

CANTERBURY PARK - September 5, 2026 - Race 7

STAKES Northern Lights Futurity - Thoroughbred
FOR COLTS AND GELDINGS, TWO YEARS OLD WHICH ARE REGISTERED MINNESOTA BRED. \$250 to nominate by Wednesday, April 1. Late nomination fee: \$750 by Monday, June 1. \$500 to enter, \$500 additional to start. Supplemental nominations of \$3,000 will be accepted at time of entry which shall include all fees. \$80,000 Guaranteed (Includes \$10,000 from the Minnesota Breeders' Fund) of which \$48,000 to the owner of the winner. All other purse monies paid corresponding with purse schedule in the Condition Book. Weight:120 lbs. Maidens allowed 5 lbs. Starters to be named through the entry box by the usual time of closing. The Northern Lights Futurity will be limited to fourteen (14) starters. High weights on the scale will be preferred (winners preferred). Total earnings will be used in determining the order of preference of horses assigned equal weights. Canterbury Park reserves the right to refuse any nomination or entry into this race. Failure to draw into the race will result in a refund of the entry fee. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. The final purse will be reduced by the cost of any Out of Competition testing required by the Minnesota Racing Commission as a condition of competing in this race. Nominations closed Wednesday, April 1 with 19. (S)

Distance: Six Furlongs On The Dirt Current Track Record: (Onlynuri imagination - 1:08.04 - July 16, 2005)

Purse: \$80,000 Guaranteed

Includes: \$10,000 MBF - Minnesota Breeders Fund

Available Money: \$80,000

Value of Race: \$80,000 1st \$48,000, 2nd \$15,300, 3rd \$8,100, 4th \$4,100, 5th \$1,700, 6th \$700, 7th \$700, 8th \$700, 9th \$700

Weather: Clear, 86° Track: Fast

Off at: 8:27 Start: Good for all Timing Method: Electronic

Video Race Replay

GPS Race Chart

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
5Aug26 ⁷ IND ¹	1	Merit Badge (Americano, Manuel)	120	-	1	4	2 ^{1/2}	1 ²	1 ⁷	1 ^{14 1/2}	0.50*	ins bid 1/2, driving
29Aug26 ³ CBY ¹	7	Blazin Spirit (Riquelme, Jose)	120	b	7	3	4 ^{1/2}	4 ⁵	3 ^{Head}	2 ^{3/4}	60.70	4w bid trn,ins upr,drv
16Aug26 ⁶ CBY ¹	9	Strike One More (Gallardo, Eduardo)	120	-	9	1	3 ⁵	2 ⁴	2 ^{1/2}	3 ¹	20.30	3p turn,mildly btw str
2Aug26 ¹ CBY ¹	4	Twin City Boy (Fuentes, Luis)	120	-	4	8	5 ^{Head}	3 ^{Head}	4 ⁵	4 ^{2 3/4}	2.90	took up,5w bid,green
16Aug26 ⁶ CBY ²	2	Jackfire (Parris, Sachin)	115	b	2	6	8 ⁵	6 ^{Head}	6 ^{1/2}	5 ^{1 1/2}	79.10	took up3/8,5p uppr
16Aug26 ⁶ CBY ³	8	Fun Lovin Guy (Harr, Kelsi)	119	-	8	5	7 ^{Head}	7 ²	5 ²	6 ^{2 1/4}	48.20	bumped early, 3w trn
21Aug26 ⁷ PRM ²	3	Mighty Samurai (Roman, Constantino)	121	-	3	7	6 ^{Head}	5 ^{Head}	7 ⁵	7 ³	6.00	2w,came in 3/8,no kick
---	5	Rockin Powerhouse (Bridgmohan, Jermaine)	121	-	5	9	9	9	8 ¹⁵	8 ^{35 3/4}	25.30	3-4p trn,5p uppr,empty
11Jul26 ⁵ CBY ¹	6	Found the Secret (Hernandez, Julio)	120	-	6	2	1 ^{Head}	8 ^{1/2}	9	9	57.80	sent,headed 1/2,eased

Fractional Times: 22.15 45.07 57.74 Final Time: 1:11.30 Time from Gate: 1:12.83

Split Times: (22:92) (12:67) (13:56)

Run-Up: 50 feet

Winner: Merit Badge, Bay Gelding, by Mitole out of Badge of Honor, by Badge of Silver. Foaled May 03, 2024 in Minnesota.

