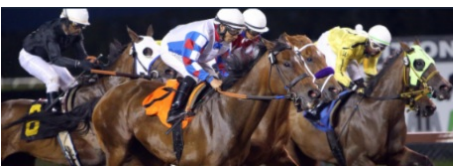
Caitlinhergrtness wins the 165th running of the \$1,000,000 King's Plate. (Woodbine / Michael Burns Photo)

## King's Plate Tickets Now on Sale

The King's Plate returns to Woodbine Racetrack on Saturday, August 16, 2025, for its 166th running and you can now buy tickets for it on Ticketmaster and [KingsPlate.com](https://www.kingsplate.com). Tickets start at \$35.

The King's Plate is Toronto's can't-miss event of the summer, where the most prestigious horse race in Canada is celebrated with a thrilling day filled with fashion, food, betting, and exclusive experiences. ~ *Canadian Thoroughbred*

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## The Best of Bob by Bob Gates

From July 7, 2023: Mr. Amazing

This week's blog features "Mr. Amazing." Can you guess who he is? Before training racehorses, he was a dog trainer and animal wrangler—a rare title in our history blog. Click [here](#) to uncover his story!

### Feedback & Inside Track Archives

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