Hay Dakota Wins $100,000 Mystic Lake Mile

*Sweet Tapper prevails by a head in $100,000 Lady Canterbury*

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Shakopee, Minn. -- Hay Dakota closed from mid-pack to win the $100,000 Mystic Lake Mile by a neck with jockey Denny Velazquez aboard. The 4-year-old gelding, trained by Joel Berndt and owned by Alice Mettler of Rapid City, South Dakota, made a sweeping outside move on the far turn of the one-mile turf race and inched by Majestic Pride for the victory. Hay Dakota returned $15.80 to win. The pace setter Way Striking was third.

“I knew he was running,” Berndt said. “He got separation between the closers and the front runners. From there you have options.”

Sweet Tapper overcame a rough trip to win the $100,000 Lady Canterbury Stakes by a head. Jockey Orlando Mojica was forced to check in traffic during the race and then, when seeking running room in the stretch of the one mile turf stakes, was hemmed in until he guided Sweet Tapper between horses to prevail over favorite Insta Erma. Sweet Tapper, who paid $18.00 to win, is trained by Ian Wilkes and is owned by Winchester Place Thoroughbreds.

“She was much the best,” Mojica said. “I was waiting, waiting, waiting, and finally got through.”

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