

ON THIS DATE (1987) – Two of the most popular horses to ever run in MN faced off for the only time on September 7th, 1987. WHO DOCTOR WHO bested HOIST HER FLAG by 3 lengths in the Labor Day Handicap. Hoist Her Flag opened up two at the top of the stretch but Who Doctor Who exploded in the lane to win. Both horses are in the Canterbury Hall of Fame.

CANTERBURY

Wednesday 9/8/21

BEST BET: 1 CLICKBAIT (10 TH)	RACE 2	PICK 4	\$168	RACE 6	PICK 5	\$360
LONGSHOT: 4 O'BABE (5 TH)	5,8 * 2,6,8,9			2,3,4,7,8,9 * 1,2,5,7		
LIKELY: 5 LOVE THE NEST (8 TH)	1,2,4,5,6,7,9 * 1,2,3,4,5,6			3,5 * 2,3,5,6,8 * 1,3,4		



1 - CANTERBURY PARK (4:10 CT) 75
MSW 35K, 1M TURF

5 SOTA KING	7-2	HERNANDEZ
6 FEEDING FRENZY	9-5	EIKLEBERRY
7 GABRIEL'S LEGEND	5-1	HARR
1 OPTION	10-1	ARROYO

PICK: 5 SOTA KING
Quite the pedigree for a Mn-bred. Sire won the 2015 Triple Crown. Female family includes the superstars Candy Ride and Tom's d'Etat. Third career start and first turf. Should be ready to fire a best effort. He is bred too well to spend any time in the maiden ranks.

VALUE: 7 GABRIEL'S LEGEND
Dam was a modest Mn-bred allowance mare in her 18 race career but did her best running on the grass. Lone turf start was in his second career start when 5th after a troubled trip. Been in the money in three races and they were the three that Harr was aboard.
A) 5,6 B) 7 C) 1,2,4,8

2 - CANTERBURY PARK (4:40 CT) 64
MDN CLM 40K, 5F DIRT

5 SUMMER FIREFLYS	9-5	GOODWIN
8 SHEZONESESTREET	5-2	EIKLEBERRY
2 MINKOTA JOY	8-1	CONNING
4 I CINC EYE LUV U	15-1	ARROYO

PICK: 5 SUMMER FIREFLYS
One of two in the race for Mac Robertson and this is the more likely of the two. She ran third both of 2 starts and both coming against MSW company. She takes the appropriate slight class drop for trainer who is proficient in maiden claiming with Mn-breds.

VALUE: 2 MINKOTA JOY
Ran poorly in last after two 4th place finishes start of his career. Doesn't face much in here outside of the top two. Trainer has had a good season. Think this one can beat a few for a minor placing. Would play solely underneath in the exotics in this event.
A) 5,8 B) C) 2,4

3 - CANTERBURY PARK (5:10 CT) 72
ALLOWANCE 36K, 1M TURF

2 BAYOU BENNY	9-5	EIKLEBERRY
9 LAST MARTINI	7-2	LOPEZ
8 BUBBA BOB	9-2	FUENTES
6 LORING PARK	5-1	HAMILTON

PICK: 2 BAYOU BENNY
Obviously talented Mn-bred 3YO. He won his debut by 12 lengths. He tried the very good stakes winner Thealligatorhunter twice and was not disgraced. He has the pedigree for turf. Sib Twoko Bay has won 72k on the grass. 2nd dam is a half to a 250k turf earner.

VALUE: 9 LAST MARTINI
Most of the better horses in the female family were best on turf (for example, Bold Hawk, who was 3rd in the 2007 G1 Hollywood Derby and '93 G1 QEII winner Tribulation). Had trouble in both turf starts. There is plenty of speed in here. Might be catching tired foes.
A) 2,9 B) 6,8 C) 4,5

4 - CANTERBURY PARK (5:40 CT) 46
ALLOWANCE 36K, 1M TURF

4 ROZEY CHEEKS	5-2	EIKLEBERRY
9 MIDNIGHT CURRENT	4-1	HAMILTON
7 THAT WOULD BE NICE	9-2	HERNANDEZ
6 FLASH FLOOD	10-1	BUTLER

PICK: 4 ROZEY CHEEKS
This is her third turf start. She ran about the same in both prior. She was beaten 4 two back. She was in the pace battle early and tired. Eikleberry got up in the last start and she was a game second at 6-1. 4th in there came back to run 3rd at 15-1 in opt clm next.

