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MINNESOTA QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION



MQHRA Executive Director Report

Another Successful Canterbury Meet is in the Books!

The 2017 Canterbury Park Quarter Horse meet came to an end in late August, and the Thoroughbred meet followed suit in September. It was a successful season: we hosted 105 Quarter Horse races that earned over \$3 million in handle, with an average field size of 8.2 and purses totaling over \$1.65 million.

We welcomed many new members and hosted fun summer events, including Youth Day at the Races and the Backside BBQ with the MTA, and honored meet leaders and stakes qualifiers at our Quarter Horse Celebration night. In addition to our Trainers of the Week and Month, we also started recognizing our MQHRA Jockeys of the Month; in 2017, those honors went to Oscar Delgado, Nik Goodwin and Brayan Velazquez.

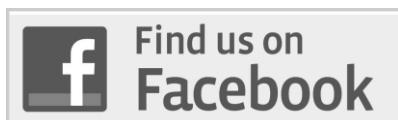
Canterbury's Thoroughbred meet was also a success, and with the combined meets, Canterbury reported average daily handle increases of 4%, and field size in Thoroughbred races increased to 8 from 7.7 last year.

We may not be racing in Minnesota right now, but we are cheering on our horsemen and connections at Prairie Meadows in Iowa. We will be at the Challenge Championships to provide an annual update to the AQHA Racing Committee and we will be at the Heritage Place sales in November and January to promote our meet and our breeding program. Also, we are starting to plan our annual meeting, so stay tuned for a date as we all meet at Canterbury to review our year and make plans together.

In the meantime, make sure you follow us on Facebook and that we have your updated address and information on file.

Thank you to our board of directors, our MQHRA membership, everyone at Canterbury Park, and all the owners, breeders, trainers, jockeys, fans and bettors that made this meet happen. We are already recruiting and planning for next year and I can't wait to see you all at the track in 2018! ☺

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Eagle Deluxe Gives Olmstead Barn Fourth Consecutive NCQHRA Futurity

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The odds that Jason Olmstead would win the 2017 North Central Quarter Horse Racing Association Futurity were good: of the nine starters, he trained five. And though the Olmstead barn found their way into the winner's circle for their fourth consecutive NCQHRA Futurity, it was with a bit of a price horse: Eagle Deluxe (\$25.00).

Eagle Deluxe and jockey Berkley Packer covered the 350-yard distance in 17.849 to earn a 97 speed index. This was Berkley's second consecutive win in the NCQHRA Futurity.

Though he broke mid-pack, the One Famous Eagle colt passed horses to win by three-quarters of a length. Eagle Deluxe is owned by Tom Maher, Bill Maher, and Movin On; he was bred in Louisiana by Grant Farms LLC, out of the Corona Cartel mare Corona Deluxe.

This was not Eagle Deluxe's first trip to the winner's circle. The colt failed to qualify for the Mystic Lake Northlands Futurity, but he won the \$18,000 Mystic Lake Northlands Juvenile, a consolation event for horses that started in Northlands trials, earlier this summer.

North Central Quarter Horse Racing Association Futurity, Sunday, August 6, 2017, 350 yards for \$52,600

Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Owner	Time	SI
Eagle Deluxe	Jason Olmstead	B. Packer	Tom Maher, Bill Maher and Movin On	17.849	97
Marfilmio	Victor Hanson	I. Suarez Ricardo	David R. and Debra Harsche	17.971	93
First of 15	Jason Olmstead	D. Velazquez	Richard L. Tobin	17.980	93
High Valley Girl	Robert Johnson	C. Smith	Webb Ranch LLC	18.057	91
Dickey Bob	Jason Olmstead	B. Velazquez	Lunderborg LLC	18.106	89
I Told You Im Fancy	Jason Olmstead	N. Goodwin	Thomas J. Scheckel	18.187	87
Cappy	Casey Black	D. Pinon	Larry Sharp	18.215	86
Jsir James	Randall Weidner	J. Klaiber	Jerry Olson	18.251	85
Cannalytical	Jason Olmstead	O. Delgado	Gene and Faye Reeves	18.256	85

PYC Jess Bite Mydust Returns to the Winner's Circle in Minnesota Quarter Horse Derby

Photo credit: Coady Photography



After three second-place finishes during Canterbury Park's 2017 meet, Pyc Jess Bite Mydust (\$2.80) finally found his way back into the winner's circle for the \$50,300 Minnesota Quarter Horse Derby on Sunday.



