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Flip your lid @ Empire City: Hat Contest, Free Derby Exacta... KENTUCKY DERBY HAT COMPETITION FOR CASH PRIZES INCLUDING \$500 FOR MOST CREATIVE AND MOST FASHIONABLE HATS; FREE DERBY EXACTA WAGER FOR FIRST 500 PATRONS AT EMPIRE CITY CASINO AT YONKERS RACEWAY ON SATURDAY, MAY 5 ***Run for the Roses Promotions on Big Derby Day***

New York, April 30—It's "hats off," or we should say, "hats on" to the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, May 5, at Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway with close to \$2,000 in prizes up for grabs in the casino's inaugural "Run for the Roses Hat Competition."

First prizes of \$500 for both the "most creative" and "most fashionable" hats as selected by a panel of judges will have winners literally flipping their lids! Second prizes for each are \$250, and third place winners check in with \$100 apiece.

Those wishing to enter should check in trackside at the raceway between 1:00-4:00 PM to register; the judges' review will be at 4:30 PM. The winners will be announced at 5:00 PM.

And everyone's a winner with Empire City's free \$2 exacta box for the Derby (a \$4 total wager) also on Saturday. The first 500 Empire Club members to visit the Gotham Palace main promotions booth starting at 4:00 PM will receive the two horse exacta box. **The "most exciting two minutes in sports" just got even more exciting!**

About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway: Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway features: 5,300 slot machines, video roulette, electronic craps and baccarat tables. Italian cuisine is featured in Nonno's Trattoria, and trackside dining in the Empire Terrace Restaurant, which overlooks the track for live harness racing; a quick bite is available at the International Food Court and its wide-ranging menu. The multi-faceted Good Time Room is available for parties, benefits, weddings, and major events for up to 500. 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). Empire City Casino is open seven days a week, every day from 9:00 AM to 4:00 AM For more information call 914.968.4200 or log onto www.empirecitygaming.com.