



## CANTERBURY PARK

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1100 Canterbury Road  
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# Soonerette Gate To Wire In \$75,000 Northbound Pride Stakes

*Huckleberry Mojito sets track record in \$40,650 Canterbury Park Quarter Horse Derby*

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Shakopee, MN -- Soonerette went gate to wire under Canterbury Park's leading rider Tanner Riggs to win the \$75,000 Northbound Pride Oaks on Saturday in front of a crowd of 11,337. The 3-year-old Oklahoma-bred filly owned by Robert Zoellner of Tulsa, OK and trained by Donnie K Von Hemel took control of the race when prohibitive favorite Starship Duchess stumbled at the start. Riggs sent Soonerette to the lead, staying there to the wire, winning by two lengths in 1:36.31 for the one mile over the firm turf. She returned \$9.20. Banded finished second and Starship Duchess was third.

"Both of her wins came when she had the front," assistant trainer Kristel Campbell said. "So that was the plan. Send her to the front and see what happens." Riggs agreed: "I wanted the front and I got it," he said. Riggs also rode the filly in her maiden win at Arlington in July of 2011.

Huckleberry Mojito won the \$40,650 Canterbury Park Quarter Horse Derby by 1 ½ lengths and set a new 400 yard track record of 19.625 seconds in the process. Huckleberry Mojito provided trainer Ed Ross Hardy with his seventh Derby win and jockey Nik Goodwin with his second. The 3-year-old Texas bred is owned by L M R 2011. She returned \$3.00 to win.

"As soon as they opened the gate, she cleared off," Goodwin said. "I knew it was over."

Painted Lies finished second and Paint Or More was third. Both are trained by Amber Blair.

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