"We've had so many second-place finishes, I had to hold my breath when I saw there was another photo finish",

said Judy Lunderborg, who owns and bred the horse with her husband, Bruce, under their ownership group Lunderborg LLC. "He's the first horse we ever bred, and his full brother [Dickey Bob] runs in the next race", she continued, referring to their morning-line favorite entry in the Minnesota Quarter Horse Futurity.

Pyc Jess Bite Mydust, a Minnesota-bred, won the \$165,000 Mystic Lake Northlands Futurity in 2016 as the only locally-bred horse in the largest futurity of the meet. His second-place finishes in 2017 include his trial and the final for the \$81,000 Canterbury Park Derby. The gelding was honored as Canterbury Park Quarter Horse of the Meet in 2016 and now has career earnings of \$154,786.

Pyc Jess Bite Mydust is trained by the leading trainer of the Canterbury meet, Jason Olmstead, and was ridden by Brayan Velazquez. Final time for the 400-yard event was 20.062 and the winning pair earned a 97 speed index.

Pollitical Eye Apeal and all-time leading Canterbury Quarter Horse jockey Nik Goodwin finished a head behind Pyc Jess Mydust in second place. Trained by Ed Hardy, Pollitical Eye Apeal is a homebred for Rodney Von Ohlen, who has won this race three times in previous years, most recently in 2014. Hardy has won the race a record nine times.

Bred in Minnesota, Pollitical Eye Apeal is by Apollitical Jess and is out of the Mr Eye Opener Miss Eyewear.

In third place was last year's Minnesota Quarter Horse Futurity champion, Vodka At Moonlight, with Denny Velazquez aboard. The daughter of Triple Vodka is owned and bred by Summer Run, Inc, out of the Oak Tree Special mare Moonlight Masquerade. Vodka At Moonlight won the \$29,000 Bob Morehouse stakes at Canterbury earlier this summer.

Completing the field were Jess a Chance, Givinitalittleeffort, Wallykazam, Bbs Pyc Luckycharm and Curious James.

Minnesota Quarter Horse Derby, August 20, 2017, 400 yards for 3-year-olds which are registered Minnesota breeds, purse \$50,300

Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Owner	Time	SI
Pyc Jess Bite Mydust	Jason Olmstead	B. Velazquez	Lunderborg LLC	20.062	97
Pollitical Eye Apeal	Edward Hardy	N. Goodwin	Rodney Von Ohlen	20.095	96
Vodka At Moonlight	Jason Olmstead	D. Velazquez	Summer Run, Inc.	20.161	95
Jess a Chance	Stephen Kane	I. Delorme	Ralph A, Haglund	20.252	92
Givinitalittleeffort	Edward Hardy	O. Delgado	Corey Wilmes	20.375	89
Wallykazam	Edward Hardy	I. Suarez Richardo	Rodney Von Ohlen	20.425	88
Bbs Pyc Luckycharm	Jason Olmstead	Q. Hamilton	Lunderborg LLC	20.575	84
Curious James	Mark Wilson	F. Johnson	Twin Lakes Transport Inc.	21.030	73

Dickey Bob Gives Connections a Festival of Champions Double in the Minnesota Quarter Horse Futurity

Photo credit: Coady Photography



There were familiar faces all around in the winner's circle following the \$51,000 Minnesota Quarter Horse Futurity as Dickey Bob, full sibling to Minnesota Quarter Horse Derby winner Pyc Jess Bite Mydust, won the second of two Quarter Horse stakes on Sunday at Canterbury.



Like Pyc Jess Bite Mydust, Dickey Bob (\$3.60) is owned

and bred by Lunderborg LLC, ridden by Brayan Velazquez, and is trained by Jason Olmstead, who trained the top three finishers of the race. Dickey Bob and Velazquez covered the 350-yard race in 18.032 to earn a 91 speed index.

Dickey Bob is a son of Apollitical Jess and is out of the Pyc Paint Your Wagon mare Paint Or More. He has won three of his seven lifetime starts and was fifth in the \$52 NCQHRA Futurity earlier this month.

Olmstead partnered with owner and breeder Summer Run Inc to complete the exacta and trifecta. Itinkican Itinkican, with Denny Velaquez aboard, finished second, while Polar Xpress and Patrick Canchari were third.

Itinkican Itinkican is by Freighttrain B, out of Moonlight Masquerade, by Oak Tree Special, a full sister to 2016 Minnesota Futurity winner Vodka At Moonlight. The filly finished third in the \$45,000 Minnesota Stallion Breeders' Futurity in July.

