



Please find attached the list of Penn National Gaming affiliated horses pre-entered for this year's Breeders' Cup

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Eighteen Horses with Penn National Gaming Ties Pre-Entered for Breeders' Cup

(Wyomissing, PA – October 24, 2013) - With the Penn Gaming Racing Challenge set to launch in 2014, a total of 18 horses with ties to Penn National Gaming tracks were among the 192 pre-entries for the upcoming Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships to be held on November 1 and 2 at Santa Anita. Included in those 18 are 16 horses having made at least one start at a Penn National Gaming track, a horse bred a few miles from Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races who is seeking to become the first West Virginia-bred to capture a Breeders' Cup race as well another contender readying at a Penn National Gaming facility.

Highlighting the list is Breeders' Cup Classic favorite **Game on Dude** who can sew up Horse of the Year honors with a victory in America's richest horse race. In 2013, Game on Dude has already won the country's richest race for older horses outside of the Breeders' Cup as Bob Baffert sent the six-year-old to West Virginia for the second time this past April where he took down the \$1 million first place check in the \$1,500,000 Charles Town Classic (G2). His victory came two years after his runner-up effort behind Duke of Mischief – a race where he finished ahead of fellow Eclipse Award nominees Acclamation and Tizway.

Another horse coming out of this year's Charles Town Classic, multiple Grade 1 winner **Ron the Greek**, will be one of those lining up in the gate to challenge Game on Dude. Trained by Hall of Fame conditioner Bill Mott, Ron the Greek made a big move late in the Charles Town Classic to close and finish third, just a half-length behind the winner. In his last start, the six-year-old notched the third Grade 1 win of his career with a dominating 6 3/4 length victory in the Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) at Belmont Park.

Game on Dude may not be the only horse with Penn Gaming ties going off as a favorite in southern California with **Princess of Sylmar** being supplemented to the Breeders' Cup Distaff after her victory over two time Eclipse Award winner Royal Delta in the Beldame (G1). The Pennsylvania bred Princess of Sylmar made her first two career starts at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse, which resulted in a fourth place effort and then her maiden breaking score on November 8 of last year. The Ed Stanco

homebred could become just the fourth Pennsylvania bred to win a Breeders' Cup race, joining Go For Wand, Tikkanen and Alphabet Soup.

Another possible favorite, defending Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint champ **Groupie Doll**, made her appearance back in 2011 when she was a fast closing second to Strike the Moon in the Charles Town Oaks. After winning last year's Filly & Mare Sprint and Eclipse Award, Groupie Doll didn't make her 2013 debut until the Gardenia (G3) at Ellis Park on August 10. After a victory in the Presque Isle Masters (G2) and third place finish on the Keeneland polytrack in the Thoroughbred Club of America (G2), Groupie Doll comes to Santa Anita in hopes of becoming just the ninth horse to win the same Breeders' Cup race in consecutive years.

In fact, the Filly & Mare Sprint is the race where Penn Gaming tracks have the most representation in the pre-entries with Groupie Doll being joined by 2013 Sugar Maple winner **Dance to Bristol**, 2012 Charles Town Oaks winner **Book Review** and **Summer Applause**, sixth in the inaugural \$400,000 Houston Ladies Classic earlier this year at Sam Houston after jockey Miguel Mena lost his irons midway down the backstretch.

While she's been stabled at Bowie, Dance to Bristol may have the strongest personal tie to any the tracks as her Charles Town based trainer, Ollie Figgins, III keeps a string of 35 horses in West Virginia. With a win at Santa Anita, the daughter of Speightown who made her career debut at Charles Town can likely claim divisional honors in the filly and mare sprint division as she'd cap a season that's already included 7 wins in 9 starts, with 3 of the 7 wins coming in graded stakes company. While a win over Book Review in the Ballerina (G1) at Saratoga is Dance to Bristol's biggest win of the year, her first stakes win of the year came in the \$200,000 Sugar Maple at Charles Town, the race immediately preceding the Charles Town Classic.

"Having two horses race at Charles Town within 45 minutes of each other and then both be one win away from an Eclipse Award in their division a little more than 6 months later speaks volumes about how far our program and the programs at Penn Gaming tracks have come," said Chris McErlan, Penn National Gaming's Vice President of Racing. "This gives us some great momentum for the new Penn Gaming Racing Challenge next year to help bind them together a little bit more."

The only of the pre-entered horses to compete at multiple Penn Gaming tracks is George & Lori Hall's **Pants on Fire**, who will contest the Dirt Mile. After finishing sixth in the 2012 Charles Town Classic, trainer Kelly Breen sent the 2011 Louisiana Derby (G2) winner to the \$250,000 Mountainview Handicap at Penn National on Penn Mile day, where he finished third behind Mountainview winner – and fellow Dirt Mile pre-entrant – **Easter Gift**.

Pants on Fire and Easter Gift weren't the only Breeders' Cup probables to appear on Penn National's inaugural Penn Mile card as 2013 Governor's Cup winner **Tightend Touchdown** was pre-entered for the Turf Sprint. The lineup of horses having competed at Penn National is rounded out by Breeders' Cup Marathon hopeful **Indian Jones**, third in the 2011 Swatara, and **Bright Thought** who looks to try his hand in the Breeders' Cup Mile. Bright Thought finished first under the wire in a January allowance race at Penn National before being disqualified and placed tenth. Following that January allowance spot, Bright Thought was switched to the turf and has not lost since, racking up 3 wins including his first graded stakes victory in the San Luis Rey (G2) over the same Santa Anita turf course he'll run over next weekend.

