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This upcoming Sunday is Championship Day at Hastings Racecourse, with six stake races on the program and an early first post of 12:50 p.m. There are ten races on tap and the big one of the afternoon is the \$200,000 British Columbia Derby, with 12 entrants slated to travel one mile and an eighth. The heavy favorites will undoubtedly be the Troy Taylor trio of Devil in Disguise, Taylor's Deal and his newest pupil, Hoist. All three appear to be in top form and will be very tough to beat. The best three year olds from Washington and Alberta are also in attendance and will be trying to outrun the local talent. Other local runners with a shot are the rapidly improving High End Mand and will all of the speed in the race, Wilo Kat, who should be a threat in the late going. Local owner Peter Redekop is always trying to win the B.C. Derby and this year is no different, as last month he privately purchased Second City, who is an undefeated colt that has been racing back East in Charlestown, west Virginia. It should be a great race and good luck to all!

There are five other stake races on the card, with divisional honors on the line. Evelyn's Dancer will be the favorite in the \$100,000 B.C. Oaks. The 2011 B.C. Oaks winner, Class Included, is back in town and will be the choice in the \$50,000 Delta Colleen. The Troy Taylor tandem of Commander and St. Liam's Halo look very strong in the \$50,000 S.W. Randall Plate and rounding the stakes action on the afternoon will be the Jack and Sadie Diamond Futurities for two year olds, with \$100,000 on the tale for both races.

The weekend gets started with Mario Gutierrez Bobblehead Day on Saturday. The first race of a nine race card goes at 1:50 p.m. The first 1,000 people to purchase a live Hastings program will receive the commemorative Gutierrez bobblehead.

The C.T.H.S. Yearling and Mixed sale is this upcoming Tuesday, September 11th at 2 p.m. at the Thunderbird Show Park in Langley. It is located on 72nd avenue near 248th street. The entrance is off 72nd avenue, follow the CTHS signs into the parking area. If you want to come out a day early to see the preview of the yearlings in the sale, the parade is Monday, September 10th starting at 3 p.m.

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