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ASD 2025 Live Season in Photos

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NFL Picks by TravyFootball **Week 10**

Things are really starting to heat up as we move into the back half of the season. A few teams are separating themselves from the pack, while others are hanging on for dear life. Injuries, trades, and upsets are shaking up the standings every week, and it's making for some wild Sundays. I've got a few matchups circled that could have major playoff implications — and maybe even a surprise or two. Check out my Week 10 picks [here](#).



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A Snapshot in Time by Bob Gates

On four occasions, the Downs has raced into November (1979, 1981, 1987, and 1991). Over the next four weeks, we'll take a trip back in time and revisit those November winner's circle shots.

First up is Arctic Mist from November 1, 1979. Lots of snow here as owner/trainer Harry Gumprich finds his way to the charmed circle in the first race of the night. It was a short night, however, as the races were called after race three when the jocks informed track management that the track was unsafe. (Gerry Hart photo)



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"And they're off at Aqueduct!" (Eclipse Sportswire)

Noel's Weekend Winners: Value Plays Saturday at the Big A

Aqueduct is ready to roll this Saturday with an excellent 10-race card that includes three graded stakes. Handicapper Noel Michaels picks the winners, exactas, and trifectas in a pair of graded stakes for 3-year-olds including the Hill Prince Stakes (G3) on the grass and the Mother Goose Stakes (G2) for fillies on the dirt.

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Blitz and talented jockey Ryan Munger have been listed as the 2-1 morning-line favourites for the Maple Leaf Stakes at Woodbine on Saturday. (Michael Burns Photo)

Woodbine Saturday: Maple Leaf and Bessarabian Previews

Fillies and mares are in the spotlight this Saturday at Woodbine, with the Mark Casse barn eyeing more Grade 3 success with Blitz and Dancing N Dixie in the \$150,000 Maple Leaf Stakes (G3), while Shotgun Wedding and Girl of My Dreams will chase glory in the \$150,000 Bessarabian (G3). Both are good races with competitive fields. If you can pick the right lady, you'll get your price.

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Forever Young wins the 2025 Breeders' Cup Classic at Del Mar (Mathea Kelley)

Breeders' Cup Raises as Many Questions as Answers

Since the Breeders' Cup races are billed as championship contests, clarity should be expected in the results. But this year, with so many brief campaigns at the top of the game, it looks as if Eclipse Award voters will be asked to make some giant leaps over tradition.

A few of the champions will be easy to determine. Others, not so much.

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The Best of Bob

This week, we once again present the special “War Horse” blog story that Bob shared on November 7, 2018. In this piece, he explores the role of the horse in the Great War and shares his special “War Horse” Remembrance Day tribute, written to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I — “the war to end all wars.” Click [here](#) for Horses of the Great War. Lest we forget.

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Chris and Sherry Blatch check the race program after the first race of the thoroughbred racing season at Assiniboia Downs on May 13, 2025. The couple were in transit, moving from Drumheller, Alta., to Wasaga Beach, Ont., and stopped in for the night of racing.



All-time leading trainer at ASD, Gary Danelson (left), joins 2025's leading trainer Steve Keplin, Jr. in the winner's circle after the

latter's victory in the seventh race on May 14 with Corredor, owned by Keplin's Drop'en Racing and ridden by Damario Bynoe.



Rookie jockey Ciera Pruitt rides Mineral Rights to her first career win at Assiniboia Downs on May 27, 2025 — even though being narrowly “beaten” to the finish line by loose horse Dirty Flirt.



Former jockey Jerry Pruitt and wife, current trainer Lise Pruitt, celebrate their daughter Ciera Pruitt's first career win aboard Mineral Rights at Assiniboia Downs on May 27, 2025.



Jockey Sven Balroop was wide-eyed as he headed for the winner's circle aboard Sophia's Storm after victory in the Red Berry Overnight Stakes on June 4.



Charlotte Johnston, groom for owners A2 Thoroughbreds and True North Thoroughbreds and trainer Michael Nault, leads Betterlucknexttime out of the winner's circle in the warm evening sun after victory in the CTHS Sophomore Special on June 17.



Groom Christine Greaves goes nose-to-nose with Luka Grazie after victory in the fourth race on July 15.



Jockey Shavon Belle flexes as Rheco Gittens prepares Mighty Mikee for the winner's circle after winning Race 1 on July 30.



A racing fan models her equine-themed hat on Manitoba Derby night on Aug. 4.



