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Live Racing starts at 7:30 p.m.



Certified Angus Prime Rib Buffet.

### Live Racing this Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Live racing this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Racing then continues every Tuesday and Wednesday, plus Monday, September 15. As always, admission and parking are free!

Free Family Fun activities every Tuesday in August. Free kids activities include face painting, bouncy castles and live entertainment. The fun starts at 6:30 p.m.

Get ready to indulge in the ultimate dining experience at the track with our Certified Angus Prime Rib Buffet. Savour melt-in-your-mouth Certified Angus Prime Rib carved to perfection, plus a delicious variety of chicken and seafood dishes, rotating entrée selections, and so much more! Adults: \$59.95, Seniors (65+): \$54.95, Kids (6–12): \$34.95, Kids (5 & under): \$22.95.

**Reservations are filling up for the season so call 204-885-3330 today to reserve your table!**

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Every live race night!



Champion No Show No Call has a half-brother in Sunday's CTHS Manitoba Yearling Sale. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)

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Girls Night Out - Wednesdays until October 8th.

### **Girls Night Out! Every Wednesday**

Due to popular demand, Girls Night Out has been extended through Wednesday, October 8th!

Grab your girlfriends and join us at the Downs for an evening of fun, food, and fabulous prizes—just for the girls!

- Fancy Hat Draw - Wear your best Derby hat and enter to win \$150 cash! Draw after Race 6.
- Girls-Only Special \$100 Draws - Enter to win - draws after Races 4, 5 & 6.
- \$5 Food & Drink Specials (available on the main and 3rd floor) – Fireball Shot, Peach Tart Shot, 6 oz House Wine, Razderby Lemonade, Chicken Fingers Snack, Popcorn, Double Scoop of Ice Cream.
- \$5 Espresso Martini Shooter – includes a ballot to win a \$300 Thermea Spa Gift Card. Sponsored by Corby Spirit & Wine.



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Lab Rat and jockey Damarion Bynoe on their way to winning the 1st race on Wednesday for trainer Jared Brown and ownership partners Shamrock Stables, Regal Group, and Lucky 8 Stable. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo). Click photo to enlarge.

### Looking for a Special Photo?

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

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 [jhhphoto@gmail.com](mailto:jhhphoto@gmail.com).

Prices are excellent! Almost as good as his photos 😊



- #1 Spot in Winnipeg for VLT Jackpots!
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- Free \$200 Cash Draw plus draws to Spin the Lucky Cash Wheel every Friday, Saturday & Sunday starting at 6 pm

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### A Snapshot in Time by Bob Gates

Isn't this a fine-looking group of horsemen! From left to right: Murray Duncan, Garylle Stewart, Gary Danelson, and Wayne Stewart (with his back to the camera). Wayne and Garylle, who have both since passed, were brothers of the late Bobby Stewart, winner of six Downs leading jockey titles. This photo was taken on July 10, 2010, when the Stewarts celebrated the memory of Bob at the Tribute to Bobby Stewart Night (Gerry Hart photo).



- \$13.95 Daily Lunch Special
- Happy Hour (3 to 5pm & 9pm to close)
- Crazy Hour after Live Racing! Beer, Shots & Wine \$5 plus 25% off all appetizers

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### Take Charge Tom brimming with confidence coming into Canadian Derby. Faces 10 rivals including Manitoba Derby winner Attack.

Take Charge Tom is a horse built for distance, and he will get all he wants Saturday night when he moves to 1 1/4-miles for the first time in the Grade 3, \$200,000 Canadian Derby at Century Mile. He'll face 10 tough rivals, a few of which he finished in front of in the Manitoba Derby, including Attack, the subsequent

Take Charge Tom has been made the 8/5 morning line favourite for Saturday's Canadian Derby. (Coady Media)

winner of that race after Take Charge Tom was disqualified.

The Canadian Derby is the highlight of a stellar card at Century Mile, which also includes the \$100,000 Speed to Spare Championship, the \$100,000 Century Casino Oaks, and the \$75,000 Northlands Distaff Handicap.

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#### MANDATORY PAYOUT ALERTS:

- Ellis Park will have a mandatory payout of the Jackpot Pick 6 on Sunday, August 24. Current carryover is \$154,672.
- Gulfstream will have a mandatory payout of the Jackpot Pick 6 on Sunday, August 24. Current carryover is \$86,720.



Sovereignty may be a horse for the ages. Watch him this Saturday in the Travers Stakes at Saratoga. (Angelo Lieto / NYRA)

#### [2025 Travers Stakes Cheat Sheet](#)

The marquee race of Saratoga Race Course's summer meet will be held for the 156th time this Saturday, with more than 40,000 fans expected to be in attendance and a nationwide audience viewing on FOX. The 1 ¼-mile DraftKings Travers Stakes is inarguably the most important race in the 3-year-old male division aside from the Triple Crown series in the spring and summer and is often a crucial test in determining the 3-year-old champion at year's end.

This year's Travers, however, has a clear favourite in Sovereignty, who can cement his championship credentials with a victory Saturday at the Spa. And he just might be something very special.

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Speed Boat Beach is the horse to beat in this Saturday's Pat O'Brien Stakes at Del Mar. (Benoit Photo)

### **BC Dirt Mile Hopefuls Line Up in Pat O'Brien**

Instead of featuring pure sprinters stretching out an additional furlong, the Pat O'Brien (G2) this Saturday at Del Mar now often attracts milers and others whose connections are feeling their way toward which Breeders' Cup race might make the most sense. An additional incentive is that Del Mar is hosting this year's Breeders' Cup Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. That makes this race worth paying attention to.