VALUE: 9 MIDNIGHT CURRENT
Hamilton gets back up as Eikleberry is staying with the top choice. Drew the rail in both of her last two starts for top connections. She was off slowly in last start and couldn't recover from it. Only other subpar run came on a sloppy track off the layoff back in May.
A) 4,9 B) 1,2,5,6,7 C) 3,8

5 - CANTERBURY PARK (6:10 CT) 57
NORTHERN LIGHTS DEBUTANTE 100K, 6F DIRT

4 O'BABE	8-1	HAMILTON
2 AMARETTO DI AMORE	8-1	FUENTES
6 START SINGING	7-2	WADE
5 HONEY BELLA	2-1	CHIRINOS

PICK: 4 O'BABE
Trainer Gary Scherer started one horse in a stakes in the debut. That was Talkin Malice in 2019 in the PRM Juvenile. He won the race at 10-1. This one has much faster works than that 2019 winner. Sire won the 2014 G1 Ark Derby and then 3rd in the Ky Derby.

VALUE: 2 AMARETTO DI AMORE
Second timer for Valorie Lund really ran 2 races in debut. She broke quickly and was up on the pace before getting in tight on the rail, shuffling back. She gathered and fired home for second. Full sib to the all-time Mn-bred money earner Mr. Jagermeister.
A) 2,4,6 B) 1,3,5 C) 7

6 - CANTERBURY PARK (6:40 CT) 60
PRINCESS ELAINE TURF DISTAFF 100K, 1M 1/16 TURF

8 FIRSTMATE	9-2	WADE
7 READY TO RUNAWAY	8-5	CHIRINOS
3 SCENT OF SUCCESS	4-1	HAMILTON
4 SHABAM	10-1	VALENZUELA

PICK: 8 FIRSTMATE
He's been facing high level company in the last few starts. He won 3 back by daylight at this level and it was with Eikleberry up. Off a bit slow in last but he was really picking up steam late. 4 of his 5 wins are at this track on the dirt. He drops to the correct level.

VALUE: 4 SHABAM
One of four in here for trainer Mac Robertson. She is coming in off a runner-up finish at 6-1 on the dirt to favored Ready to Runaway. She closed into a paceless race in a better-than-it-looked run. Mainly a turfer so the move to grass will help her chances.
A) 3,7,8 B) 2,4,9 C) 1,6

