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## **Handle Records Shattered During Inaugural \$500,000 Penn Mile Card**

**Grantville, PA (Saturday, June 1, 2013)** – The impressive victory by Rydilluc on Saturday night in the inaugural \$500,000 Penn Mile was the highlight of an incredible record breaking night at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course.

All-sources wagering on the Penn Mile race itself was \$1,139,478, making it far and away the largest single-race handle in the 40-year history of the track. The previous record was the Pennsylvania Governor's Cup Handicap on August 1, 2009, which handled \$377,365.

Total all-sources wagering on the entire ten-race card at Penn National was \$3,658,996, shattering the previous all-sources handle record for a single card of \$2,173,921, which was set on December 26, 1998.

The Penn Mile was the final leg of an All Stakes Early Pick 4 that handled \$199,514 all-sources, eclipsing the previous record Pick 4 by more than \$100,000.

On track wagering on the Penn National card was \$225,136, also a record, and reflected the large turnout to see the stakes races and to help benefit Equine Aftercare - with CANTER of Pennsylvania, New Vocations, ReRun, and HBPA New Start all on-track collecting donations, along with Metro Meteor, the Painting Racehorse, whose paintings have raised more than \$25,000 for charity.

"On every possible level, tonight was a huge success," said Dan Silver, director of racing operations at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course. "The racing department here – including racing secretary Dave Bailey, stakes coordinator Craig Lytel, and assistant racing secretary Jenny Bowman – put together the best card in the history of Penn National Race Course, and it was great to see people on track and around the country respond so enthusiastically. We're thankful for the strong support demonstrated for our races by the horsemen and it was exciting to see so many tremendous stakes performances tonight, highlighted by Rydilluc's thrilling win in the first ever Penn Mile. The on-track atmosphere was electric, and we are thrilled that so many fans came to the track to enjoy a terrific night of racing!"

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*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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