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Scarborough Downs Hosts The 133rd Preakness Stakes with Special Wristbands to honor filly Eight Belles.



Scarborough, Maine – May 10, 2008: Scarborough Downs is pleased to host the second jewel of the Triple Crown, The 133rd running of the Preakness Stakes, Saturday, May 17, live via simulcast from Pimlico Race Course in Maryland. Scarborough Downs will feature a special live harness racing post time of 2 pm.

Patrons will return to the track for live harness racing action and a chance to see Big Brown, the winner of Kentucky Derby 134, back for another shot at victory after the two week hiatus. Big Brown could very likely be the first Triple Crown Contender in 30 years.

Scarborough Downs will also be selling wristbands in honor of Eight Belles, the 3 year old filly who came in second in the Derby but tragically had to be euthanized after the race. The wristbands, which will cost \$5, will be made of red silicone and embossed with Eight Belles' name. Proceeds of the bracelet sales will benefit the MidAtlantic Horse Rescue, a Maryland-based non-profit chosen by Eight Belles' owner, Rick Porter. The organization will rescue one or more Thoroughbreds in honor of the filly.

The filly has Maine connections as well: she was named after "Eight Bells," the summer home in Port Clyde of the late artist, N.C. Wyeth. The red brick home is used by Andrew Wyeth as a painting site. The Porters are longtime friends of the Wyeths. "Eight Bells" is also a famous painting by Winslow Homer of 1886.

The Downs Club Restaurant, which will feature dinner specials on Preakness Day, will open at 1 pm. The feature thoroughbred race goes to post at approximately 6:00 pm. Other attractions include Henry the mini horse mascot, who will also be at the track for the special day.

Doors open at 10:30 am. For Downs Club reservations, contact 207-883-3022 or log onto www.ScarboroughDowns.com. For information on the Eight Belles wristband, log on to www.MidAtlanticHorseRescue.org.

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Scarborough Downs offers live harness racing action every Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 4:15 pm and Sunday at 1:30 pm with simulcasting 7 days. Free Admission and Free Parking.

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