



## **Assiniboia Downs For Immediate Release**

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### ***Can Zenyatta, the unbeaten wonder horse, win the biggest prize of all?***

Can a filly who has won 13 races in a row against her own kind step up to beat the boys in the richest horse race of the year in North America?

That's the question that will have race players and the curious riveted to their TV screens this Saturday afternoon as the biggest racing event of the year, the \$25.5 million Breeders' Cup World Championships, are run Friday and Saturday at Santa Anita race track in California.

Zenyatta, the 4-year-old wonder filly, has never lost a race. Saturday she will put her record on the line in the final climactic race of the Breeders' Cup races--the \$5 million Classic. She will be facing top male horses from both North America and Europe.

There are 14 Breeders' Cup races in total. Six races go Friday starting at 1:15 p.m. Winnipeg time and six races will be staged Saturday shortly after 12:00 noon. Both babies (2-year-old horses) and mature horses will be tested at various distances both on the turf course and on the main track. The longest race, the Breeders' Cup marathon, is a distance of 1 3/4 miles.

Payoffs to the bettors will be huge--more than \$100 million is expected to be doled out to players. Six years ago, two South Dakota businessmen picked up \$3.7 million for a mere \$8 bet. They correctly predicted winners of six consecutive races. In Winnipeg a couple years ago, a player at the Quest Inn off-track location won close to \$50,000 for a \$21 investment.

A beautiful souvenir Breeders' Cup glass will be given to the first 200 patrons coming through the doors at Assiniboia Downs Saturday to watch the races on big screens in the Race Book. Glasses will also be available at off-track locations. In addition, everyone who attends the pre-Breeders' Cup seminar at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Finish Line banquet room at the race track will receive a free share in a pick-6 ticket with a potential payoff of mega-bucks. Admission and parking are free just as they are throughout the year.

The race featuring the unbeaten filly Zenyatta will be run at approximately 5:30 p.m. Saturday. All races both Friday and Saturday will be shown at home on Shaw cable 87 and MTS 179-180. At home viewers can bet on the races by simply opening a telephone betting account at Assiniboia Downs or at any off-track location.