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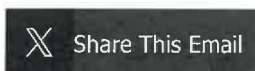
### **Bob's Blog** **1975 – It Was a Very Good Year Part II** **July 11 to September 2**

Bob's back this week to complete his review of the 1975 season – July 11 to September 2. You remember 1975, don't you? Bob reminds us of leisure suits, disco, "Hank," Donny Gray and of a record breaking quinella. Click [here](#) for the conclusion of historian Bob's trip back to 1975.

### **Feedback & Inside Track Archives**

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# The Gold Rush Is On: CTHS Manitoba Yearling Sale This Sunday

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*1s2022 Manitoba CTHS Yearling Sale graduate No Show No Call was the leading money earner and Manitoba-bred Horse of the Year at Assiniboia Downs in 2024. His half-brother is Hip #7 in this year's sale. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)*

By G.S. Thompson

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*Owners of No Show No Call presented with 2024 Manitoba CTHS Horse of the Year Award. L to R: Manitoba CTHS Director Wayne King, No Show No Call owners Keith Dangerfield, Cory Ricard and Kevin Gill. (Wayne King photo)*

### **The Numbers Don't Lie: Manitoba Breds Are Racing Royalty**



*2024 Manitoba CTHS Yearling Sale Graduate Mighty Mikee and jockey Shavon Belle win the \$40,000 CTHS Sales Stakes on Wednesday at ASD for trainer Devon Gittens, breeder Larry*

*Falloon, and ownership partners Anne Champion and McLaren Racing. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)*

What if we told you that buying a yearling this Sunday could put you in the winner's circle with over \$550,000 in restricted purse money waiting for Manitoba-and Saskatchewan-breds in 2026? The track record speaks volumes about the incredible value hidden in these prairie-bred athletes.

Consider this stunning reality: twice in the last five years, a Manitoba-bred has been the highest earning horse at Assiniboia Downs. In 2024 alone, a Manitoba-bred claimed the title of Leading Money Earner, while another local product finished as the second-highest earning 3-year-old filly. Even more impressive? Three of the top five earning 2-year-olds last season carried the Manitoba-bred banner.



*Hip #7, consigned by Ziprick Thoroughbreds, is by Speculating, and is a half-brother to champion No Show No Call, the leading money earner at Assiniboia Downs in 2024.*

The dominance runs deep. Since 2020, Manitoba-breds have claimed the leading 2-year-old earner title twice. In 2023, an astounding 8 out of the top 20 highest earning horses at Assiniboia Downs were either Manitoba or Saskatchewan-breds, including 7 out of the top 10 highest earning 2-year-olds.

The 2022 season was even more spectacular: 4 out of the top 5 highest earning 2-year-olds were regional-breds, including the

number one earner. Overall that year, 5 out of the top 10 highest earning horses were Manitoba-or Saskatchewan-breds, topped by the track's leading money winner.

But it's not just about earnings—it's about stakes glory. Since 2020, Manitoba and Saskatchewan bred 2-year-olds have captured numerous open stake races, proving they can compete with the best from anywhere.

### **This Year's Catalog: A Champion's Pedigree Page**



*Hip #37, consigned by Dr. Betty Hughes, is by Vengeful Wildcat, and is a full brother to Bankin On Betty, Manitoba's champion 2-year-old filly in 2021.*

The 2025 CTHS Manitoba Yearling Sale represents a 40% increase from last year with 41 offerings, a surge directly attributed to the innovative Joint Incentive Registered Foal Program created with the Manitoba Jockey Club. This crop marks the first generation eligible for these enhanced incentives, and the quality reflects it.

The bloodlines read like a hall of fame roster:

- 23 yearlings come from dams who previously raced at Assiniboia Downs
- 5 yearlings are from stakes-winning dams at ASD
- 2 yearlings trace to former Manitoba Broodmares of the Year
- 1 exceptional yearling is out of a former Horse of the Year, a multiple Manitoba champion with 18 victories and \$400,000 in earnings

The sibling connections are equally impressive: 7 yearlings are full-or half-siblings to previous Manitoba champions at ASD, while 4 additional yearlings share bloodlines with stakes winners. Most remarkably, this catalog includes full- or half-siblings to winners of every major 2-year-old stakes race at Assiniboia Downs, the Debutante, Graduation, CTHS Sale Stakes, Osiris, Winnipeg Futurity, and the Buffalo Stakes.

### The Bonus That Keeps on Giving



*Hip #15, consigned by Fouillard Family Thoroughbreds, is by Speculating, and is a full-brother to Twoleftload, who recently won the \$40,000 R.C. Anderson Stakes at Assiniboia Downs.*

Here's the cherry on top: owners of Manitoba and Saskatchewan bred horses receive **a lifetime owners bonus** when finishing in

the top three while racing at Assiniboia Downs. It's not just about the initial purchase, it's about years of potential rewards.

### Your Championship Moment Awaits



*Hip #36, consigned by Watson Bay Stables, is a half-brother to Speed to Spare Championship runner up Itsmyday, by Clark Handicap (G1) winner Leofric.*

The new CTHS Sale Pavilion will buzz with opportunity this Sunday. With viewing beginning Friday at noon, you'll have plenty of time to study these carefully selected yearlings before the 2:30 PM start time for the sale on Sunday, August 24.

The statistics prove it, the pedigrees support it, and the incentives reward it: Manitoba and Saskatchewan bred's aren't just competitive, they're champions waiting to happen. In a sport where finding value can mean the difference between dreams and disappointment, this sale offers something increasingly rare: a proven formula for success.

Don't just buy a yearling, invest in a tradition of excellence, and own a dream that makes money.

**CTHS Manitoba Yearling Sales  
Sunday, August 24, 2:30 PM**

**CTHS Sale Pavilion, Assiniboia Downs Backstretch**  
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