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Another Successful Racing Meet Wraps up at Canterbury Park

It's fall, which means we have wrapped up another live racing meet at Canterbury and both the MQHRA Board of Directors and staff at Canterbury Park are deep in planning mode for 2019.

Thank you to everyone who participated as trainers, owners, breeders, jockeys, staff and fans of our Minnesota Quarter Horses! On behalf of the MQHRA, I extend an additional thank you to Randy Sampson and the entire Canterbury Park team for providing us with such a fun and supportive racing home every summer.

There were 103 Quarter Horse races held at Canterbury in 2018, and 18% of those races were restricted to Minnesota-breds, up from 16% in 2017.

Even though we had two fewer races in 2018 from the previous year (trials), total handle on our Quarter Horse races was up 1%. On average, fans at Canterbury and across the country wagered nearly \$31,000 on each of our races.

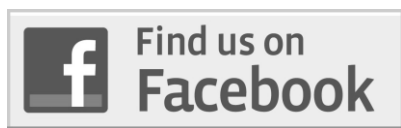
We had a record 16 stakes worth over \$650,000 in purse money, including the inaugural North Star State Stakes for older MN-breds and the return of the Mean Competitor Stakes for 870-yard specialists.

The two most exciting storylines of the meet also involved Minnesota-breds, as 3-year-old Dickey Bob faced his full brother and 2016 Canterbury Park Quarter Horse of the Meet Pyc Jess Bite Mydust in the Cash Caravan and Bob Morehouse Stakes, winning both.

And best of all, we witnessed a Minnesota-bred, Jess Doin Time, with the Northlands Futurity for just the fourth time in the race's history. The open futurity is the largest race of the Quarter Horse meet and is the second overall largest race in Canterbury's stakes schedule for either breed, so a special congratulations is in order for Tom and Jan Pouliot and their talented filly.

2019 already has a lot to live up to! See you at the track for racing in just six short months!

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Fantastic Feelyn and Canterbury Hall of Fame Connections win Minnesota Futurity

A day after his 2018 induction into the Canterbury Park Hall of Fame, owner and breeder Rodney Von Ohlen was in the winner's circle again, this time to celebrate the win of his Fantastic Feelyn in the \$55,900 Minnesota Quarter Horse Futurity.

It was a Von Ohlen exacta in the second of two Minnesota-bred stakes races on Festival of Champions Day at Canterbury Park on Sunday afternoon. Von Ohlen also bred the runner-up and morning line favorite, Ali Returns.

Fantastic Feelyn (\$19.00) was the higher price of the two Von Ohlen horses. Jockey Nik Goodwin had the call for trainer Ed Hardy, and the pair covered the 350-yard distance in 18.729 to earn a 72 speed index.

Fantastic Feelyn is a 2-year-old daughter of Fantastic Corona Jr and is out of Fly Eyeann, by Fly Jess Fly. Fly Eyeann also won the Minnesota Quarter Horse Futurity in 2012.

Ed Hardy trains for the Von Ohlens and conditioned both Fantastic Feelyn and Ali Returns. It was the 11th win in the Minnesota Futurity for Hardy, who is also in the Canterbury Park Hall of Fame and introduced Von Ohlen in Saturday night's induction ceremony.

Of the winning gelding, Hardy remarked that he "liked this horse most, but had some issues early and we had to go slow with him." The gelding had only raced once prior to Sunday's win, finishing second in hand to Holy Storm, who returned to run alongside Fantastic Feelyn in the Futurity.

Ali Returns had public support after breaking her maiden in her third and most recent start and defeating several horses who returned to run in the Futurity. The High Rate of Return filly is out of the Shazoom mare Alikazam.

