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Canterbury Park Announces \$150,000 Mystic Lake Derby

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Shakopee, MN -- Canterbury Park's purses have increased by approximately 35% following Wednesday's approval by the Minnesota Racing Commission of a cooperative marketing and purse enhancement agreement between Canterbury Park and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC). The purse structure will be enhanced by \$2.6 million this season and approximately \$75 million total over the next 10 years according to the terms of the agreement. The agreement also provides \$8.5 million in joint marketing funds that will be used to cross-promote Canterbury Park and SMSC's Mystic Lake Casino, located less than four miles from the Shakopee racetrack.

"We're excited about this new alliance with Canterbury Park and the opportunity to further establish the Minneapolis and St. Paul southwest metro area as the premier entertainment and gaming destination in Minnesota and the Midwest," Mystic Lake Casino President/CEO Edward Stevenson said.

When the enhancements are fully implemented, Canterbury's purses will have more than doubled. "I am thrilled by this agreement with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and the opportunities it presents for racing and breeding in Minnesota." Canterbury Park President Randy Sampson said. "The larger purses combined with our horsemen-friendly attitude will make Canterbury Park a very attractive place to race now and in the future."

Sampson also announced today that Saturday, July 28 will mark the first running of the \$150,000 added Mystic Lake Derby. The race, restricted to 3-year-olds, will be run at one mile on the turf course.

"The Mystic Lake Derby will offer the largest purse ever paid at Canterbury Park and will increase next year as we expand our stakes schedule," Sampson said.

The overnight and stakes purse increases will be paid retroactively to opening day. Stakes purses will increase this season by \$412,000.

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	2012 Thoroughbred Stakes Schedule							
			Original	SMSC	New			
Run Date	Name of Race	Distance	Purse	Contribution	Purse			
5/19/12	10,000 Lakes Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$50,000			
	Lady Slipper Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$50,000			
5/28/12	Honor The Hero Stakes	5T Furlongs	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$50,000			
6/17/12	Brooks Fields Stakes	7.5T Furlongs	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$50,000			
	Shot of Gold Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$50,000			
	Frances Genter Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$50,000			
6/23/12	Victor Meyers Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$50,000			
	Blair's Cove Stakes	8.5T Furlongs	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000			
	H B P A Mile Stakes	8T Furlongs	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$50,000			
	Northbound Pride Oaks	8T Furlongs	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$75,000			
	John Bullit Stakes	8.5T Furlongs	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$50,000			
	HBPA Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000			
	MTA Stallion Auction Stakes Fillies	6.5 Furlongs	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000			
	MTA Stallion Auction Stakes C/G	6.5 Furlongs	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000			
	Mystic Lake Derby	8T Furlongs	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000			
	Hoist Her Flag Stakes	6 Furlongs	\$35,000	\$15,000	\$50,000			
	Lady Canterbury Stakes	8T Furlongs	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$100,000			
	Princess Elaine Stakes	8.5T Furlongs	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000			
	Minnesota Oaks	1 Mile 70	\$60,000	\$5,000	\$65,000			
	Minnesota Derby	1 Mile 70	\$60,000	\$5,000	\$65,000			
	Northern Lights Futurity	6 Furlongs	\$55,000	\$10,000	\$65,000			
	Northern Lights Debutante	6 Furlongs	\$55,000	\$10,000	\$65,000			
	Minneosta Distaff Sprint	6 Furlongs	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000			
	Minnesota Sprint Championship	6 Furlongs	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000			
	Minnesota Distaff Classic Championship	8.5 Furlongs	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000			
9/2/12	Minnesota Classic Championship	8.5 Furlongs	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000			
	Open Stakes		\$460,000	\$240,000	\$700,000			
	Minnesota Bred Stakes:		\$660,000	\$100,000	\$760,000			
	Total 2012 Stakes Purse	5	\$1,120,000	\$340,000	\$1,460,000			

2012 Quarter Horse Stakes Schedule							
			Original	SMSC	New		
Run Date	Name of Race	Distance	Purse	Contribution	Purse		
5/28/12	Skip Zimmerman Memorial	350 Yards	\$15,000	\$4,000	\$19,000		
6/9/12	Minnesota Stallion Breeders' NCQHRA Derby	400 Yards	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$12,500		
6/24/12	Minnesota Stallion Breeders' Futurity	350 Yards	\$15,000	\$4,000	\$19,000		
7/3/12	Great Lakes Stakes	440 Yards	\$15,000	\$4,000	\$19,000		
7/5/12	Northlands Futurity	350 Yards	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000		
7/7/12	Canterbury Quarter Horse Derby	400 Yards	\$15,000	\$4,000	\$19,000		
7/21/12	Dash in a Flash	110 Yards	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000		
7/26/12	Bob Morehouse Stakes	400 Yards	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$12,500		
8/4/12	Filles Race for Hope Distaff	400 Yards	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000		
8/5/12	NCQHRA Futurity	350 Yards	\$15,000	\$4,000	\$19,000		
8/12/12	Cash Caravan Stakes	440 Yards	\$15,000	\$4,000	\$19,000		
9/2/12	Minnesota Derby	400 Yards	\$15,000	\$4,000	\$19,000		
9/2/12	Minnesota Futurity	350 Yards	\$15,000	\$4,000	\$19,000		

\$45,000	\$12,000	\$57,000
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1,280,000	\$412,000	\$1,692,000
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