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Canterbury Park 2017 Stakes Schedule

\$200,000 Mystic Lake Derby Aug. 26; 24th Minnesota Festival of Champions Aug. 20

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Shakopee, Minn. -- Canterbury Park's 2017 thoroughbred stakes schedule will include 32 races and more than \$2 million in purses, it was announced today by racing officials at the Shakopee, Minn. track. The richest race of the season, the \$200,000 Mystic Lake Derby, will be run Aug. 26. Long a fixture on the schedule, the Minnesota Festival of Champions will be held for the 24th time Sunday, Aug. 20. The six thoroughbred stakes run that day, all reserved for horses bred in the state, will pay \$410,000 in purse money.

Opening weekend features a pair of 5 1/2 furlong sprints, the Paul Bunyan and L'Etoile du Nord Stakes, both run Saturday, May 6 with a purse of \$50,000 each.

"I am pleased with the well-rounded stakes schedule Canterbury will offer in 2017," company president Randy Sampson said. "It will be very appealing to horsemen and owners across the country and continues our tradition of attracting quality fields that the horse-betting public seeks. We have seen several horses that competed in stakes here in 2016 continue to succeed elsewhere."

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Third-place finisher in the 2016 Mystic Lake Derby, Hay Dakota, went on to win the Grade 3 Commonwealth Turf Stakes at Churchill while the winner of Canterbury's largest purse, One Mean Man, won the \$100,00 Jefferson Cup. Lady Canterbury Stakes winner Secret Someone won a \$350,000 stake at Kentucky Downs, Shakopee Juvenile winner Even Thunder won a \$100,000 stake at Aqueduct, and Line Judge, winner of the Careless Navigator at Canterbury, won the \$200,000 Jean Lafitte at Delta Downs.

“When you couple our strong overnight purses with the stakes schedule, Canterbury Park is a great place for trainers to spend the summer months and find racing opportunities for their entire stable,” Sampson said.

Owners of Minnesota-breds will find a pair of new state-bred turf stakes on June 10, the Minnesota Turf and Minnesota Turf Distaff. Both races will be run at 7 1/2 furlongs and will offer \$50,000 purses.

The first condition book will be available Jan. 20. Stall applications are due March 13 and are available at www.canterburypark.com.

The 67-day live racing season begins May 5 and runs through Sept. 16.

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2017 Canterbury Park Thoroughbred Stakes Schedule

Date	Stake Race	Conditions	Distance	Purse
5/6/2017	Paul Bunyan Stakes	3 & up	5.5 Furlongs	\$50,000
5/6/2017	L'Etoile du Nord Stakes	3 & up f/m	5.5 Furlongs	\$50,000
5/20/2017	10,000 Lakes Stakes	3 & up c/g s	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
5/20/2017	Lady Slipper Stakes	3 & up f/m s	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
5/29/2017	Northbound Pride Oaks	3yo f	8T Furlongs	\$50,000
5/29/2017	Honor The Hero Stakes	3 & up	5T Furlongs	\$50,000
6/10/2017	Minnesota Turf Distaff	3 & up f/m s	7.5T Furlongs	\$50,000
6/10/2017	Minnesota Turf	3 & up c/g s	7.5T Furlongs	\$50,000
6/10/2017	Dark Star Cup	3 & up	6.5 Furlongs	\$50,000
6/18/2017	Lady Canterbury Stakes	3 & up f/m	8T Furlongs	\$100,000
6/18/2017	Mystic Lake Mile	3 & up	8T Furlongs	\$100,000
7/3/2017	Princess Elaine Stakes	3 & up f/m s	8.5T Furlongs	\$50,000
7/3/2017	Blair's Cove Stakes	3 & up c/g s	8.5T Furlongs	\$50,000
7/4/2017	Frances Genter Stakes	3yo f s	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
7/4/2017	Victor S. Myers Stakes	3yo c/g s	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
7/29/2017	MTA Sales Graduate Stakes	Eligible 2yo	5 Furlongs	\$40,000
7/29/2017	Minnesota Oaks	3yo f s	1 Mile 70 Yards	\$85,000
7/29/2017	Minnesota Derby	3yo c/g s	1 Mile 70 Yards	\$85,000
8/13/2017	Hoist Her Flag Stakes	3 & up f/m	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
8/20/2017	Northern Lights Futurity	2yo c/g s	6 Furlongs	\$85,000
8/20/2017	Northern Lights Debutante	2yo f s	6 Furlongs	\$85,000
8/20/2017	Bella Notte Minnesota Distaff Sprint	3 & up f/m s	6 Furlongs	\$60,000
8/20/2017	Crocrock Minnesota Sprint	3 & up s	6 Furlongs	\$60,000
8/20/2017	Glitter Star Minnesota Distaff Classic	3 & up f/m s	8.5 Furlongs	\$60,000
8/20/2017	Wally's Choice Minnesota Classic	3 & up s	8.5 Furlongs	\$60,000
8/26/2017	HBPA Distaff	3 & up f/m	8T Furlongs	\$50,000
8/26/2017	Brooks Fields Stakes	3 & up	8T Furlongs	\$50,000
8/26/2017	Mystic Lake Derby	3yo c/g	8T Furlongs	\$200,000
9/4/2017	MTA Stallion Auction Stakes	Eligible 3yo	6.5 Furlongs	\$60,000
9/15/2017	John Bullit Stakes	3 & up	8.5 Furlongs	\$50,000
9/16/2017	Shakopee Juvenile Stakes	2yo	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
9/16/2017	Tom Metzen H.B.P.A Sprint Stakes	3 & up / NW Open Stk	6 Furlongs	\$50,000