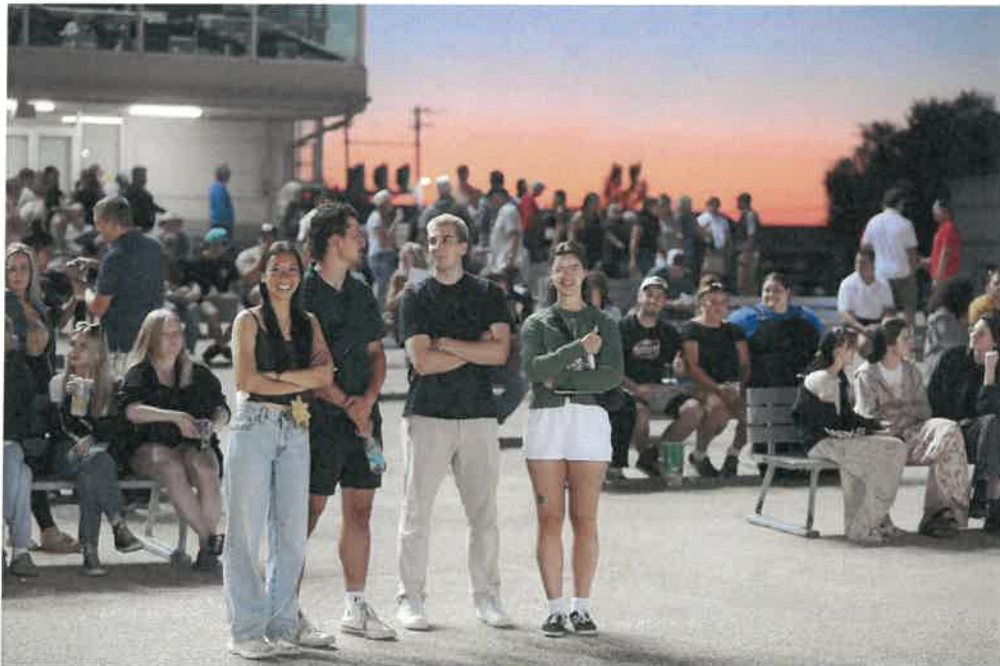
Owner Randy Howg (rear) and jockey Rasheed Hughes react as they realize their horse Take Charge Tom has been disqualified from victory in the Manitoba Derby on Aug. 4.



Girls Night Out proved to be a very successful promotion this season on Wednesdays at ASD. Here, attendees take in the races on Aug. 6 under a dramatic sky.



Jockey Antonio Whitehall and his mount Betterlucknexttime ride through a spray of flying dirt to a fifth place finish in Race 5 on Aug. 13.



Racing fans enjoy a late-summer sunset on Aug. 19 as they took in the Graduation Stakes race won by Omaha Warrior.



Groom Julianna LeRoux reacts as she leaves the winner's circle with Baby Gundin after victory in the Miss Imperial Overnight Stakes on Aug. 26.



Jockey Neville Stephenson (right) gets some feedback from his mount, Warren's Memorable, en route to a fourth-place finish in Race 2 on Aug. 27.



Jockey Rachaad Knights aboard Dreamin Out Loud leads the way in the fourth race on Sept. 9 underneath a big Harvest Moon.



Trainer Michael Nault (right) and co-owners Nolan Allard (left) and Phil Allard celebrate after their horse Betterlucknexttime ran to victory in the 56th running of the J.W. Sifton Stakes on Sept. 10.



Jockey Antonio Whitehall smiles as groom Dodie Chmilowsky kisses Omaha Warrior after victory in the 96th running of the Winnipeg Futurity Stakes for owners Bonnie McCrory and Gary Danelson, and trainer Jared Brown on Sept. 30.



All-time leading trainer at ASD, Gary Danelson, was all smiles as he headed for the winner's circle amid applause after the horse he co-owns, Omaha Warrior, ran to victory in the 96th running of the Winnipeg Futurity Stakes for trainer Jared Brown on Sept. 30.



Mighty Mikee shines as he runs to victory in the 63rd running of the Buffalo Stakes with jockey Shavon Belle on Oct. 1.



