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Strawberry Hill Races Move to May 15 – Adopts a Triple Crown Theme Event will include Simulcast Wagering, Video Feed of the Pimlico Schedule, culminate with the Preakness

Doswell, Va. (February 4, 2010) – The Strawberry Hill Races will move to a new date, May 15, 2010 at Colonial Downs in New Kent County for the 78th running. Strawberry Hill will run the same day as The Preakness Stakes at Pimlico Racetrack in Baltimore, Maryland.

Most of the Pimlico Race Card will be simulcast at the Strawberry Hill Races in real time, with the 135th running of the Preakness Stakes being the grand finale of the day. As a result, gates will open later – at 11 a.m., with the first of five races on the Strawberry Hill Race Card going off at approximately 3:00 p.m.

For the first time, pari-mutuel wagering will be available to Strawberry Hill attendees through Colonial Downs, both on selected simulcast races from throughout the United States as well as the Preakness Stakes.

The Strawberry Hill Races' tie to the Preakness Stakes is significant. Strawberry Hill Races' parent company, SFVA, owns The Meadow Event Park, where Thoroughbred legend Secretariat was born and trained. Secretariat won horse racing's Triple Crown, (The Kentucky Derby, The Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes) in 1973 by record times in each race.

This year's Strawberry Hill Races theme is "A Triple Crown Salute to The Preakness." The Strawberry Hill Races inaugural running took place in 1895.

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