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Dover Downs Gaming 3Q Profit Grows

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Dover Downs Gaming & Entertainment 3Q Profit Climbs As Sales Growth Outpaces Expenses

DOVER, Del. (AP) -- Dover Downs Gaming & Entertainment Inc., a casino, hotel and race track operator, said Thursday its third-quarter net income rose 15 percent on increased sales.

Earnings increased to \$7.1 million, or 22 cents per share, compared to \$6.2 million, or 17 cents per share, a year ago.

Quarterly revenue grew 10 percent to \$61.7 million versus \$56.1 million in the prior-year period.

Analysts polled by Thomson Financial were expecting third-quarter earnings of 21 cents per share on revenue of \$61.2 million.

Gaming revenue gained 10 percent to \$57.7 million in the quarter, while expenses grew 8 percent to \$48.8 million.

"With slot win growth in excess of 10 percent and hotel occupancy levels at almost 99 percent, this was another strong quarter for the company," President and Chief Executive Denis McGlynn said in a statement "We look forward to the exciting new multi-player products arriving in the fourth quarter and the property expansion plans we have in process."

An expansion for the company's Dover Downs Hotel in Delaware is under way. The project will raise the hotel's number of available rooms to 500 from 232, and add a spa which is set to open in fall of 2007, the company said.