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Live Racing every Tuesday and
Wednesday plus select Mondays

Live Racing this Tuesday & Wednesday

- Live racing starts at 7:30 p.m.
- Enter for your chance to spin our \$10,000 Lucky Longshot wheel.
- Tuesdays feature free Family Fun with bouncy castles, face painting and live entertainment
- Wednesdays are Girls Night Out with drink specials, cash draws, line dancing and more!
- Reserve your table for our renowned all-you-can-eat Prime Rib Buffet which is available on Live Race Nights only.

Click [here](#) for full schedule.

Girls Night Out

WEDNESDAYS
IN
JULY & AUGUST

AT
ASSINIBOIA DOWNS

STARTS
JULY 8!

DRINK SPECIALS!

CASH DRAWS
RACES 4 • 5 • 6
\$100 EACH!

FANCY HAT DRAW
AFTER RACE 6
\$150 CASH!

CASH DRAWS RACES 4 • 5 • 6 | **\$100 EACH!**

LINE DANCING AFTER RACES 2 & 4!

GREAT DRINKS GREAT TIMES

Good Friends ♥ Great Drinks ♥ Great Times
★ **GIRLS, IT'S YOUR NIGHT!** ★



Fans enjoyed an amazing fireworks display to cap off an exciting night of racing. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)

[Longshots Rule Tuesday Night at Assiniboia Downs; Canada Day in Photos](#)

It was a night for the longshots on Tuesday as several upset winners sent payouts soaring.

Plus, relive an incredible Canada Day celebration through photos! From a packed grandstand and exciting live racing to a spectacular fireworks display presented by CanFire Pyrotechnics, we've captured the sights and excitement from one of the biggest nights of the season.

[Full story here](#)



COUNTDOWN TO THE MANITOBA DERBY

EARN A BALLOT FOR EVERY
\$50 WAGERED
ON ASSINIBOIA DOWNS

FROM WEDNESDAY, JULY 1
through
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

DRAW WILL BE MADE FOR
FIVE PEOPLE TO WIN:

\$500 HPI DEPOSIT	 INVITATION TO THE MANITOBA DERBY PRESS CONFERENCE	A TABLE FOR TWO IN THE TERRACE DINING ROOM ON MANITOBA DERBY NIGHT (INCLUDES THE PRIME RIB BUFFET FOR TWO)
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WAGERS MUST BE PLACED ON YOUR HPI ACCOUNT.

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Free \$500 Cash Draws after Live Racing plus free \$200 Cash Draws on the Weekends

Did you know that Assiniboia Downs is Winnipeg's #1 Spot for VLT Jackpots? Play any of our 140 VLTs in the Club West Gaming Lounge for your chance to win!

- ◆ Free \$500 cash draws — after every Live Race Night
- ◆ Free Spin to Win draws — Friday, Saturday and Sunday starting at 6 p.m.
- ◆ Free \$200 cash draws — Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 9 p.m.

Click [here](#) to see our recent jackpots.



Horses break out of the gate for race 4 on Wednesday, July 1. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)

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 jjhphoto@gmail.com.

Prices are excellent! Almost as good as his photos 😊

Line Dancing Continues during Girls Night Out



Missed the line dancing during our Western Wednesdays in June? We've got great news... it's back for Girls Night Out on Wednesdays in July and August!

Join us Wednesday evenings in July and August for live racing, drink specials, cash draws, fancy hats, and line dancing. And if we're lucky, maybe the pony horses will join in on the fun again!

A big thank you to Allan Gray for capturing this great video!

Grab your friends and we'll see you at the track!



[Click photo to enlarge](#)

A Snapshot in Time by Bob Gates

Master Fuzz B is seen here winning the 1991 Inaugural Handicap for owner/trainer John Keegan. Fuzz had lifetime earnings of just under \$100,000 and enjoyed a five-year racing career at the Downs. His overall stats had him with 11 wins, 26 seconds and 20 thirds from 96 starts. He spent the latter part of his time on the track running in claiming races where he more than held his own. In 1992 he won 2, placed second 3-times and third once, from 11 starts, in 1993 he won 3, placed second 4-times and had 4 thirds from 15 starts and in 1994 he had a win, 3 seconds and 3 thirds from his final 10 races. (Gerry Hart photo).



Title Role defeats Pacific Avenue (inside) in the Jumeirah Two Thousand Guineas at Meydan Racecourse (Dubai Racing Club)

International Fireworks Expected in Belmont Derby

On America's 250th birthday, there will be some fireworks from a lively international battle at Saratoga Race Course. A field of 10, with two talented overseas shippers, will square off July 4 in the expected final running at the Spa of the \$750,000 Belmont Derby (G1T) for 3-year-olds.

