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## ***Lack of horse entries forces cancellation of Friday live racing***

Live racing has been cancelled at Assiniboia Downs for Friday, May 29 due to a lack of entries.

“Although spring training conditions were at times challenging, we didn’t miss a significant number of training days,” Assiniboia Downs director of operations Darren Dunn said. “We provided access to our indoor, climate-controlled Equiciser as early as Feb. 14 to offer the maximum amount of training time. We simply have not had the support from our horsemen at the entry box. With more than 750 horses on the grounds, this is not the position we should be in at this point in the season.”

Racing will continue as scheduled both tonight (Wednesday, May 27) at 7 p.m. with eight races and Saturday, May 30, with eight races.

Lack of sufficient entries has been affecting other tracks in North America as well, notably Hollywood Park and Golden Gate in California. Both have been forced to cancel race days and both are now offering a shorter week of racing.

On Friday, all the usual promotions, including free poker, will continue with the Downs’ sister track, Canterbury Park in Minnesota, substituting for local races. Post time at Canterbury is 7 p.m., the same as it would be for live racing. Volume will be turned up, making racing from that track feel “almost live.”

The Texas Hold’em Poker Tournament will also continue as usual on Friday as will the Triple Q Challenge game with \$200 at stake. The “home” track for the game is Canterbury Park. The top three winners at poker win cash as well as entry into the September finale that will send someone to the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas.

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