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Canterbury Park 2013 Stakes Schedule: Larger Purses, New Races

Stakes purses increase more than 20%; overnight purses 25% for 69-day race meet

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Shakopee, MN -- Canterbury Park's 2013 thoroughbred stakes schedule includes 26 races worth \$1.76 million, an increase of more than 20% compared to the 2012 season. The 69-day race meet, the longest the track has conducted since 2006, begins May 17 and concludes Sept. 14.

Earlier this year, Canterbury Park and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community entered into a cooperative marketing and purse enhancement agreement that will inject \$75 million into the horsemen purse fund over the agreement's 10-year span. As a result of the agreement, overnight purses increased retroactively during the 2012 season and total purses offered in 2013 will be nearly double what were paid in 2011.

Five six-figure stakes races, the most offered in a single season since the Shakopee, MN racetrack reopened in 1995, will be grouped on two key dates, July 13 and Aug 3. On Aug. 3, the \$200,000 Mystic Lake Derby, offering the largest purse since the \$250,000 St. Paul Derby in 1991, will be run along with the \$100,000 Northbound Pride Oaks which increases by \$25,000 compared to last season, and the newly created \$100,000 Shakopee Juvenile Stakes.

July 13 is the first running of the \$125,000 Mystic Lake Mile as well as a stakes schedule fixture, the \$100,000 Lady Canterbury Stakes, now in its 21st running.

The richest Minnesota Oaks and Derby since the late 1980s, each with \$75,000 purses, are scheduled for Aug. 10.

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“The opportunities and stability made possible by the SMSC purse enhancement agreement will rebuild the equine industry in Minnesota as existing breeders increase their activity and others relocate here,” Canterbury Park President Randy Sampson said.

“The stakes schedule and overall purse structure will draw new racing stables to Canterbury as those operators realize what an attractive place Minnesota is to do business.”

The 20th running of Minnesota Festival of Champions, a day dedicated to horses bred in the state, is scheduled for Sept.1. The six-race stakes line-up offers \$370,000, \$40,000 more than was offered in 2012.

The \$50,000 Dark Star Cup, commemorating local media personality and Minnesota racing ambassador Dark Star who died earlier this year, will be run June 8.

Condition books and stall applications will be available in January.

2013 Canterbury Thoroughbred Stakes Schedule

Date	Stake Race	Conditions	Distance	Purse
May 17, 2013	Lady Slipper Stakes	Filly & Mare / 3YO & Up / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
May 18, 2013	10,000 Lakes Stakes	Colt & Gelding / 3YO & Up / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
May 27, 2013	Honor the Hero Stakes	3-Year-Olds & Up	5 Furlongs (Turf)	\$50,000
June 8, 2013	Dark Star Cup	3-Year-Olds & Up	6½ Furlongs	\$50,000
June 16, 2013	Brooks Fields Stakes	3-Year-Olds & Up	7½ Furlongs (Turf)	\$50,000
July 3, 2013	Princess Elaine Stakes	Filly & Mare / 3YO & Up / MN-Bred	1 Mile and 1/16 (Turf)	\$50,000
July 3, 2013	Blair's Cove Stakes	Colt & Gelding / 3YO & Up / MN-Bred	1 Mile and 1/16 (Turf)	\$50,000
July 4, 2013	Frances Genter Stakes	Filly / 3YO / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
July 4, 2013	Victor S. Myers Stakes	Colt & Gelding / 3YO / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
July 13, 2013	Lady Canterbury Stakes	Filly & Mare / 3YO & Up	1 Mile (Turf)	\$100,000
July 13, 2013	Mystic Lake Mile	3-Year-Olds & Up	1 Mile (Turf)	\$125,000
July 21, 2013	MTA Stallion Auction: Filly	Filly / Eligible 3YO	6½ Furlongs	\$35,000
July 21, 2013	MTA Stallion Auction: Colt & Gelding	Colt & Gelding / Eligible 3YO	6½ Furlongs	\$35,000
August 3, 2013	Shakopee Juvenile Stakes	2-Year-Olds	7½ Furlongs (Turf)	\$100,000
August 3, 2013	Northbound Pride Oaks	Filly / 3-Year-Olds	1 Mile (Turf)	\$100,000
August 3, 2013	Mystic Lake Derby	3-Year-Olds	1 Mile (Turf)	\$200,000
August 10, 2013	Minnesota Oaks	Filly / 3YO / MN-Bred	1 Mile and 70 Yards	\$75,000
August 10, 2013	Minnesota Derby	Colt & Gelding / 3YO / MN-Bred	1 Mile and 70 Yards	\$75,000
August 17, 2013	H.B.P.A. Distaff	Filly & Mare / 3YO & Up	1 Mile and 1/16 (Turf)	\$50,000
August 17, 2013	Hoist Her Flag Stakes	Filly & Mare / 3YO & Up	6 Furlongs	\$50,000
September 1, 2013	Northern Lights Debutante	Filly / 2YO / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$75,000
September 1, 2013	Northern Lights Futurity	Colt & Gelding / 2YO / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$75,000
September 1, 2013	Bella Notte Minnesota Distaff Sprint	Filly & Mare / 3YO & Up / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$55,000
September 1, 2013	Crocrock Minnesota Sprint	Colt & Gelding / 3YO & Up / MN-Bred	6 Furlongs	\$55,000
September 1, 2013	Glitter Star Minnesota Distaff Classic	Filly & Mare / 3YO & Up / MN-Bred	1 Mile and 1/16	\$55,000
September 1, 2013	Wally's Choice Minnesota Classic	Colt & Gelding / 3YO & Up / MN-Bred	1 Mile and 1/16	\$55,000