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Penn National Sets Monthly Record for Daily Average Handle in January

Grantville, **PA** (Saturday, February 2, 2013) – Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course set a new monthly record in January for daily average all-sources handle, eclipsing the previous mark set in April 2009.

Penn National's 13 live racing days in January produced a total all-sources handle of \$16,382,246, for a new record daily average of \$1,260,173. That bested the previous mark for average daily all-sources handle of \$1,237,341, set in April 2009 when \$22,272,146 was wagered over 18 live racing days.

January's average daily export handle on Penn National's races also established a new record with \$1,203,633 wagered per card.

In 2012, daily average all-sources handle at Penn National was \$1,013,422 over 197 live racing days, a 20.6 percent increase over \$840,461 for 199 live racing days in 2011.

"It was encouraging to see the strong results we experienced in 2012 continue with a record breaking start to 2013," said Dan Silver, director of racing operations at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course. "Horseplayers responded enthusiastically to the deep and competitive cards put together by our racing department and supported by our horsemen. Considering the challenging weather we had in January, the fact that we didn't have any cancellations is a real credit to our terrific track maintenance team and our excellent jockey colony.

"We are looking forward to exciting months ahead, with the June 1, \$500,000 Penn Mile on the horizon as the richest race ever offered at our facility."

The brand new \$500,000 Penn Mile, for 3-year-olds on the turf, 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.

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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