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## HIGHTAIL, GOLDENCENTS LEAD ENTRIES FOR 10<sup>th</sup> RUNNING OF THE \$1,000,000 DELTA DOWNS JACKPOT

BRAGGING RIGHTS AND A \$600,000 PAYCHECK ARE ON THE LINE SATURDAY

VINTON, LA. – Led by Breeders' Cup Juvenile Sprint Champion Hightail and morning line favorite Goldencents, a field of nine horses for the 10<sup>th</sup> running of the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot (Gr. III) was finalized on Wednesday morning and post positions were drawn. The big race takes place Saturday afternoon at Delta Downs Racetrack Casino & Hotel with a special first post time of 1:15 p.m. CST. The \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot will serve as the seventh race on the program and is scheduled to go off at 4:15 p.m. CST.

Hightail, who is conditioned by Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas, will become the first Breeders' Cup winner ever to start in the 1 1/16-mile test for 2-year-olds and will appear in the program as the third choice at morning line odds of 9-2. Hightail's journey will begin from post position five under jockey Ragiv Maragh.

The 5-2 morning line favorite for the big event is Champagne Stakes (Gr. I) runner-up Goldencents, who will break from outside post position nine under jockey Kevin Krigger for trainer Doug O'Neill.

O'Neill will have two chances for victory in the race as he will also send out Best Pal Stakes (Gr. II) winner Know More (4-1) under jockey Mario Gutierrez. O'Neill, Gutierrez and owner J. Paul Reddam also teamed up to win this year's Kentucky Derby with I'll Have Another at Churchill Downs in May.

The entire field is listed below along with morning line odds for each horse.

Post #	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	ML
1	<b>Bern Identity</b>	Paco Lopez	Kelly Breen	7-2
2	Heaven's Runway	Carlos Marquez	<b>Benard Chatters</b>	20-1
3	<b>Central Banker</b>	Miguel Mena	Albert Stall, Jr.	6-1
4	Mylute	Gerard Melancon	Thomas, Amoss	15-1
5	Hightail	Rajiv Maragh	D. Wayne Lukas	9-2
6	Itsmyluckyday	Angel Serpa	Edward Plesa, Jr.	8-1
7	Know More	Mario Gutierrez	Doug O'Neill	4-1

8	Show Some Magic	<b>Richard Eramia</b>	Steve Asmussen	20-1
9	Goldencents	Kevin Krigger	Doug O'Neill	5-2

The winner of Saturday's main event will earn a \$600,000 paycheck and 10 points toward a possible starting position in next year's Kentucky Derby (Gr. I) by way off the new 'Road to the Kentucky Derby' series developed by Churchill Downs. Since 2002, a total of six horses have participated in the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot before going on to compete in the Kentucky Derby as 3-year-olds. The most notable was Closing Argument, who finished second in both races during his 2004 and 2005 campaigns.

Saturday's program will also feature the \$500,000 Delta Downs Princess (Gr. III) and the \$150,000 Delta Mile. The \$500,000 Delta Downs Princess is headed by 5-2 morning line favorite Salamera, who finished second to the talented filly Kauai Katie in this year's Adirondack (Gr. II) at Saratoga. The Delta Mile will feature 2011 Louisiana Derby (Gr. II) winner Pants On Fire and last year's Delta Mile winner, Decisive Moment.

Delta Downs will offer a special \$100,000 Pick 4 on Jackpot Day. The wager has been available during each of the nine previous editions of the Jackpot Day program. Last year's payoff for a \$2 winning ticket was \$6,087. The minimum wager for the Jackpot Day Pick 4 is only .50 cents.

Listed below is the entire Jackpot Day Pick 4 sequence of races, along with their scheduled post times.

Race 4	\$70,000 Orleans	Post Time 2:44 pm CST
Race 5	\$150,000 Delta Mile	Post Time 3:13 pm CST
Race 6	\$500,000 Delta Downs Princess (Gr. III)	Post Time 3:43 pm CST
Race 7	\$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot (Gr. III)	Post Time 4:15 pm CST

For more information about the \$1,000,000 Delta Downs Jackpot visit <u>www.deltadownsracing.com</u>. Additional information can also be found on the 'Delta Downs Racing' page on Facebook, and by following Delta Downs on Twitter with the account @deltaracing.

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