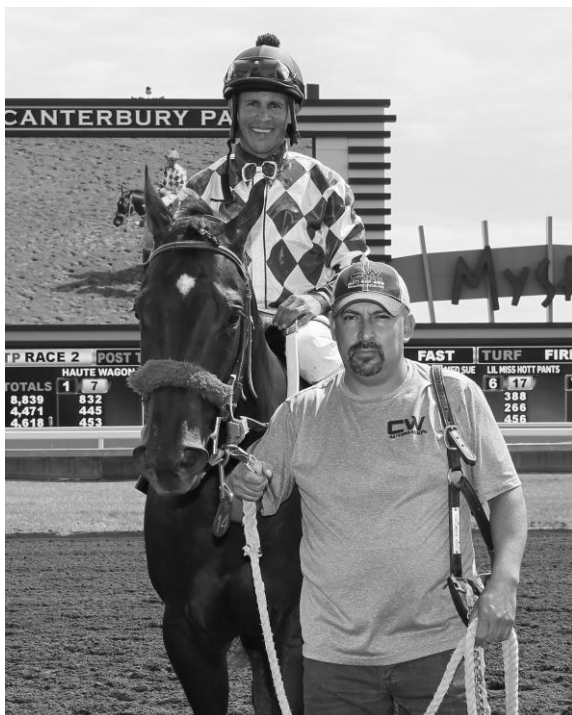


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The connections had to sweat out the win, however. The unofficial first place finisher, Fly With a Buzz, was eventually disqualified and placed fourth for interference with Runnoft, who was moved up to third.

Runnoft, from the Lexon Backhaus barn, is owned by Briannah McDaniel. The 2-year-old gelding was bred by Dennis Dallman, by Bp Phoenix Reign and out of Max Seen, by The Grinder.

Completing the field were Fly With a Buzz, Haute Wagon, Lil Miss Hott Pants, Holy Storm and Trs Boy Named Sue.

Minnesota Futurity, Sunday, Sept 2, 2018, 350 Yards for Two Years Old-MN Breeds

Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Owner	Time	SI
DQ-Fly With A Buzz	Frank McKinley	J. Samuels	Euguen P. and Rita A. Boehlke	18.729	72
Fantastic Feelyn	Edward Hardy	N. Goodwin	Rodney Von Ohlen	18.904	67
Ali Retudnz	Edward Hardy	R. Eikleberry	Rodney Von Ohlen	18.927	66
Runnoft	Lexon Backhaus	W. Arroyo	Brianna McDaniel	18.698	65
Haute Wagon	Victor Hanson	M. Swiontek	Shelly Berkner	19.038	63
Lil Miss Hott Pants	Randall Weidner	C. Johnstone	Tyler Stein	19.056	62
Holy Storm	Patrick Swan	B. Velazquez	Daniel Kjorsvik	19.067	62
Trss Boy Named Sue	Jerry Livingston	P. Canchari	Terry Reed	19.140	60

Fly with A Buzz was disqualified for interference, placing her fourth.

Purse \$ \$ 55,900.00

Winner \$ \$ 27,950.00



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Dickey Bob Stuns in the Minnesota Quarter Horse Derby

No one was surprised to see Dickey Bob cross the wire first in the \$55,200 Minnesota Quarter Horse Derby, but that did not make the win any less impressive. The 3-year-old gelding and jockey Denny Velazquez had the race won as soon as the gate opened and poured it on for the rest of the race to win by two and a half lengths, in hand.

Dickey Bob (\$2.40) covered the 400-yard race in 20.307 and earned a 92 speed index.

For the last two starts, Dickey Bob has competed in Minnesota-restricted stakes open to 3-year-olds and up, which means that he has had to face his own full brother, 4-year-old Pyc Jess Bite Mydust. Dickey Bob has bested his brother in both starts after Pyc Jess Bite Mydust battled difficult breaks and still hit the board. 2016 Canterbury Park Quarter Horse of the Year Pyc Jess Bite Mydust was the 2017 winner of the Minnesota Derby, winning the race the same day that Dickey Bob won the 2017 Minnesota Futurity.

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Minnesota Racing Commissioner Chairman Ralph Strangis Passes Away



Strangis, Ralph esteemed attorney, passed away peacefully in the arms of "the love of his life" Grace at their home on August 15, 2018. Ralph will be greatly missed by Grace and his children, Ralph Jr., Paul (Suzie), Jason, and Anthea; his stepchildren, Sara Grace and Nathan (Jessica) Newhall; grandchildren Savannah, Kristine, Sabrina, Sandy, Angel and Sal; his sister, Rita Carlson and numerous extended family which includes his law firm partners and staff; assistant, Macae (and former assistant Marcia); and his loving, loyal clients and friends.

Ralph was a lifelong resident of Northeast Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was born on June 22, 1936 to Italian-Americans Salvatore (Sam) and Dorothy Strangis. As a young man, Ralph learned the value of hard work by putting in long hours at his extended family's Vescio's Restaurant. He attended the University of Minnesota where he received his B.S.L. degree in 1958 and his Juris Doctor degree in 1960 (magna cum laude; order of the coif).

