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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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The Kentucky Derby is less than 24 hours away and I'm certain the nerves of rider Mario Gutierrez are getting tested to max. The #19 post draw probably isn't too much of a concern for the former leading rider at Hastings as his mount seems to like racing on the outside of his rivals. The race goes at 3:24 p.m. and there will be "Go Mario Go" buttons available for purchase at Hastings Racecourse tomorrow for a minimum donation of \$1 with all the proceeds going to the New Stride Thoroughbred Adoption Society. Come on out to Hastings and cheer on Mario and enjoy the Kentucky Derby, "most exciting two minutes in sports".

To eliminate any confusion about the purse payouts at Hastings this year, the last three pages of this newsletter will show the exact breakdown of each race for every category. This year the winner receives 57%, second 20%, third 11%, fourth 7% and fifth 5% and all unplaced starters receive a \$300 participation payment. These charts show the "available money" to be won as well as the "advertised purse" in the condition book which includes the participation payment payout.

Good luck to everyone this weekend.

Mike Heads

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