## 2025 VBA - FORT PIERRE HORSE RACING REVIEW

The Verendrye Benevolent Association proudly hosted the 77th Anniversary of Fort Pierre Horse Racing at the Stanley County Fairgrounds in historic Fort Pierre, SD on October 4th and 5th, 2025. This exciting weekend of live Horse Racing action occurred in nearly perfect weather conditions, which allowed 3,000.00 attendees to enjoy and celebrate the 64 equine athletes and 14 jockeys that competed in our time honored event. Attendees wagered over \$81,000.00 on 64 competitors, which equates to \$1,265.00 on a per head basis. Along with these exceptional numbers, ninety (90) sponsors contributed a large amount of support and services through the purchase of advertising opportunities at 2025 VBA -FPHR. These strong numbers combined with the sale of apparel, delicious concession fare and a \$100,000.00 allocation from the SD Commission on Gaming allowed the VBA to distribute \$109,000.00 in purses, incentives and bonuses to all 64 competitors at our weekend racing event. The VBA is also extremely pleased to report that all of these exciting activities occurred safely with no injures to equine or humans. The VBA fully understands that FPHR is intended to be a showcase event for SD Horse Racing as it provides economic, cultural and entertainment benefits for our community and great state alike. The VBA continues to work cooperatively with the SD Horseman's Association in an attempt to find solutions and overcome challenges facing our industry while keeping the lights illuminated at our lone remaining in state race track. In closing, we would like to offer a very sincere "thank you" to all that support our event and industry in any manner whatsoever.

Sincerely,

Shane Kramme

VBA General Manager

VBA Vice President

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