



CANTERBURY PARK

1100 Canterbury Road
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Canterbury Park Opens 2010 Live Race Meet Friday

Free admission for all 62-days of racing to commemorate 25th anniversary

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Shakopee, MN -- Canterbury Park's annual thoroughbred and quarter horse race meet begins Friday with a 7:00 pm post time. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of racing at the Shakopee track, general admission will be free for the entire 62-day season. Racing continues Saturday and Sunday with post time at 1:30 pm.

"We expect to see more than 20,000 race fans this weekend," track president Randy Sampson said. "Canterbury has a great history. There have been many ups and downs over the past quarter century but the one thing that has remained consistent is fan support." Attendance averaged more than 5,400 last season. "I believe that with free admission this summer we will expose even more people to this sport," Sampson said.

Saturday features a pair of \$35,000 Minnesota bred stakes races: the 10,000 Lakes and the Lady Slipper. Wally's Choice is entered in the 10,000 Lakes. The 9-year-old gelding, owned by Curtis Sampson and Wally 'the Beerman' McNeil is the second all-time Minnesota bred money earner, \$40,000 behind Canterbury Park Hall of Famer Blair's Cove who retired in 1992. Chick Fight, the 2009 Canterbury Horse of the Year, is entered in the Lady Slipper. The 4-year-old filly is trained by perennial champion Mac Robertson.

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