Polar Xpress is by Freighttrain B, out of the Azoom mare Zoomshakalaka. The filly has finished third in two of her four lifetime starts at Canterbury and Remington Park.

The pair of Quarter Horse Stakes were part of the Festival of Champions, a day of stakes races celebrating the best Minnesota-bred Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds at Canterbury. The day also marked the end of the Quarter Horse meet in Shakopee and finalized jockey and trainer titles. Jockey Oscar Delgado won the fourth riding title of his career and his first at Canterbury. Jason Olmstead repeated as leading trainer of the meet. When asked about his success at the track, he chalked it up to "Good luck and great horses. But I couldn't do any of it without my wife [Amber Blair]. She's my right-hand man."

Eos Marie Leveau, Eos Bea Mine, This Trains Rockin, Streak N Sparks, Chicks an Cash, Jamalie and Its Big Pappa to You completed the field.

Minnesota Quarter Horse Futurity, August 20, 2017, 350 yards for two-year olds which are registered Minnesota bred, purse \$51,000

Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Owner	Time	SI
Dickey Bob	Jason Olmstead	B. Velazquez	Lunderborg LLC	18.032	91
Itinkican itinkican	Jason Olmstead	D. Velazquez	Summer Run, Inc.	18.157	88
Polar Xpress	Jason Olmstead	Patrick Canchari	Summer Run, Inc.	18.303	84
Eos Marie Leveau	Edward Hardy	O. Delgado	Corey Wilmes	18.383	81
Eos Bea Mine	Edward Hardy	N. Goodwin	Corey Wilmes	18.43	80
This Trains Rockin	Frank Mckinley	L. Delorme	Eugene P. and Rita A. Boehlke	18.501	78
Streak N Sparks	Dale Haglund	W. Arroyo	Dale R. Haglund	18.737	71
Chicks an Cash	Casey Black	I. Suarez Ricardo	Casey Black	18.765	71
Jamalie	Edward Hardy	Q. Hamilton	Rodney Von Ohlen	18.798	70
Its Big Pappa To You	Mark Wilson	F. Johnson	Twin Lakes Transportation	18.975	65

August Jockey of the Month: Brayán Velázquez

Canterbury's Quarter Horse Jockey of the Month for August, 2017, was Brayán Velázquez. Brayán was the second leading rider of the entire 2017 Canterbury Quarter Horse meet, with 15 victories and over \$200,000 in earnings. Among his highlights of the summer are his win in the \$33,750 Merial Canterbury Park Distaff Challenge with Jr Rock Star in July and the \$29,200 Bob Morehouse Stakes with Vodka at Moonlight in June.

August Trainer of the Month: Vic Hanson

Vic Hanson was honored as Canterbury's Quarter Horse Trainer of the Month for August, 2017. Vic finished the Canterbury Quarter Horse meet in the top five by wins and earnings. Highlights from his August starts include a second-place finish in the \$52,600 NCQHRA Futurity with Marfilmio, who also won his trial in July for the final on August 6.

Canterbury Park 2017 Champions

Canterbury Park wrapped up the final day with announcements for the meet leaders and champions from the 2017 meet. Horse of the Year honors went to thoroughbred Amy's Challenge, whose debut win earned the filly a Beyer figure of 91, the highest for any 2-year-old to date in 2017. On closing day, Amy's Challenge and leading rider Jareth Loveberry returned to win the \$75,000 Shakopee Juvenile, and bester her own Beyer, earning a 92.

Finishing a game second to Amy's Challenge was Mr. Jagermeister, a talented 2-year-old colt who posted an impressive debut Beyer of his own in his debut and earned a 90 on closing day. The only other horse to defeat Mr Jagermeister is The Tabulator, who went on to win the Iroquois Stakes (G3) at Churchill Downs, the first race on the Road to the Kentucky Derby and a Win and You're In Breeders' Cup race.

Here are the 2017 Canterbury Park Meet Champions:

Horse of the year: Amy's Challenge

Grass horse: Some Say So

Quarter horse of the year: The Fiscal Cliff

Claimer: Monday Confession

3-year-old colt/gelding: Hot Shot Kid

Thoroughbred trainer: Mac Robertson

3-year-old filly: Double Bee Sting

Thoroughbred jockey: Jareth Loveberry

2-year-old: Amy's Challenge

Thoroughbred owner: Novogratz Racing Stables

Older horse: Hay Dakota

Quarter horse trainer: Jason Olmstead

Older filly/mare: Honey's Sox Appeal

Quarter horse jockey: Oscar Delgado

Sprinter: Honey's Sox Appeal

Quarter horse owner: Thomas Scheckel and Dean Frey (tie)

