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\$110,000 CANTERBURY ▸ BUSTER ROSE BY DENIS BLAKE

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THE \$110,000 CANTERBURY, named to honor the Minnesota track that hosted the first Claiming Crown in 1999, proved to be a popular addition to the Claiming Crown at Gulfstream Park. The race replaced last year's Iron Lady, which was for fillies and mares going 1 1/16 miles on the main track. This new race, at five furlongs on the turf for horses who had started for \$25,000 or less, attracted 41 nominations and a well-matched field of 14 starters. At the finish line, it was Michael Ball's homebred Buster Rose in front, as the Indiana-bred son of Pioneering came with an eight-wide move to prevail by a half-length at odds of 7-1.

Trained by Stephen Dunn and ridden by Jeremy Rose, the 6-year-old veteran had won all four of his turf sprints at Indiana Grand and proved he could take his show on the road in his first-ever start in Florida. He earned \$60,500 for the dash timed in :55.96, which put his lifetime earnings at \$364,168 with a record of 29-10-8-5. Buster Rose became eligible for the Canterbury with several starts at the \$10,000 claiming level last year.

"For whatever reason, God made him to be a five-eighths of a

mile on the grass horse," Dunn said. "He shows up every time, and he's a special horse in that he's 23 out of 29 in the money now, so that just tells you how good a horse he is. He has a great owner; he bred him, and he's had him since he was a baby. I'm just lucky enough to be a part of the team."

Favored Mr. Online, who had run in four consecutive graded stakes at Woodbine and Gulfstream Park with two second-place finishes, came with a wide move to get second for owner Tim E. O'Donohue Racing LLC, trainer Michael Pino and jockey Mario Pino.

Epona Racing Stable and CJC Racing's Thomas Hill, a shipper from Belmont Park, took third with Joe Bravo riding for conditioner Bruce Brown.

Mongolian Saturday, Determinato, Didn't Take It, Moonwalker, Amelia's Wild Ride, Mongol Bull, Elusive Blueboy, This Ain't No Bull, Take Time to Pray, Pirates Vow and Quality Lass completed the order of finish.