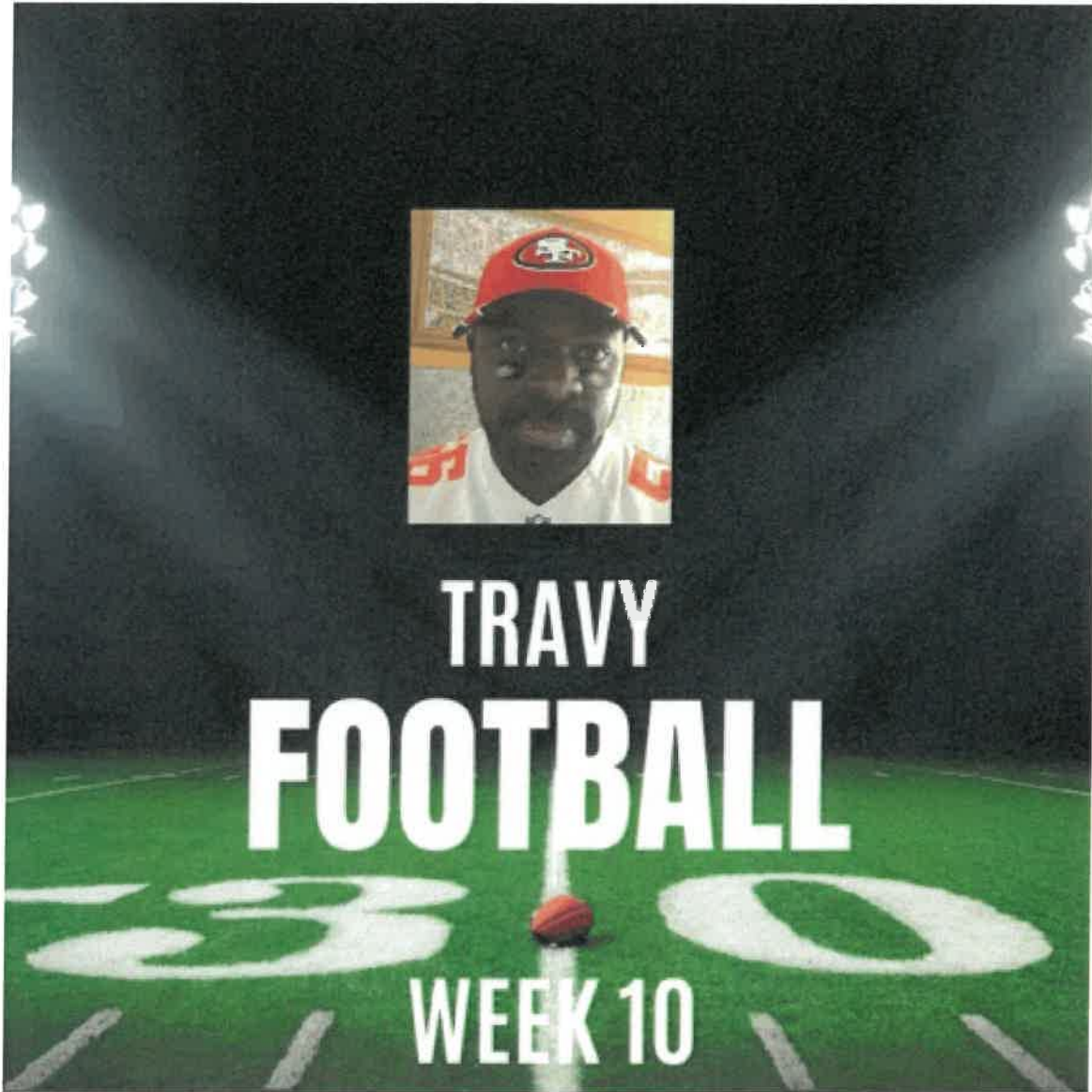
Mechanic Susie lets off a bit of steam as she heads for the barn with groom Eiffean Ricketts after winning the first race on Oct. 7.



Track Robber, winner of the final race of the season, heads for the barns with assistant trainer Eugene Burns on Oct. 8.

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Colts over Falcons (Sunday morning): Coming off their second loss of the season at the hands of Aaron Rodgers and the Steelers, the Colts went out on trade deadline day and made a huge splash. Knowing they needed to improve their defensive secondary, the Colts sent two first-round picks to the New York Jets in exchange for cornerback Sauce Gardner. Gardner, the fourth overall pick in the 2022 draft, is a former Defensive Rookie

of the Year and a two-time Pro Bowler. I don't know if this move vaults them ahead of Buffalo in the AFC, but it definitely gives them a new defensive star to help shut down Josh Allen if and when those teams meet up in the playoffs. Daniel Jones looked like the old (not-good) version of himself from his New York Giants days last week, but I expect him to bounce back pretty nicely against the Falcons.

Bears over Giants (Sunday noon): The Bears pulled out a last-second victory in what turned out to be a very entertaining game against the Cincinnati Bengals. After that win, they suddenly find themselves only one win out of first place in the AFC North. I can't say I was expecting to see that more than halfway through the season. The 2–7 Giants come to town looking to rebound from their loss to the 49ers. Like I mentioned last week, the Giants' run defence is awful — hence the 160+ yards they gave up to Christian McCaffrey and Brian Robinson. Chicago rookie running back Kyle Monangai had quite the debut in his first official start, going for 176 yards against Cincinnati. Not sure if starting running back D'Andre Swift will be back for this one, but the combination of him and Monangai is going to spell trouble for the Giants.

Lions over Commanders (Sunday afternoon): In one of the bigger upsets of last week, the Lions were punched in the gut by the returning J.J. McCarthy and the Minnesota Vikings. Right off the bat, the Vikings never let Jared Goff get comfortable behind centre, sending blitz after blitz and sacking him five times. Luckily for him, a team that's pretty much the opposite of the defence he just faced is next on the schedule. Detroit can't afford another loss if they want to keep pace with the Packers and Bears in the NFC North. The Commanders not only lost the game last week to the Seahawks but also lost their quarterback, Jayden Daniels, to a pretty gruesome dislocated elbow injury. Unfortunately, that leaves them with Marcus Mariota as the starter for the remainder of the season, which does not bode well for them. They're going to be hard-pressed to keep up with the Lions in this one, so don't expect a close matchup here.

Last week: 1–2

Season overall: 15–12