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### Festive Opening Day at Hastings

Opening day at Hastings was a rousing success as a crowd of nearly 5,000 joined us on a festive afternoon that saw the 2013 B.C. Derby winner **Title Contender** skimming the rail to capture the \$50,000 George Royal, and **Hollywood Miss** found the wire first over a hard charging **Madeira Park** in the \$50,000 Brighthouse Belles. Racing resumes Saturday with a seven race program that will feature two stakes races; the \$50,000 Jim Coleman Province for three year old colts and geldings and the \$50,000 Ross McLeod for three year old fillies. Of course the race of the day will happen at Churchill Downs as they will be running the 140th Kentucky Derby, post time for the Derby is set at 3:24 p.m.

There are eight races scheduled for Hastings this Sunday with the first post at 1:50p.m.

### Interior Information Meetings

Brian Butters and I recently visited many of the B.C. Interior breeders and owners to listen to their concerns for the future of racing. The turnout in Kamloops, Armstrong and Kelowna was excellent and some innovative new ideas were put on the table in hopes of breeding more horses and finding new potential owners. A full report on the meetings will be made available later this month.

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