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### **BCTOBA NEWSLETTER**

by Mike Heads

Well it's time for Mario-mania again this week as the former Hastings leading rider Mario Gutierrez will try and win the second jewel of the Triple Crown on Saturday. He will once again be teamed up with I'll Have Another in the \$1,000,000 Preakness Stakes for Canadian owner J. Paul Reddam. The race is scheduled to run at approximately 3:15 pm PST.

Hastings Racecourse will also be a hub of activity this weekend with a 3-day race weekend. Things kick off on Saturday at 1:50 pm with an eight race card with the feature event being the \$50,000 Ross McLeod for three year fillies. Heading the lineup are the top two fillies from last year James Redekop's Gabigotheyway and Sunnyside Gal. The likely favourite though will be Riversedge owned filly Claesmiezie who easily toyed with a field of allowance runners here at Hastings last month.

The Sunday card offers seven races starting at 1:50 pm and also a special holiday Monday program, once again a 1:50 pm start, is available with the \$50,000 Brighthouse Belles highlighting the day.

So there's a lot of activity this weekend at Hastings Racecourse and your local TBC off-track site so come on out and enjoy the great sport of thoroughbred horse racing and cheer on Mario in the Preakness.

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