



## ***FIELD ANNOUNCED FOR \$300,000 PENN MILE FRIDAY, MAY 28***

For Immediate Release

Grantville PA – (May 24, 2021) Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course (“Hollywood Casino” or the “Casino”) announced today that a field of seven horses has been entered for the eighth running of the \$300,000 Grade 2 Penn Mile for three-year-olds going one mile on the turf to be run on Friday, May 28.

Post time for the 11-race card is 6 p.m. with the Penn Mile set as the fourth race scheduled for approximately 7:45 pm and the final leg of an “All Stakes – All Turf Pick 4.” The Pick 4 will kick off with two \$100,000 stakes for Pennsylvania bred followed by the \$100,000 Penn Oaks (Listed) for three-year-old fillies going one mile on the turf.

Also featured on the evening card is a Mandatory payout of the Hollywood High 5 which currently stands at over \$216,000 as of Friday, May 21

Breeze Easy, LLC’s **OUTADORE**, trained by Wesley Ward, was installed as the 8-5 morning line favorite for the Penn Mile. A winner in his last race in the Animal Kingdom Stakes at Turfway Park on the synthetic surface, **OUTDORE** will switch back to the turf for Friday’s featured race. Twice a winner on the turf as a two-year-old, **OUTADORE** also finished third in the Grade 1 Breeders’ Cup Juvenile Turf at Keeneland last fall. Irad Ortiz, Jr., Eclipse Award winner as the top rider in North America for three consecutive years and winner of the 2017 Penn Mile aboard Frostmourne, is scheduled to ride.

Hall of Famer Trainer William “Bill” Mott will saddle 9-5 morning line second choice **ANNEX** for owners LNJ Foxwoods and Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners. A winner of his first three lifetime starts including the Cutlers Bay and Palm Beach stakes at Gulfstream Park earlier this year, **ANNEX** finished eighth, beaten only five and half lengths, as the favorite in the Grade 2 American Turf run at Churchill Downs on the Kentucky Derby day race card. Jockey Junior Alvarado has the mount.

The Mike Maker trained **CHESS’S DREAM**, owned by Michael Dubb, Steven Bouchey, Bethlehem Stables LLC and Chester A Bishop, also last raced in the American Turf finishing seventh. **CHESS’S DREAM** won the Grade 3 Kitten’s Joy at Gulfstream Park in January and will be ridden by jockey Kendrick Carmouche.

Hall of Famer and recent Kentucky Derby winning jockey John Velazquez will be aboard Eric Fein’s **ORIGINAL**. Trained by John Terranova II, **ORIGINAL** placed third in his last two starts - the Woodhaven Stakes at Aqueduct and the Kitten’s Joy.

Rounding out the field is Godolphin, LLC's **GERSHWIN**, trained by Michael Stidham and ridden by Joe Bravo, J Park Racing, LLC and Delia Nash's **SIBELIUS**, trained by Jeremiah O'Dwyer and ridden by Sheldon Russell, and Kernan E Morris, Jr. and Jagger Inc.'s **THE KING CHEEK**, trained by Jamie Ness and ridden by Jaime Rodriguez.

After only seven previous editions the Grade 2 Penn Mile has quickly become one of the top turf events of the year for the three-year-old division earning Grade 3 status after just three runnings and moving up to Grade 2 status after just four renewals. In its short history, prior Penn Mile winners include Breeders' Cup champion Bobby's Kitten as well as Grade 1 winners Catch a Glimpse and Force the Pass in its short history.

### About Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course

Located near Harrisburg PA, Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race is a mychoice destination property that features a variety of entertainment options including slots, tables games, hybrid games, live thoroughbred and simulcast racing and an array of casual and fine dining options.

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