In 1978, Ralph and his longtime friend and colleague, Sam Kaplan, formed the boutique law firm of Kaplan, Strangis and Kaplan, P.A., where Ralph devoted himself to enthusiastically serving clients until the time of his death. Greatly loved and admired by his clients and friends, Ralph was known as a master negotiator, advisor and deal-maker always ensuring a deal was fair on all sides. He was the legal architect for the building of Target Field in Minneapolis and, more recently, the new soccer stadium, Allianz Field, in St. Paul. Ralph proudly served as Chairman of the Minnesota Racing Commission and on the boards of numerous corporations and civic organizations, including TCF Financial Corporation (TCF Bank), United Airlines, Flying Tiger International, National Presto, Inc., Allianz Life Insurance Company, Sit Investment Associates, RTP Company and OptumHealth Bank. Ralph was a person of deep faith and lived to serve others. At the time of his passing, he was serving as a Trustee of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, and had previously served as a Trustee of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and as a Trustee of Catholic Eldercare.

Ralph was an inspiration to all who knew him. He was brilliant, clever and tough, which made him a force to be reckoned with. While Ralph was a fierce advocate for his clients, he enjoyed life, family members and many, many loving friends. Ralph was always there to brighten the lives of others. He will be missed but never, ever forgotten. We are all measured by those who respect us, those who trust us, those who rely on us, those for whom we have done good things those who love us. By these measures, Ralph's time on earth was well spent.

The outpouring of love and kindness that he has received is beyond measure. A special thanks to Sister Claren Sellner (Grace's sister) and all the Sisters at Assisi Heights in Rochester, his caregivers, and the support of numerous priests and the St. John Vianney seminarians. The funeral Mass for Ralph will start at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2018, at Holy Cross Church, 1621 University Avenue NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. Attendees are invited to a luncheon following the service on the Third Floor of the Minneapolis Club, 729 2nd Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55402. There will be visitation on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1 Lourdes Place, Minneapolis, MN 55414. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Ralph's name to Pathways to Children Foundation, 100 2nd Street SE, Unit 1201, Mpls, MN 55414 pathwaystochildren.org Washburn-McReavy.com 763-789-4436 (Obituary from Washburn-McReavey)



John E. “Jack” Age 86, of Somerset, WI, passed away peacefully September 27, 2018. Preceded in death by parents, Earl and Hildegard; sister and brother-in-law, Darlene and Ray O’Shaughnessy; brother-in-law, Robert “Bud” Grady and son-in-law, Steve Pasell. Survived by daughters, Laura (Rob) Rydberg, Julie Pasell, Jackie (Jeff) Brenizer, and Kathie (Tim) Struemke; grandchildren, Zane and Grace VonHoltum, Nolan (Karlie), Shelby and Marcus Pasell, Alicia (Leo) Vedder, AJ (Grace) Walsh-Brenizer and Beau Brenizer, Kaitlyn, Jackson, Allison, and Shealyn Struemke; great-grandchildren, Kenzie, Kaylie and Kyler Pasell, Kai Nevaeh and Ana Vedder; siblings Donna Grady, Mike (Jane) Walsh, Tom (Jeanette) Walsh, Maureen (Mike) Hessler and Greg (Sue Carlson) Walsh; many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Jack was born April 27, 1932 in St. Paul, Minnesota to Earl and Hildegard. He grew up on the East Side of St. Paul, attended Sacred Heart Grade School and graduated from Cretin High School in 1950. He went on active duty in the Air Force in 1951, and he was released within the year on dependency discharge after the death of his father. He returned home to assist his mother in caring for his six younger siblings. In 1954 he reenlisted in the Air Force and completed service in 1956. He graduated from St. Thomas College in 1959, then from William Mitchell College of Law in 1964. Jack’s ambition was evident at a young age. He started working in 6th grade with a morning paper route. Shortly after, he began setting pins at the bowling alley, working double alley, double shift. He started at 3M as a sophomore in high school and continued until 1965. As an attorney, he was a Minnesota Public Defender for 28 years and in private practice in Stillwater for over 50 years.

In addition to his career, Jack had many other interests: St. Paul Club figure skater, golfer, A.A. member, equine law instructor at UW-River Falls, farmer and horseman. In the early years, he owned and cared for a herd that grew to over 80 quarter horses. With the opening of Canterbury Downs in 1985, he switched to thoroughbreds. He has contributed to the racing industry for over 30 years as an owner, breeder, and representative to the horsemen both individually and as a Board Member and President of the HBPA. For these contributions, he was inducted into the Canterbury Park Hall of Fame in 2018.