The list of horses having competed at Penn Gaming tracks is rounded out by **Sum of the Parts**, winner of the 2012 Red Legend at Charles Town who was pre-entered for the Sprint – a race he was fourth in last year – a pair of Breeders' Cup Marathon contenders in **Cease**, who took the Maxxam Gold Cup at Sam Houston last year and **Pool Play**, tenth in the John B. Connally (G3) over the Sam Houston turf course. The final Sam Houston horse in the pre-entries is 2013 Allen's Landing winner **Tour Guide** who looks to compete in the Turf Sprint.

While no pre-entered horses have run at Zia Park, they aren't without a connection either as J. Kirk and Judy Robison's **Wine Police** is currently finishing up final preparations for the Sprint at trainer Henry Dominguez's Zia base. Grade 1 placed as a two-year-old when in the Steve Asmussen barn, the five-year-old Wine Police was transferred to Dominguez after a layoff of nearly 20 months. In his last outing, Wine Police won the \$150,000 Remington Sprint Cup for his conditioner who has finished either first or second in wins at Zia's last 8 meets.

Despite not racing at any Penn Gaming track – or in North America for that matter - the best story of the lot may come in the form of West Virginia bred **Giovanni Boldini**, who aims to give trainer Aidan O'Brien his third win in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. Bred at Buck Woodson's Buckstud Farm near Charles Town, the son of War Front fetched West Virginia-bred record auction prices as both a weanling and yearling, commanding \$190,000 and \$675,000 respectively before being sent overseas to the O'Brien barn. Woodson himself bred and trained Onion Juice, the winner of the first every West Virginia Breeders' Classic back in 1987.

After breaking his maiden at first asking, Giovanni Boldini followed that up with a solid third in the Group 1 Goffs Vincent O'Brien National at The Curragh. His last outing resulted in an easy victory in a listed stakes at Dundalk before being shipped across the pond. A victory by Giovanni Boldini would give West Virginia bred their first win in a Breeders' Cup race. The only West Virginia-bred Breeders' Cup starter to date has been Soul of the Matter, the fourth place finisher in both the 1994 and 1995 Classic.

The aforementioned Penn National Gaming Racing Challenge kicks off in 2014 and will link major stakes across Penn Gaming's thoroughbred tracks by offering bonuses and prizes to horsemen that participate. More than 20 stakes worth a combined \$5.5 million are expected to be included in the Penn Gaming Racing Challenge, which gets underway at Sam Houston on January 25 when the track plays host to the second Houston Racing Festival, highlighted by the \$400,000 Houston Ladies Classic.

Penn National Gaming, Inc. (PNGI), is the largest operator of racetracks in North America, with 11 pari-mutuel facilities in nine different states, including thoroughbred tracks Beulah Park, Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races, Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, Sam Houston Race Park, and Zia Park. PNGI's portfolio also includes four off-track wagering locations and eBet USA, a regional Advance Deposit Wagering service. In 2012, PNGI racing pari-mutuel properties conducted nearly 1,200 live racing dates and processed more than \$1 billion in on-track, import and export wagering. Penn National Gaming is also one of North America's leading gaming companies with 22 casinos. For more information, visit <http://www.pngaming.com/>



BREEDERS' CUP PRE-ENTERED HORSES COMPETING AT PENN NATIONAL GAMING TRACKS

Horse	Breeders' Cup Race	Tracks Competed At	Starts & Results at Penn National Gaming Tracks
Book Review	Filly & Mare Sprint	Charles Town	1st - 2012 Charles Town Oaks
Bright Thought	Mile	Penn National	10th (DQ'd from 1st) - 2013 allowance race
Cease	Marathon	Sam Houston	1st - 2012 Maxxam Gold Cup
Dance to Bristol	Filly & Mare Sprint	Charles Town	1st - 2013 Sugar Maple
Easter Gift	Dirt Mile	Penn National	1st - 2013 Mountainview Handicap
Game On Dude	Classic	Charles Town	1st - 2013 Charles Town Classic; 2nd - 2011 Charles Town Classic
Groupie Doll	Filly & Mare Sprint	Charles Town	2nd - 2011 Charles Town Oaks
Indian Jones	Marathon	Penn National	3rd - 2011 Swatara; 2nd, 3rd & 5th in 2011 allowance races
Pants on Fire	Dirt Mile	Charles Town; Penn National	5th - 2012 Charles Town Classic; 3rd - 2013 Mountainview Handicap
Pool Play	Marathon	Sam Houston	9th - 2010 John B. Connally Turf Cup
Princess of Sylmar	Distaff	Penn National	1st & 4th - 2012 Maiden Special Weights
Ron the Greek	Classic	Charles Town	3rd - 2013 Charles Town Classic
Sum of the Parts	Sprint	Charles Town	1st - 2012 Red Legend
Summer Applause	Filly & Mare Sprint	Sam Houston	6th - 2013 Houston Ladies Classic
Tightend Touchdown	Turf Sprint	Penn National	1st - 2013 Governor's Cup
Tour Guide	Turf Sprint	Sam Houston	1st - 2013 Allen's Landing

OTHER BREEDERS' CUP PRE-ENTERED HORSES WITH TIES TO PENN NATIONAL GAMING TRACKS

Horse	Breeders' Cup Race	Connection to Penn National Gaming Tracks
Giovanni Boldini	Juvenile Turf	Bred by Charles Town based horsemen Buck Woodson; holds record for highest priced West Virginia-bred weanling and yearling to sell at auction. Would become first WV-bred to win a Breeders' Cup race
Wine Police	Sprint	Trained by leading Zia Park conditioner Henry Dominguez, has been preparing for a start in the Sprint at Dominguez's Zia base