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West Virginia Breeders' Classics XXVI Schedule Announced

(Charles Town, WV) – The $500,000 West Virginia Breeders' Classic will once again highlight an all-stakes card when Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races plays host to West Virginia Breeders' Classics XXVI on October 20. For a second consecutive year, purses for the 9 stakes on West Virginia Breeders' Classics night, will total $1,345,000 and includes not only the aforementioned West Virginia Breeders' Classic, but also the $250,000 West Virginia Jefferson Security Bank "Cavada" Breeders' Classic. Following the same formula as 2011, 7 other stakes, each carrying a purse of $85,000, will round out the lineup.

While not the $2 mllion in purses offered in 2009, the $1,345,000 total represents an increase of $70,000 over 2010 purses and a far cry from the $200,000 given out in the event's inaugural 1987 running. However, purses for the West Virginia Breeders' Classics aren't the only item that's grown with the event in recent years, as interest from bettors has also seen a spike. In 2010, the West Virginia Breeders' Classics set an all-time record for handle on the card, shattering the previous mark by 27% and the 2011 event rated as the second highest handle in WVBC history.

West Virginia Breeders' Classics XXVI will once again be aired live during a thirty-minute broadcast on Comcast SportsNet, with a replay on Fox Sports affiliates the following morning. Additionally, the races will be offered by TVG and HRTV™, with the latter providing live, in-studio coverage of the entire evening, as it has done the previous three years. One new presence for this year's Breeders' Classics is NBC Triple Crown race caller Larry Collmus, who has been tabbed to call the featured portion of the card, taking over for mainstay Dave Johnson, a veteran of the first 25 WVBC events.

Post time for the first race on October 20 will be 7:15pm EST.

West Virginia Breeders' Classics XXVI
Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races
October 20, 2012
$500,000 West Virginia Breeders Classic, 3&up, 1 1/8 miles
$250,000 West Virginia Jefferson Security Bank "Cavada" Breeders' Classic, F&M, 3&up, 7 furlongs
$85,000 West Virginia Breeders' Classic Distaff, F&M, 3&up, 1 1/8 miles
$85,000 West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders' Association "Onion Juice" Breeders' Classic, 3&up, 7 furlongs
$85,000 West Virginia "Dash for Cash" Breeders' Classic, 3&up, 4 ½ furlongs
$85,000 West Virginia Lottery Breeders' Classic, 3YO, 7 furlongs
$85,000 West Virginia Division of Tourism Breeders' Classic, F 3YO, 7 furlongs
$85,000 West Virginia Vincent Moscarelli Memorial Breeders' Classic, 2YO, 6 ½ furlongs
$85,000 West Virginia Triple Crown Nutrition Breeders' Classic, F 2YO, 4 ½ furlongs