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Black Tie Benny Wins \$60,000 Minnesota Derby

Bert's littlesister springs upset in \$60,000 Minnesota Oaks

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Shakopee, MN -- A pair of \$60,000 stakes for Minnesota-breds highlighted the Saturday race program at Canterbury Park.

Black Tie Benny, owned by Barbara Rehbein of Floral City, FL, won the Minnesota Derby with a front-running effort. The

3-year-old colt, ridden by Martin Escobar, was on the lead from start to finish, winning the one mile and 70 yard race by

three lengths in 1:42 4/5. Black Tie Benny provided trainer Bernell Rhone with his fourth career Minnesota Derby win. Black

Tie Benny returned \$18.40 to win. Finishing second was Desert Alley and third was Victory Sled.

In the Minnesota Oaks, 3-year-old filly Bert's littlesister, owned by Curtis Sampson of Hector, MN, held off a late charge by

prohibitive betting favorite Polar Plunge to win by a head. Final time for the one mile and 70 yards was 1:45 1/5. Jockey

Dean Butler and Bert's littlesister tracked pace-setters Martha's Yankee and Smarty Prance before taking the lead on the far

turn. She was in command down the stretch as Polar Plunge and jockey Dustin Dugas, who were forced to check off the heels

of a tiring Martha's Yankee, began to make up ground. The wire arrived before the favorite caught Butler and

Bert'slittlesister.

"Polar Plunge was coming hard," Butler said. "I'm glad the race was a mile and 70 yards and not a mile 70 and a jump

because she had me after the wire."

Bert's littlesister, trained by Tony Rengstorf, returned \$11.80 to win. Finishing third was Grace of Greatness. This was the

fourth time a filly carrying the colors of Curtis Sampson has won the Minnesota Oaks.

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