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Empire City Casino Tips its Hat to Kentucky Derby Day on Saturday, May 4 with a Trio of "Run for the Roses" Promotions

May 1, 2013, Yonkers, NY - Thoroughbred racing aficionados should run to **Empire City Casino** and **Yonkers Raceway** for the Kentucky Derby on **Saturday, May 4**. A pair of special promotions have the central theme of the fabled "Run for the Roses," known as the most exciting two minutes in sports.

Free Kentucky Derby Exacta Box: Beginning at 4:00 PM, the first 500 Empire City Club Members to visit the Gotham Palace Promotions Booth will receive one 2-horse, \$2 exacta box ticket (total value \$4 wager) for the Kentucky Derby. There is a limit of one ticket per Empire Club Member, while supplies last.

Fancy Derby Hat Contest: The Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, KY, has traditionally been known for the fancy hats worn by Derby-goers, especially, of course, the ladies. Empire City is hosting its annual "Fancy Derby Hat Contest" on May 4. Entrants can register between 2-4:00pm wearing their finest hat. Winners picked by a blue ribbon panel will be announced at 5:00 PM. First prize is \$500 CASH, second prize is \$250 CASH and third prize is \$100 CASH. You must be 18 years of age or older to enter; and you must be present to win.

Dan Rooney's Promotion: Guests who watch the Kentucky Derby in Dan Rooney's Cafe and Bar at Empire City have the chance to receive a free \$2 exacta box (\$4 wager) ticket on the Derby. Beginning at 2:00 pm, the first 100 guests to purchase \$20, per person, in food or drink will receive the wager. Each guest must spend \$20 each in one seating to receive the free race ticket. Race ticket is valid for Kentucky Derby only. All free race tickets must be distributed by 5:30pm.

Empire City will also feature several iconic Derby drinks, including mint julep, peach julep and Kentucky lemonade in the Entertainment Lounge and public bar with a commemorative souvenir glass. Members and guests can take advantage of American Vodka specials Thoroughbred, American Julep and Southern Hospitality, as well as a trackside BBQ tent and beer specials.

About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway

Empire City Casino, one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the country, features 5,300 of the hottest **slots**, electronic **craps**, **roulette**, **baccarat** and **sic bo**; year-round harness **rac**ing & International **simulcasting** from North America's leading harness and thoroughbred venues; nightly **live entertainment** including the best party and Latin **bands**, **dueling pianos**, **comedy**, **karaoke** & more. A plethora of **dining** options will satisfy event the most discerning palate: enjoy authentic Italian cuisine at **Nonno's Trattoria**; dine trackside with live betting at **Empire Terrace Restaurant**; convenient delicious options at the **International Food Court** or **Grab 'n Go**. As part of a new \$50 million expansion, **Dan Rooney's** high-energy sports bar boasts creations by Michelin-starred Chef Christopher Lee; and coming soon, in collaboration with **Ducasse Studios**, **Pinch** will not only whet the appetite but also feature 100 New York craft beers with an in-house Master Cicerone; a **craft cocktail lounge** will round out the entertainment options with retro **bowling** lanes. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers, New York, Westchester County (I-87 to Exit 2), open seven days a week from 9:00am to 4:00am. Connect with us on [facebook.com/empirecity](https://www.facebook.com/empirecity), follow us on twitter.com/EmpireCity_C, visit www.empirecitycasino.com or call 914.968.4200 for more information.

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