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Emilio Flores Wins 2000th Career Race

Grantville, PA (Wednesday, April 17) – Jockey Emilio Flores captured career victory 2,000 when Nicetoseey'again won the ninth race on Wednesday, April 17 at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course.

Flores, 42, has ridden regularly at Penn National every year since 1994, finishing in the track's top 10 yearly win leaders 13 times. He won the Penn National riding title in 2006, with 129 victories, and is tied for seventh all-time at the track with 1,867 wins.

"It feels great to get 2,000 career wins," Flores said. "It's unbelievable, my dream come true. I was hoping to get number 2,000 here at Penn National, and I did it."

A native of Guanajuato, Mexico, Flores' first win came in dominant fashion on January 21, 1994 when he guided Hold a Review to a 10-length score in a maiden claiming race at Penn National.

The biggest victory of Flores' career also came at Penn National, when You Need Me registered a gutsy ¾-length triumph in the \$75,000 Russian Rhythm on August 3, 2012.

Flores' 2000th win came in his 15,739th career start, with in excess of \$21.7 million total purses earned by his mounts.

Nicetoseey'again, a 6-year-old gelding trained by John Connor, tracked the pacesetters in Wednesday's finale at Penn National, an \$11,000 claiming race going six furlongs on the dirt. Under confident handling by Flores, Nicetoseey'again made a strong move at the top of the stretch and got up in the final strides to score by a neck, paying \$19.20 for a \$2 win wager as the 8-1 fourth betting choice.

Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course is a Penn National Gaming property that offers guests the most exciting and unique entertainment experience in Central Pennsylvania. The venue features more than 2,463 slot machines, 53 banked gaming tables, and a 16-table Poker room. Live thoroughbred and simulcast horse racing is offered year-round. An array of dining options are available including the award-winning Final Cut Steakhouse, winner of three consecutive Wine Spectator Awards of Excellence; Mountainview Dining, a 500-seat restaurant overlooking the one-mile racetrack; SkyBox Sports Bar, and the popular 350-seat Epic Buffet.

Penn National Race Course, located minutes from Hershey and Harrisburg, PA., opened on August 30, 1972, and has presented top-class live thoroughbred racing for more than 40 years. The original track was taken down in 2006 and the new Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, a fully-integrated gaming and racing facility, opened on February 12, 2008.

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