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2018 Canterbury Park Stakes Schedule Announced With Increased Purses and New Races

MN Derby and Oaks offer record \$100k purses; new \$100k Turf Express added

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Shakopee, Minn. -- Canterbury Park racing officials today announced a thoroughbred stakes schedule for the 2018 season with 35 races worth \$2.375 million, including three new races and increased purses for nine existing stakes. The Shakopee, Minn. track's richest race, the \$200,000 Mystic Lake Derby, will be run Saturday, June 23 along with four other stakes totaling \$500,000 in stakes purses alone. The six stakes races that make up the Minnesota Festival of Champions will also be worth a half-million dollars. Scheduled for Sept. 2, each race sees a \$15,000 purse increase. The Sprint, Distaff Sprint, Classic, and Distaff Classic all have purses of \$75,000 and the Northern Lights Futurity and Debutante increase to \$100,000.

"We will be offering the richest stakes schedule in Canterbury Park history, with two days offering half a million dollars in stakes purses, and more total purse money than ever before," company president Randy Sampson said. Racing officials expect that total purses will increase to \$15 million or nearly \$1.2 million more than the 2017 season.

New to the schedule are the \$45,000 Minnesota Made Sprint and Minnesota Made Distaff Sprint on July 20 and the \$100,000 Canterbury Turf Express, run Aug. 24. The Minnesota Oaks and Minnesota Derby, whose history pre-dates Canterbury, each will offer a record purse of \$100,000.

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A 2012 cooperative marketing and purse enhancement agreement reached with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, owners and operators of nearby Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, will supplement purses by \$7.28 million in the coming race season. The agreement extends through 2022 with more than \$83 million going toward purse supplements and joint marketing of the two properties and the region known as RiverSouth-Land of Big Fun.

“The SMSC agreement was intended to improve racing at Canterbury on the whole, but also specifically to encourage and reward those that breed horses in Minnesota and those that race those state-breds here,” Sampson said. “We saw breeding increase when the agreement was announced and stabilize with the quality of horses improving along with the purses. The two horses with the highest purse earnings in the 31-year history of Canterbury both raced as recently as last season and both were bred in Minnesota.”

The first condition book will be available February 2. Stall applications are due March 26 and are available at www.canterburypark.com.

The 70-day live racing season begins May 4 and runs through Sept. 15.

The quarter horse stakes schedule, which also will contain purse increases and additional races, will be released next week.

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2018 Canterbury Park Thoroughbred Stakes Schedule

Date	Stake Race	Conditions	Distance	Purse
5/5/2018	Paul Bunyan Stakes	3 & up	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
5/5/2018	L'Etoile du Nord Stakes	3 & up f/m	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
5/19/2018	10,000 Lakes Stakes	3 & up MN	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
5/19/2018	Lady Slipper Stakes	3 & up f/m MN	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
5/28/2018	Northbound Pride Oaks	3yo f	8T Furlongs	\$50,000
5/28/2018	Honor The Hero Stakes	3 & up	5T Furlongs	\$50,000
6/9/2018	Minnesota Turf	3 & up MN	7.5T Furlongs	\$50,000
6/9/2018	Minnesota Turf Distaff	3 & up f/m MN	7.5T Furlongs	\$50,000
6/23/2018	Hoist Her Flag Stakes	3 & up f/m	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
6/23/2018	Dark Star Cup	3 & up	6.5 Furlongs	\$50,000
6/23/2018	Lady Canterbury Stakes	3 & up f/m	8T Furlongs	\$100,000
6/23/2018	Mystic Lake Mile	3 & up	8T Furlongs	\$100,000
6/23/2018	Mystic Lake Derby	3yo	8T Furlongs	\$200,000
7/3/2018	Blair's Cove Stakes	3 & up MN	8.5T Furlongs	\$50,000
7/3/2018	Princess Elaine Stakes	3 & up f/m MN	8.5T Furlongs	\$50,000
7/4/2018	Victor S. Myers Stakes	3yo MN	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
7/4/2018	Frances Genter Stakes	3yo f MN	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
7/20/2018	Minnesota Made Sprint	Eligible 3 & up MN	6 Furlongs	\$45,000
7/20/2018	Minnesota Made Distaff Sprint	Eligible 3 & up f/m MN	6 Furlongs	\$45,000
8/11/2018	MTA Sales Graduate Stakes	Eligible 2yo	5 Furlongs	\$50,000
8/11/2018	Minnesota Derby	3yo MN	1 Mile 70 Yards	\$100,000
8/11/2018	Minnesota Oaks	3yo f MN	1 Mile 70 Yards	\$100,000
8/24/2018	HBPA Distaff	3 & up f/m	8T Furlongs	\$50,000
8/24/2018	Brooks Fields Stakes	3 & up	8T Furlongs	\$50,000
8/24/2018	Canterbury Turf Express	3 & up	5T Furlongs	\$100,000
9/2/2018	Northern Lights Futurity	2yo MN	6 Furlongs	\$100,000
9/2/2018	Northern Lights Debutante	2yo f MN	6 Furlongs	\$100,000
9/2/2018	Crocrock Minnesota Sprint	3 & up MN	6 Furlongs	\$75,000
9/2/2018	Bella Notte Minnesota Distaff Sprint	3 & up f/m MN	6 Furlongs	\$75,000
9/2/2018	Wally's Choice Minnesota Classic	3 & up MN	8.5 Furlongs	\$75,000
9/2/2018	Glitter Star Minnesota Distaff Classic	3 & up f/m MN	8.5 Furlongs	\$75,000
9/14/2018	John Bullit Stakes	3 & up	8.5 Furlongs	\$50,000
9/14/2018	Tom Metzen H.B.P.A Sprint Stakes	3 & up / NW Open Stk	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
9/15/2018	MTA Stallion Auction Stakes	Eligible 3yo	6.5 Furlongs	\$60,000
9/15/2018	Shakopee Juvenile Stakes	2yo	6 Furlongs	\$75,000
			Grand Total	\$2,375,000