With the race slated to return home to Belmont Park next year, Saturday's renewal features an evenly matched contingent of American runners reenacting the Revolutionary War against formidable rivals who have traveled across the Atlantic Ocean.

-- [*BloodHorse*](#)

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Javier with Brian Boodramsingh in the stretch of the Western Canada at Century Mile. (Coady Photo/Ryan Haynes)

Undefeated Javier is Canadian Derby Contender

Blind in his right eye since he was born, three-year-old Javier remained undefeated Saturday at Century Mile comfortably winning the \$50,000 six furlong Western Canada stakes race.

Three starts. Three wins.

-- [*Canadian Thoroughbred*](#)

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Immersive, with Irad Ortiz Jr. in the saddle, won the Fleur de Lis Stakes June 27 at Churchill Downs. (Eclipse Sportswire)

Equibase Standings: Stakes Wins Elevate Magnitude, Immersive, and Other Standouts

Last weekend, there were several stakes-rich racecards across North America, most prominently at Churchill Downs on June 27. Results from those six stakes under the Twin Spires brought significant changes to earnings leaderboards in several divisions, as tabulated by Equibase.

-- [*America's Best Racing*](#)

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Bob's Blog

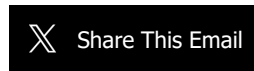
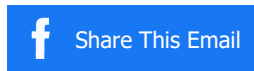
On June 2, 2010, Tyrone Nelson and Vicky Baze combined for a truly unique accomplishment! Was it a record? We suspect it was, and while we can't say for certain, if it wasn't a record, it was certainly one of horse racing's most unusual oddities. Click [here](#) to learn the details of this remarkable occurrence that took place 16 years ago.

Track Historian Bob Gates

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Longshots Rule Tuesday Night at Assiniboia Downs; Canada Day in Photos

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Complete Overhaul, trained by Maria Stanford and ridden by jockey Neville Stephenson starts the longshots in race 3 paying \$45.90 to win. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)

If you enjoy cheering home longshots, Tuesday night's card at Assiniboia Downs was one to remember.

The longshots began in Race 3 when Complete Overhaul (\$45.90) upset the field for trainer Maria Stanford and jockey Neville Stephenson. The generous payouts started immediately, with the \$1 Superfecta (2-6-5-4) returning \$4,495.00. The evening's first \$3 Prime Pick 3 paid \$2,462.25, and as the longshots continued to roll in, the remaining four Prime Pick 3s returned \$5,167.65, \$5,586.00, \$547.80, and \$1,104.45, rewarding bettors who managed to connect the winners.

Another surprise followed in Race 5 as Rise Again sprang the upset for trainer Michael Nault and jockey Antonio Whitehall. Bettors who found the winner were well rewarded, with the \$1 Triactor (9-1-8) paying \$1,967.95 and the \$1 Superfecta (9-1-8-6) returning an eye-popping \$10,693.45.



Owner Lee Delaronde congratulates jockey Sven Balroop following Prints Money's victory in the final race on Tuesday night at Assiniboia Downs. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)

The night's parade of longshots wasn't finished. In the final race, Prints Money (\$27.40), trained by Jerry Gourneau and ridden by Sven Balroop, completed the trio of major upsets. The late-race exotics also delivered outstanding returns, with the \$1 Pick 4 paying \$2,326.15 and the \$1 Classic Hi-5 producing the biggest payoff of the evening at an incredible \$11,156.85.

What a way to celebrate Canada Day!

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Canada Day for an incredible night of racing. The grandstand was packed, the racing was exciting, and the evening wrapped up with a spectacular fireworks display by CanFire Pyrotechnics, that lit up the sky.

Check out some of our favourite moments from an unforgettable Canada Day at the track!



A huge crowd enjoyed the free family fun activities, with bouncers, face painting and live entertainment for the kids. Free family fun returns every Tuesday in July and August from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., making the track the perfect place for a family night out. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)



Canada Day spirit was on full display as race fans arrived dressed in red and white, proudly sporting Canadian flags while enjoying a great night of racing. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)



Mischievous Intent on his way to the winner's circle after capturing Race 3 on Canada Day. Owned and trained by Jerry Gourneau and ridden to victory by Dario Dalrymple. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)



Over 10,000 fans packed Assiniboia Downs to celebrate Canada Day, enjoying an exciting evening of live horse racing before capping off the festivities with a spectacular fireworks display. (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)



The Canada Day celebration concluded with a spectacular fireworks display by CanFire Pyrotechnics that lit up the night sky. What a great way to end the night! (Jason Halstead / Assiniboia Photo)

Live racing resumes next Tuesday with free family fun activities and Wednesday featuring our popular Girls Night Out at 7:30 p.m. Free admission and parking!