Giant Payday Wins $200,000 Mystic Lake Derby

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Shakopee, Minn. — Giant Payday, owned by Robert Lothenbach of Wayzata, Minn., won Canterbury Park’s richest race of the season, the $200,000 Mystic Lake Derby, on Saturday at Canterbury Park. The 3-year-old colt rallied from the back of the 10-horse field under jockey Chris Landeros to win the one mile race by one length in 1:40.29 over a yielding turf course. Giant Payday, who is trained by Ian Wilkes, earned the first stakes win of his career and has now won three of 12 lifetime starts and $238,220 in purse money.

“He seems to do his best running late,” Landeros said. “He’s the class of the field and he proved it.” Giant Payday returned $6.40 to win as the betting favorite.

My Bariley and Jareth Loveberry finished second and Sakonnet was third with rider Leslie Mawing aboard.

Lothenbach, who races under Lothenbach Stables, Inc., also won the Mystic Lake Derby in 2015 with Nun the Less.

Canterbury management decided to transfer two turf stakes prior to the Mystic Lake Derby from the rain-soaked grass course to the main track in order to preserve the turf for the premier race. Both the $50,000 Brooks Fields Stakes and the $50,000 Minnesota H.B.P.A Distaff Stakes were conducted at one mile over a dirt track listed as good.
Charles Garvey’s Patriots Rule won the Brooks Fields for trainer Robertino Diodoro who also trained the second-place finisher Way Striking. Andrew Ramgeet was aboard the winner who made a late rush to beat his stablemate by 1/2 length. Leading rider Orlando Mojica rode Way Striking. Malibu Pro, who held the lead at the top of the stretch, finished third.

Beach Flower was victorious in the Minnesota H.B.P.A. Distaff and returned $24.80. Martin Escobar rode the 4-year-old filly for leading trainer Mac Robertson and owners Hugh Robertson, John Mentz, and Jeff Larson. Seeking Paradise was second and Kera Kera was third.

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