



## CANTERBURY PARK

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1100 Canterbury Road  
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# Mister Banjoman Wins Shakopee Juvenile To Close Out 2018 Meet

*69-day season concludes with record purses and increase in total handle*

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Shakopee, Minn. -- Mister Banjoman, a Minnesota bred 2-year-old gelding owned by Joe Novogratz of Chanhassen, Minn. and trained by Mac Robertson, won the \$75,000 Shakopee Juvenile Stakes by a nose over Topper T on Saturday, the final day of racing for 2018 at Canterbury Park. He had to withstand a jockey's objection from Israel Hernandez, the rider of third-place finisher Kenai Bob, who contended that jockey Jareth Loveberry and Mister Banjoman had interfered in deep stretch. The objection was overruled by the panel of stewards and the winner paid \$3.80 as the betting favorite.

Total handle, the amount of money bet on each live program both on and off track, was \$48,142,704 for the 69 days of racing, a new high and a 10.2 percent increase over last season's 67 days. Average daily handle, \$697,720, was a seven percent increase. Daily average attendance was 6,506, a decrease of 1.2 percent compared to 2017. Purses paid to horsemen increased by 10 percent to a record \$15,231,235.

"I am very pleased with the results of the season and look forward to next year as we continue to improve the quality of racing and breeding in Minnesota," Canterbury Park President Randy Sampson said.

Earlier on the card Speeding Kid easily won the \$60,000 MTA Stallion Auction Stakes by 9 1/4 lengths for trainer Miguel Silva and owners Lori and William Townsend, covering 6 1/2 furlongs in 1:15.63, the fastest time of the meet at that distance. Speeding Kid paid \$2.40 to win. Leslie Mawing was aboard.

Robertson tied with Robertino Diodoro for most wins. Each had 57. Robertson has won 12 training titles and Diodoro three.

Joe Novogratz, who races as Novogratz Racing Stables, tied with Charles Garvey for leading thoroughbred owner. Each had 15 wins. Novogratz won the leading owner title in 2016 and 2017.

Ry Eikleberry won the thoroughbred riding title with 87 wins. He had three wins on Saturday's 14-race card.

Three-year-old Minnesota bred Mr. Jagermeister was unanimously selected as Horse of the Year. The colt won four of five starts, all stakes, and earned \$167,000. He was also voted 3-year-old colt and sprinter of the year.

Cristian Esqueda was the leading quarter horse jockey with 17 wins. Jason Olmstead won his fourth consecutive quarter horse training title with 27 wins. Thomas Scheckel was leading quarter horse owner with eight wins.

### **Canterbury Park's 2018 divisional champions:**

- Horse of the Year – **Mr. Jagermeister** (owner: Kristin Boice, Leslie Cummings, Valorie Lund : trainer: Valorie Lund)
- Three-Year-Old Colt or Gelding – **Mr. Jagermeister** (owner: Kristin Boice, Leslie Cummings, Valorie Lund : trainer: Valorie Lund)
- Sprinter – **Mr. Jagermeister** (owner: Kristin Boice, Leslie Cummings, Valorie Lund : trainer: Valorie Lund)
- Older Horse – **Creative Art** (owner: Frank Bemis and Shawn Davis : trainer: Shawn Davis)
- Grass Horse – **Sniper Kitten** (owner: Kenneth and Sarah Ramsey : trainer : Michael Maker)
- Three-Year-Old Filly – **Sirenusa** (owner: Barry and Joni Butzow : trainer: Joe Sharp)
- Older Filly or Mare – **Pinup Girl** (owner: Gary and Brenda Bergsrud : trainer: Sandra Sweere)
- Two-Year-Old – **Dame Plata** (owner: Ann Sachdev and Lori Bravo : trainer: Francisco Bravo)
- Claimer – **Mine's Made Up** (owner: Pick 5 Stable, LLC : trainer: Karl Broberg)
- Quarter Horse – **Jess Doin Time** (owner: Tom Pouliot : trainer: Jason Olmstead)

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