 Winner's sire standing at Spendthrift

Breeder: Richard Bremer & Cheryl Sprick
Owner: Sprick, Cheryl and Bremer, Richard
Trainer: Meah, Anna

Total WPS Pool: \$96,496

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
1	Merit Badge	3.00	2.40	2.20	\$1.00 Exacta	1-7	28.10	43,075
7	Blazin Spirit		16.00	9.80	\$0.50 Trifecta	1-7-9	149.90	31,718
9	Strike One More			5.80	\$1.00 Pick 3	6-1/2/5-1 (3 correct)	9.50	3,166
					\$2.00 Daily Double	5-1	5.00	3,280
					\$0.10 Superfecta	1-7-9-4	91.50	16,296

Past Performance Running Line Preview

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
1	Merit Badge	4	2 ^{Head}	1 ²	1 ⁷	1 ^{14 1/2}
7	Blazin Spirit	3	4 ^{5 1/2}	4 ⁶	3 ^{7 1/2}	2 ^{14 1/2}
9	Strike One More	1	3 ^{1/2}	2 ²	2 ⁷	3 ^{15 1/4}
4	Twin City Boy	8	5 ⁶	3 ⁶	4 ^{7 1/2}	4 ^{16 1/4}
2	Jackfire	6	8 ^{6 1/2}	6 ^{11 1/4}	6 ^{14 1/2}	5 ¹⁹
8	Fun Lovin Guy	5	7 ^{6 1/4}	7 ^{11 1/4}	5 ^{12 1/2}	6 ^{20 1/2}
3	Mighty Samurai	7	6 ^{6 1/4}	5 ¹¹	7 ¹⁵	7 ^{22 3/4}
5	Rockin Powerhouse	9	9 ^{11 1/2}	9 ^{13 3/4}	8 ²⁰	8 ^{25 3/4}
6	Found the Secret	2	1 ^{Head}	8 ^{13 1/4}	9 ³⁵	9 ^{61 1/2}

Trainers: 1 - Meah, Anna; 7 - Escobar, Martin; 9 - Berndt, Joel; 4 - Espinoza, Edgar; 2 - Woolley, Jr., Bennie; 8 - Rengstorf, Tony; 3 - Padilla, Tim; 5 - Biehler, Michael; 6 - Espinoza, Edgar

Owners: 1 - Sprick, Cheryl and Bremer, Richard; 7 -Wayne D. Scanlan; 9 - Suzanne Stables; 4 - Henson, Eric and Whisenant, Todd; 2 - Wind N Wood Farm, Ltd. (David and LeAnn Dayon); 8 -Chad Kuehn; 3 -Peter D. Mattson; 5 - Metzen, Tamara, Metzen, Nick and Sainio, James; 6 - Secret Racing, LLC;

Footnotes | View Glossary Of Terms

MERIT BADGE tracked the pace inside of STRIKE ONE MORE early, advanced inside of FOUND THE SECRET to take the lead near the half, was clear from the seven sixteenths while racing in the two path around the bend, and drew away while kept to the task. BLAZIN SPIRIT broke outward and bumped FUN LOVIN GUY in the opening strides, chased well behind the leading trio down the backstretch, was pushed along for a four-wide bid inside of TWIN CITY BOY near the three eighths, dropped inside after passing other foes and saved ground into the lane, chased inside foes in the lane under a drive, never threatened the winner but kept on with interest to prove best of the rest. STRIKE ONE MORE broke sharply and tracked the pace after FOUND THE SECRET sent to the front, raced three wide into the turn, was pushed along in the three path to stalk MERIT BADGE around the bend, proved no match for that foe, and chased on mildly under a drive between horses for the show. TWIN CITY BOY was reluctant to load, took up when in tight between horses just after the start, chased toward the rear early, was urged five wide for a bid near the three eighths outside of BLAZIN SPIRIT, improved position, swung into the lane in the five path, raced greenly under a drive, and chased on mildly. JACKFIRE settled toward the rear inside, took up inside MIGHTY SAMURAI

near the three eighths, saved ground around the bend, floated into the lane in the five path, and ran on mildly outside of tiring horses. FUN LOVIN GUY was bumped by BLAZIN SPIRIT in the opening strides, settled toward the rear three deep early, continued three wide around the turn while coming under urging, raced two wide into the lane and lacked the needed rally under a drive. MIGHTY SAMURAI settled toward the rear two wide early, came in on JACKFIRE near the three eighths, saved ground into the lane, and had no kick in the lane. ROCKIN POWERHOUSE broke inward, settled at the rear early, trailed in the three to four path on the turn, took mildly closer order past the three eighths when pushed, floated into the lane in the five path and came up empty. FOUND THE SECRET was hustled between horses to the lead, was headed from the inside at the half mile mark, capitulated, and was eased in the lane.