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Oak Tree Boulevard Wins MN Quarter Horse Futurity

Ed Ross Hardy Sweeps Futurity and Derby

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Shakopee, MN -- The final day of Canterbury Park's 62-day race meet featured two American Quarter Horse races for Minnesota breds. The \$23,400 Minnesota Quarter Horse Futurity and \$23,550 Minnesota Quarter Horse Derby were the opening events of the 2009 Minnesota Festival of Champions, an event created in 1992 to feature the best in Minnesota bred horses.

Traffic Cartel, owned by Robert and Julie Petersen of Cokato, MN, won the Derby with Stormy Smith aboard. The 3-year-old gelding trained by Ed Ross Hardy completed the 400 Yards in 20.049 seconds. Traffic Cartel paid \$12.00, \$5.00 and \$2.80. Quattro ran second and paid \$3.60 and \$2.80. Call Me Mr Nibs, also trained by Hardy, finished third and returned \$2.80. Traffic Cartel won a \$5,000 claiming race last month, "We try to stay competitive and put them where they can win." Hardy said.

Hardy and the Petersen's started a winning day when Oak Tree Boulevard took home the top prize in the Futurity. The 2-year-old finished the 350-yard dash in 17.946 seconds, a head in front of stablemate, Mr Hempens Feature. Tad Leggett was aboard. Oak Tree Boulevard went favored and

returned \$2.80, \$2.40 and \$2.10. Mr Hempens Feature paid \$13.80 and \$6.00. Okeys Irish Brew ran third and paid \$3.80.

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