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New Half-Million Dollar Penn Mile for 3yo Turfers Headlines 2013 Penn National Stakes Schedule

Grantville, PA (Tuesday, December 18, 2012) – The brand new \$500,000 Penn Mile for 3-year-olds on the turf, which will be run Saturday, June 1, represents the biggest purse ever offered at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course and highlights an open stakes program split among two big days.

“We are extremely excited to offer an opportunity for some of the best 3-year-olds to showcase their ability on our turf course in the inaugural Penn Mile,” said Dan Silver, director of racing operations at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course. “It is a good spot on the calendar to offer a premier turf mile race for 3-year-olds, and along with the Mountainview Handicap and Pennsylvania Governor’s Cup it will create a highly anticipated day of racing.”

The Penn Mile anchors a June 1 card that will also feature the \$250,000 Mountainview Handicap for 3-year-olds & up going 1 1/8 miles on the main track and the \$150,000 Pennsylvania Governor’s Cup for 3-year-olds & up going five furlongs on the turf.

2012 marked the first running of the Mountainview Handicap, which had a \$175,000 purse and was won by Grade 1 winner Toby’s Corner. The Pennsylvania Governor’s Cup has been run every year since 1973, the first full year of racing at Penn National.

The second running of the \$250,000 Fabulous Strike Handicap for 3-year-olds & up going six furlongs will be contested on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27. Run this year for a \$200,000 purse, the race attracted a number of top sprinters and was won by Ben’s Cat for legendary trainer King Leatherbury.

Also scheduled for the robust November 27 card will be the \$150,000 Swatara for 3-year-olds and up going 1 1/16 miles and the inaugural running of the \$150,000 Lady in Waiting for fillies and mares going six furlongs.

“This past Thanksgiving Eve we had a very strong card highlighted by the largest Pick 4 pool in the 40-year history of the track,” Silver said. “The inaugural Fabulous Strike was the second most wagered on race in Penn National history and we are looking forward to building on that success with an enhanced purse.”

The 2013 schedule for Penn National stakes races restricted to Pennsylvania-bred horses will be announced at a later date.

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 2,475 slot machines, 60 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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