

CANTERBURY PARK

1100 Canterbury Road Shakopee, MN 55379

Canterbury Park's 25th Anniversary Season Begins Friday, May 14

Free Admission offered all summer to commemorate the milestone

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Shakopee, MN -- Canterbury Park's 25th anniversary season begins Friday, May 14 with a three-day weekend of thoroughbred racing. To celebrate the anniversary, general admission will be free each day of the 2010 season. Post time on Friday is 7:00 pm with races beginning at 1:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

"Canterbury has been a part of the sports fabric of this state for 25 years," company president Randy Sampson said.

"Racing's many fans have seen some of the best horses and jockeys in recent history break from our starting gates. We wanted to give something back to those fans to celebrate a quarter-decade in Minnesota. Free admission all season is our answer."

In addition to free admission, Canterbury will continue to offer promotions with an eye on value. Thursdays will be 'Buck Night' with food and beverage specials. Fridays will feature 'Minnesota's Biggest Happy Hour' and Sundays are 'Family Day' with free pony rides, face painting, and a petting zoo. "We will continue to be the most fan-friendly and least expensive outdoor entertainment venue in the Twin Cities," Sampson said.

Canterbury's 62-day race meet will run through Aug. 29 with racing on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Memorial Day in May. Thursday racing begins on June 4.

Originally called Canterbury Downs, the Shakopee, MN racetrack opened June 26, 1985. In 1995, under new ownership, the track became Canterbury Park.

The Saturday, May 15 program features two \$35,000 stakes races for Minnesota-bred horses, the 10,000 Lakes and the Lady Slipper, as well as a simulcast of the Preakness Stakes, the second leg of The Triple Crown.

General parking is free. There is an additional charge for indoor, reserved seating and valet parking. For more information call the Canterbury Box Office at (952) 445-7224 or visit www.canterburypark.com.

Racing Days and Times

May

Fridays, May 14, 21 and 28 – 7:00 pm

Saturdays, Sundays and Memorial Day – 1:30 pm

June, July, August

Thursdays and Fridays – 7:00 pm

Saturdays, Sundays and July 5 – 1:30 pm Special 4:00 pm post time on Saturday, July 3

No racing Sunday, July 18

Significant Dates

Friday, May 14 – Opening Night

Saturday, June 26 - 25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, July 3 – Fireworks Spectacular sponsored by Kwik Trip after the races

Saturday, July 24 – Claiming Crown

Sunday, August 8 – Extreme Day presented by Buffalo Wild Wings

Sunday, August 29 – Minnesota Festival of Champions and final day of live racing