<p>7 - CANTERBURY PARK (7:10 CT) 80 BLAIRS COVE TURF 100K, 1M 1/16 TURF</p> <p>5 CINCO STAR 8-5 CHIRINOS 2 ZOE'S DELIGHT 5-1 FUENTES 1 EL TIZAR 4-1 BUTLER 7 DEVIL VISION 12-1 HARR</p> <p>PICK: 5 CINCO STAR 6YO is in career best form at the moment. He was very game in the nose loss in the Mystic Lake Mile 3 back. Third in there ran 2nd in 100k stakes at ELP two starts later. Has speed but has closed in quite a few starts in the past. Should get a good trip here.</p> <p>VALUE: 7 DEVIL VISION This 4YO gelding certainly showed he likes the turf. He's been first or second in the last four starts, all 4 were turf. There could be a fast pace and this one would benefit if the pace fell apart. Harr gave him a masterful ride in his last start and is back up today.</p> <p>A) 5 B) 1,2,3,4,7 C) 6,8</p>	<p>8 - CANTERBURY PARK (7:40 CT) 91 NORTHERN LIGHTS FUTURITY 100K, 6F DIRT</p> <p>5 LOVE THE NEST 7-5 EIKLEBERRY 3 DOCTOR OSCAR 4-1 LINDSAY 6 BENS MALICE 12-1 QUINONEZ 2 XAVEY DAVE 6-1 HAMILTON</p> <p>PICK: 5 LOVE THE NEST Word has obviously been out that this 105k purchase is a runner. Went off at 3-5 and 1-5 in the two starts so far. Major problems in the debut (slow start and bad check early). Absolutely blew the doors off the field in last. Dam won 150k. Eligible to be very good.</p> <p>VALUE: 3 DOCTOR OSCAR Beat the top choice in the debut at 6-1. He was the beneficiary of that runner getting a troubled trip in there. Drew a tough rail in the PRM Gold Juvenile in the last start. He checked badly on the turn but he kept trying beating 6 good runners. Not out of this.</p> <p>A) 3,5 B) 2,6 C) 1,4,7,8,9,10</p>	<p>9 - CANTERBURY PARK (8:10 CT) 74 MINNESOTA SPRINT 100K, 6F DIRT</p> <p>8 DROP OF GOLDEN SUN 4-1 EIKLEBERRY 6 FIREMAN OSCAR 8-1 HERNANDEZ 5 THEALLIGATORHUNTER 3-1 QUINONEZ 2 GOT EVEN SMARTER 15-1 CANCHARI</p> <p>PICK: 8 DROP OF GOLDEN SUN 6YO gelding has carved out a fantastic career with 8 wins (7 coming here in just 17 starts). He's a 2-time stakes winner and was second to Mr. Jagermeister in this race in 2019. Route speed puts him in a good striking spot early. Fighter will be tough as nails late.</p> <p>VALUE: 6 FIREMAN OSCAR 7YO has some serious wins around here including in this very race last year at 5-1. Absolutely loves an off-track but can win on a fast track, as well. Closer will have serious fractions to run into. Quinonez is off to Thealligatorhunter. An exotics adder for sure.</p> <p>A) 5,6,8 B) 2,3 C) 1,4,7</p>
<p>10 - CANTERBURY PARK (8:40 CT) 86 MINNESOTA DISTAFF SPRINT 100K, 6F DIRT</p> <p>1 CLICKBAIT 8-5 CHIRINOS 4 STAR OF THE NORTH 9-5 EIKLEBERRY 3 GRAND PRIZE 4-1 HERNANDEZ 2 DEFEND THE ROSE 5-1 WADE</p> <p>PICK: 1 CLICKBAIT Trainer Mac Robertson has 3 of the 5 here. Appears he'll send Defend the Rose to keep Star of the North honest. This one is going to fall into the perfect trip on the rail stalking the pace. In the exacta 9 of 11 in her career. Excuses in the two starts out of the top 2.</p> <p>VALUE: 3 GRAND PRIZE This appears to be the main closer in the race and the pace might be right up her alley. Was only two behind the top choice here last year. Rider was up for 3 of her career wins. Best chance to win this is if the pace takes its toll on the highly regarded foes.</p> <p>A) 1,4 B) 3 C) 2,5</p>	<p>11 - CANTERBURY PARK (9:10 CT) 66 MINNESOTA QUARTERHORSE FUTURITY 350Y QH</p> <p>4 RELENTLESS COURAGE 2-1 VALENZUELA 3 THE MINNESOTA MOON 5-1 NAVARRETE 10 RELENTLESS BABE 3-1 ESCOBEDO 11 CHLOES MAGIC 10-1 BIRZER</p> <p>PICK: 4 RELENTLESS COURAGE Leading trainer Jason Olmstead in play here. He has half the field here (5 horses). This one is on a 3-race winning streak and has beaten the main foes in the three wins. Overcame a dead rail to win in the mud 2 back. Perfect 5 post here. Just needs to break well.</p> <p>VALUE: 3 THE MINNESOTA MOON Another Olmstead runner was very green earlier in his races but seems to have righted things with a strong maiden win last out. Sib to 2-time Mn-bred stakes winner Beep Beep Zoom Zoom. He might be a bit overlooked today. Continues to move forward.</p> <p>A) 3,4,10 B) 11 C) 1,2,5,6,7,8,9</p>	<p>12 - CANTERBURY PARK (9:40 CT) 73 MINNESOTA QUARTERHORSE DERBY 400Y QH</p> <p>5 JESS ROCKET MAN 8-5 ESCOBEDO 10 CHANGE N GEARS 3-1 VALENZUELA 3 CORONA WHITE SOCKS 6-1 GOODWIN 8 WESTERN RESERVE 8-1 MARTINEZ</p> <p>PICK: 5 JESS ROCKET MAN Top QH trainer/rider here. This one beat a few here rather easily three back in the North Star Derby as a 2-5 favorite. Winner of last has won 8 of 13 races and took a trial at AJX easily next. 5th out of there won an allw next here. 4 wins and 2 seconds in 6 starts here.</p> <p>VALUE: 3 CORONA WHITE SOCKS Ran better than it looks in the last race. He was cut off for room and really lost all chance at 330 yards. Toss the muddy track run three back as it appears he didn't want that surface. Won a stakes here one year ago this very day. Goodwin was up for that win.</p> <p>A) 5 B) 1,3,8,9,10 C) 2,4,6,7</p>