

Tioga Downs and Vernon Downs have finalized their 2012 race and stakes schedule for the upcoming race season (pending regulatory approval).



Tioga Downs will hold 61 live racing days in 2012, set to begin on Saturday, May 5th (Kentucky Derby Day) in Nichols, New York. Highlighting the 2012 stakes calendar at Tioga Downs is the \$200,000e Artiscapace pace for open mare pacers, and the \$200,000e Bettor's Delight Open Pace both scheduled for Sunday, June 10. Tioga Downs will once again

host the first leg of pacing's Triple Crown, the Cane Pace, with eliminations on Sunday, August 26th with the final on Monday, September 3rd. The Empire Breeder's Classic for 3-year old New York bred pacers will be held later in the year as in years past, with eliminations on Sunday, August 5th, and the \$250,000e finals being held a week later on Sunday, August 12th. Other marquee events held at Tioga Downs in 2012 will include: Tompkins-Geers, a leg of the Miss Versatility, The Shady Daisy, and the Historic Stakes.

Vernon Downs will kick off its 2012 race season on Friday, April 27th to open up its 90 day race meet from April 27th through November 3rd. Vernon Downs will be the 2012 host of American Racing and Entertainment's marquee event, the \$50,000 Drivers' Championship, which has been held at Tioga Downs since its conception in 2007. The Drivers' Championship will share the spotlight at Vernon Downs with the \$700,000e Zweig Memorial Trot, on Sunday, August 26th. The \$200,000e Muscle Hill open mare trot, and \$200,000e Credit Winner open trot will also return to Vernon Downs in 2012 on Friday, September 7th. The \$500,000e Empire Breeder's Classic for New York bred trotters will headline the month of June at Vernon Downs, with the eliminations on Friday, June 1st and the \$250,000e finals a week later on Friday, June 8th. Also scattered around the 2012 stakes schedule at Vernon Downs will be the Historic Stakes, along with leg and the final of the \$175,000 Kindergarten Classic.



"We pride ourselves at Tioga & Vernon on the racing product and promotions we offer our fans during the summer months in upstate New York, and look forward to what we hope will be the best year yet for Tioga and Vernon Downs" said Jason M. Settlemoir, VP of Racing and Simulcast.

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