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Sassy Seneca Wins \$75,000 Shakopee Juvenile as 25th Season Concludes

Astronaut Oscar best in \$60,000 MTA Stallion Auction Stakes

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Shakopee, Minn. -- Astronaut Oscar won the \$60,000 MTA Stallion Auction Stakes and Sassy Seneca prevailed in the \$75,000 Shakopee Juvenile Stakes as Canterbury Park's 25th racing season concluded Saturday. Mac Robertson collected his 13th training title, winning 73 races during the 66-day meet. Jockey Francisco Arrieta won the riding title for the first time at the Shakopee, Minn. racetrack with 79 victories. Leading thoroughbred owner was a back and forth battle all meet and ended appropriately in a tie between Novogratz Racing Stables and Empire Racing Stables, LLC. Each had 32 wins.

Astronaut Oscar is trained by David Van Winkle and owned by Pete Mattson of Prior Lake. Jareth Loveberry was the winning rider. Novogratz Racing Stables owns Sassy Seneca who is trained by Robertson. Dean Butler rode the 2-year-old filly.

Daily handle, the amount of wagering dollars, was \$615,671, with on-track betting down 2.4 percent and out-of-state handle down 14.7 percent. The out-of-state decrease was due primarily to the temporary loss of a high-volume wagering company resulting from a contract dispute between Churchill Downs, Canterbury's content management company, and Monarch Content Management. The dispute was resolved mid-way through the meet.

Average daily attendance increased by 1.3 percent to 6,592. Daily average purses increased 3.4 percent to an all-time high of \$228,189. In all, \$15,060,492 in purse money was distributed.

Hot Shot Kid, owned by Warren Bush of Wall, Iowa, and trained by Robertson was voted Horse of the Year. The 5-year-old won six of seven starts, including five stakes races, and earned \$206,200 in purses.

Jason Olmstead won his fifth consecutive quarter horse training title with 23 wins. Jockey Jorge Torres was leading quarter horse rider for the third time, finishing this season with 16 victories. The leading quarter horse owner title went to Brenda Reising of Bismarck, North Dakota with nine wins.

Canterbury Park's 2019 Horse of the Year and divisional champions:

- Horse of the Year – **Hot Shot Kid** (owner: Warren L. Bush : trainer: Mac Robertson)
- Three-Year-Old Colt or Gelding – **Mister Banjoman** (owner: Novogratz Racing Stables : trainer: Mac Robertson)
- Sprinter – **Hot Shot Kid** (owner: Warren L. Bush : trainer: Mac Robertson)
- Older Horse – **Hot Shot Kid** (owner: Warren L. Bush : trainer: Mac Robertson)
- Grass Horse – **Satellite Storm** (owner: Grace & Gamblers, LLC : trainer: Valorie Lund)
- Three-Year-Old Filly – **Ready to Runaway** (owner: John Mentz : trainer: Mac Robertson)
- Older Filly or Mare – **Ari Gia** (owner: Jose Silva, Jr. : trainer: Jose Silva, Jr.)
- Two-Year-Old – **Happy Hour Cowboy** (owner: Robert Lindgren : trainer: Mac Robertson)
- Claimer – **Satellite Storm** (owner: Grace & Gamblers, LLC : trainer: Valorie Lund)
- Quarter Horse – **Five Bar Bodee** (owner: Peters Lepic Patnership : trainer: Jason Olmstead)

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