2017—A Year in Review

Race Name	Date	Distance (Yards)	Age (Yrs.)	Total Purse	Winners' Share	Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Owner	Time	SI
Gopher State Derby	Saturday, June 10, 2017	400	3	\$ 32,750	\$ 16,37	La Mos Pyc	Lori Harris	S. Smith	Thomas J. Scheckel	20.57	84
Skip Zimmerman Stakes	Sunday, June 18, 2017	350	3+	\$ 24,000	\$ 12,000	The Fiscal Cliff	Kasey Willis	B. Baca	Thomas D. Lepic	17.76	99
Bob Morehouse Stakes	Sunday, June 25, 2017	400	3+	\$ 29,200	\$ 14,600	Vodka At Moonlight	Jason Olmstead	B. Valazquez	Summer Run Inc. (Paul Luedemann)	20.31	91
Mystic Lake Juvenile	Sunday, July 2, 2017	350	2	\$ 18,000	\$10,800	Eagle Deluxe	Jason Olmstead	B. Velazquez	Tom Maher, Bill Maher and Movin On	18.05	91
Mystic Lake Northlands' Futurity	Sunday, July 2, 2017	350	2	\$ 167,600	\$ 83,800	A Jordon Reed	E. Hardy	O. Delgado	Kendrix, Brothers	17.85	97
Minnesota Stallion Breeders' Quarter Horse Futurity	Sunday, July 2, 2017	350	2	\$ 45,765	\$ 20,696	BS Special	Casey Black	D. Pinon	Duane Murphy	17.91	95
Bank of// America Canterbury Park Challenge Championship	Tuesday, July 4, 2017	440	3+	\$ 60,840	\$ 29,203	The Fiscal Cliff	Kasey Willis	B. Baca	Thomas D. Lepic	21.73	108
Merial Canterbury Park Distaff Challenge	Tuesday, July 4, 2017	400	3+	\$ 33,750	\$ 15,525	Jr Rock Star	Jason Olmstead	B. Valazquez	Don Webb	20.25	93
Dash In A Flash Stakes	Saturday, July 15, 2017	110	3+	\$ 17,700	\$ 8,850	Lota James	R. Hybsha	N. Goodwin	Whiting Ranch	6.987	98
Canterbury Park Quarter Horse Derby	Sunday, July 16, 2017	400	3	\$ 81,125	\$ 40,563	Kowboy Jim	Dean Frey	N. Goodwin	Dean R. Frey	19.79	105
Cash Carvan Stakes	Saturday, July 29, 2017	440	3+	\$ 41,000	\$ 20,500	Blacks Cartel	Casey Black	I. Suarez Ricardo	Tracy Black	22.11	98
North Central Quarter Horse Racing Association Furturity	Sunday, August 6, 2017	350	2	\$ 52,600	\$ 26,300	Eagle Deluxe	Jason Olmstead	B. Packer	Tom Maher, Bill Maher and Movin On	17.85	97
Minnesota Quarter Horse Derby	Sunday, September 20, 2017	350	3	\$ 50,300	\$ 25,150	Pyc Just Bite My Dust	Jason Olmstead	B. Velazquez	Lunderborg LLC	20.06	97
Minnesota Quarter Horse Futurity	Sunday, September 20, 2017	350	2	\$ 51,000	\$ 25,500	Dickey Bob	Jason Olmstead	B. Velazquez	Lunderborg LLC	18.03	91

2017 Canterbury Equine Champions

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Horse of the Year: Amy's Challenge

Quarter Horse of the Meet: The Fiscal Cliff

2017 Calendar of Events

Date	Day	Description
October 11-14, 2017	Wed. - Sat	Challenge Championships and AQHA Racing meetings
November 3 & 4, 2017	Fri. - Sat.	Heritage Place Fall Mixed Sales
January 18-20, 2018	Thurs. – Sat.	Heritage Place Winter Sale
January, 31, 2018	Wednesday	Registration Deadline for MN Bred Mares and Stallions

Communication Team

The MQHRA Communication Team is working diligently to provide members with regular updates regarding issues and events concerning the Minnesota Quarter Horse racing industry via its newsletter, website (www.mqhra.com) and Facebook page (Minnesota Quarter Horse Racing Association). While the information contained within these communication tools is believed to be accurate, we will not be responsible for errors. If we are notified about an error in writing, we will gladly publish a correction. All PAID members will receive the MQHRA Newsletter.

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