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### Kentucky Derby Weekend

This weekend is always one of the premier times in horse racing as the 139<sup>th</sup> running of the \$2,000,000 Kentucky Derby will take place at Churchill Downs this Saturday. The Derby goes as the 11<sup>th</sup> race and is the final leg of a Pick 4 that has quite a bit of local interest. The first leg of the Pick 4 has last years' Ballerina winner **Class Included** in the line-up, she is 30-1 on the morning line in the \$250,000 Grade II Churchill Distaff Mile on the turf, post-time is 11:59 a.m. The next race features **Handsome Mike** (12-1) and Mario Gutierrez in the seven furlong \$400,000 Churchill Downs Handicap, post-time is 12:49 p.m. The third leg includes the 2012 Horse of the Year **Wise Dan** in the \$500,000 Grade I Woodford Reserve Classic, which is scheduled to go off at 1:44 p.m. Then the big one of the afternoon, the Kentucky Derby, which is scheduled to run at approximately 3:20 p.m. our time, with a field of 19 three year olds doing battle over a mile and one quarter. Kelowna's Charles Fipke has two starters in the race, **Java's War** at 15-1 and **Golden Soul** at 50-1. Good luck Chuck!!

### Sovereign Awards

Congratulations to Wally and Terry Leong's **Strait of Dover**, he was voted Champion three year old colt in Canada at the Sovereign Awards in Toronto last month. Another local took home a Sovereign as Scott Williams was named Top Apprentice in Canada for 2012.

### Hastings Racecourse

Come on out to Hastings Racecourse and enjoy the Kentucky Derby on the giant infield screen. There are seven races on Saturday's card and eight more on Sunday. First post for the live races is 1:50 p.m.