Jack loved and took great pride in his family. He and Gail raised their four girls in the home they built in Somerset. “Grandpa Jack” was a boisterous fan, rarely missing his grandchildren's sporting events or activities. He will be remembered as a sharp-witted, charming straight shooter: a friend to most everyone he encountered. He will be greatly missed by his family and huge network of friends.

Mass of Christian Burial Thursday, October 4, 2018, 11:00 A.M. at ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 141 Church Hill Road, Somerset, WI. Interment St. Anne Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 4:00-8:00 P.M. at BRADSHAW CELEBRATION OF LIFE CENTER, 2800 Curve Crest Boulevard, Stillwater. Memorials are preferred to donor’s choice. (Obituary from Bradshaw Celebration of Life Center)

Minnesota Derby, Sunday, Sept 2, 2018, 400 Yards for Three Years Old-MN Breds

Horse	Trainer	Jockey	Owner	Time	SI
Dickey Bob	Jason Olmstead	D. Velazquez	Lunderborg LLC	20.307	92
Ithinkican Ithinkican	Jason Olmstead	M. Swiontek	Summer Run Inc.	20.739	81
Eos Marie Leveau	Edward Hardy	R. Eikleberry	Corey Wilmes	20.744	81
Polar Xpress	Jason Olmstead	Q. Hamilton	Summer Run Inc.	20.767	80
Streak N Sparks	Dale Haglund	N. Goodwin	Dale R. Haglund	20.773	80
This Trains Rockin	Frank McKinley	J. Samuels	Anne G. McKinley	20.937	76
Calamady Jane	Jerry Livingston	P. Canchari	Terry Reed	21.125	71

Purse \$ \$ 55,200.00

Winner \$ \$ 27,600.00

(Minnesota Derby report continued from page 4)



Dickey Bob is owned and bred by Bruce and Judy Lunderborg, who also bred and own Pyc Jess Bite Mydust and have another full sibling, a yearling, preparing to debut next year.

Four-time leading Canterbury trainer Jason Olmstead trains the gelding.

The tight photo for second place separated second-place runner Itinkican Itinkican and third-place finisher Eos Marie Leveau.

Itinkican Itinkican is also trained by Jason Olmstead and was ridden by Marcus

Swiontek for Paul and Maren Luedemann's Summer Run, Inc. They also bred the 3-year-old filly, who is sired by Freighttrain B and is out of the Oak Tree Special mare Moonlight Masquerade.

It was a familiar view for Itinkican Itinkican; she finished second in last year's Minnesota Quarter Horse Futurity, also behind Dickey Bob. She has finished in the money in half of her 13 lifetime starts and has two career wins.

Eos Marie Leveau was edged out to gain third for trainer Ed Hardy and leading Thoroughbred jockey of the 2018 Canterbury Park meet, Ry Eikleberry. Corey Wilmes owns and bred the High Rate of Return filly, who is out of the Chicks Beduino mare A Dream Chick.

Eos Marie Leveau was fourth in the Minnesota Futurity has posted several second-place finishes in older horse allowance races in 2018.

Completing the field were Polar Xpress, Streak N Sparks, This Trains Rockin and Calamady Jane. (Additional photos MN Derby on page 5)



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Heritage Place Sale Update

MQHRA was on-site at the Heritage Place Yearling Sale in September! The sale is a great opportunity to stop by the MQHRA booth for forms, questions and giveaway items. Be certain to stop by and visit during the mixed sale in January!

The Heritage Place Yearling Sale is the largest Quarter Horse yearling sale in the country, and its performance reflects the strength of the economy as well as demand for race-bred Quarter Horses.

This year, nearly 800 horses were entered in the HP Yearling Sale, 90% of which sold. Total sales for the three days were up 13% from 2017. Better yet, the average sale price increased 24% year over year. Congratulations to all who bought or sold yearlings during this sale, and we hope this is an encouraging sign of things to come in the 2019 racing season

2018 Calendar of Events

Date	Day	Description
11/2-11/3	Friday-Saturday	Heritage Place Fall Mixed Sale
11/14-11/17	Wednesday-Saturday	2018 AQHA Challenge Championships Lost Alamitos
1/17/2018-1/19/208	Thursday-Saturday	Heritage Place Winter Mixed Sale

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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Minnesota Racing Commission Reminder

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