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Canterbury Park 2021 Quarter Horse Stakes Schedule

Mystic Lake Northlands Futurity estimated at \$175k; Overnight purses increase

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Shakopee, Minn. -- Canterbury Park's 2021 quarter horse racing season will offer 15 stakes races and increased overnight purses. The Shakopee, Minnesota racetrack's 65-day mixed-breed meet begins May 18 with the first quarter horse races set for May 31. The Mystic Lake Northlands Futurity, the richest race of the season, is scheduled for Aug. 11. Should the estimated purse of \$175,000 be reached, it would be the largest in the 34 renditions of the centerpiece 2-year-old race. Also on Aug. 11 will be the \$100,000 estimated Canterbury Park Quarter Horse Derby.

In response to what Canterbury racing officials predict will be a very competitive spring and summer in the Midwest, with tracks vying for the same horses, overnight purses for both open races and races restricted to Minnesota-breds in all categories have been increased. For example, maiden purses which were \$11,500 in 2019 and were subsequently reduced to \$10,000 in 2020 as a result of uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic will now be \$16,500 in 2021. Allowance races for non-winners of two ran for \$14,000 in 2019, \$10,500 in 2020, and will be worth \$17,500 in 2021. The majority of races will be run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to avoid overlapping race days and opportunities with Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Iowa.

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“Increasing purses will make racing at Canterbury more attractive to the participants and make quarter horse racing in the Midwest in general a healthier proposition for trainers, owners and breeders,” Vice President of Racing Operations Andrew Offerman said. “We have worked thoroughly this off-season with the Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association to come up with the best possible quarter horse racing program for Canterbury Park and to provide the best opportunity for interested parties to find success racing quarter horses at Canterbury Park and in the Midwest.”

July 6 features three Bank of America Regional Challenge Races, the Canterbury Park Distance Challenge, the Canterbury Park Distaff Challenge, newly designated Grade 3 in 2021, and the Grade 3 Canterbury Park Championship Challenge, won in 2020 by Danjer, a multiple Grade 1 winner recently named AQHA Champion Aged Horse and Champion Aged Gelding. Also on that day will be the MQHRA Stallion Auction Futurity with an estimated purse of \$75,000.

Minnesota- bred quarter horses will have six stakes beginning with the \$35,000-added Bob Morehouse Stakes on May 31 and concluding with the Minnesota Futurity and Minnesota Derby, each worth more than \$50,000, on Sept. 8. The \$25,000-added North Star State Futurity and North Star State Derby are new opportunities for Minnesota-breds in 2021 intended to bolster opportunities for state-breds.

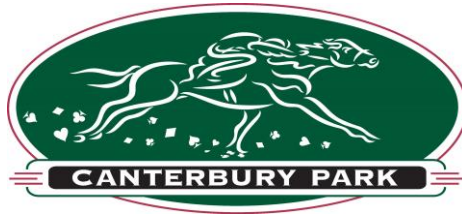
Initial nomination payments for the Mystic Lake Northlands Futurity and Canterbury Park Derby, as well as the \$50,000-added Minnesota Quarter Horse Futurity and \$50,000-added Minnesota Quarter Horse Derby are due on March 1.

Stall applications for the 2021 meet, due April 2, along with the first condition book, will be available Feb. 9 at www.canterburypark.com .

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Trial Date	Run Date	Race Name	Conditions	Distance	Purse
	May 31, 2021	Bob Morehouse Stakes	3yo & up / MN-Bred	350 Yards	\$35,000 Added
June 15, 2021	July 6, 2021	MQHRA Stallion Auction Futurity	Eligible 2yo	350 Yards	\$75,000 Estimated
June 22, 2021	July 6, 2021	Canterbury Park Championship Challenge (Grade 3)	Enrolled 3yo & up	440 Yards	\$50,000 Added
June 22, 2021	July 6, 2021	Canterbury Park Distaff Challenge (Grade 3)	Enrolled 3yo & up f/m	400 Yards	\$30,000 Added
June 22, 2021	July 6, 2021	Canterbury Park Distance Challenge	Enrolled 3yo & up	870 Yards	\$20,000 Added
	July 14, 2021	North Star State Derby	3yo / MN-Bred	400 Yards	\$25,000 Added
	August 10, 2021	North Star State Futurity	2yo / MN-Bred	300 Yards	\$25,000 Added
	August 10, 2021	Skip Zimmerman Stakes	3yo & up	350 Yards	\$25,000 Added
July 28, 2021	August 11, 2021	Mystic Lake Northlands Futurity	2yo	350 Yards	\$175,000 Estimated
	August 11, 2021	Mystic Lake Northlands Juvenile	Consolation Race	350 Yards	\$20,000 Guaranteed
July 28, 2021	August 11, 2021	Canterbury Quarter Horse Derby	3yo	400 Yards	\$100,000 Estimated
	August 25, 2021	The 1889 Futurity	2yo ND-Bred/SD-Bred	350 Yards	\$16,000 Added
	August 25, 2021	Cash Caravan Stakes	3yo & up / MN-Bred	400 Yards	\$35,000 Added
August 25, 2021	September 8, 2021	Minnesota Quarter Horse Futurity	2yo / MN-Bred	350 Yards	\$50,000 Added
August 25, 2021	September 8, 2021	Minnesota Quarter Horse Derby	3yo / MN-Bred	400 Yards	\$50,000 Added