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The Preakness

This Saturday features the \$1,000,000 Preakness Stakes from Pimlico Racetrack in Baltimore, Maryland. A field of nine has entered and we will see if the Kentucky Derby winner **Orb** can capture the second jewel of the Triple Crown. This weekend also features three exciting days of live thoroughbred action at Hastings Racecourse.

In the Preakness I am leaning towards **Governor Charlie** from the Bob Baffert Stable, he has worked smartly at Churchill prior to shipping to Pimlico. He does not have the strong resume that some others have, but he is a fresh horse with a lot of potential. **Governor Charlie** has a favourable outside draw and with a long run into the first turn, he should have every chance to upset the favoured **Orb**.

Hastings Feature Races

Live races at Hastings this weekend start at 1:50 p.m. for all three days. Saturday's main event is an allowance race for older geldings that did not want to tackle the stakes sprinters on Monday. The line-up is headed by stakes winners **Crew leader**, **High End Man** and stakes placed runner **Wilo Kat**. The race goes as the seventh on Saturday's seven race card. On Sunday there are seven more races, including two allowance races for the girls; one for the fillies, (4th race) and one for the older mares, which goes as the sixth. Then, on the holiday Monday, there are two stakes races that make up the eight race program: the \$50,000 Strawberry Morn, which will feature chapter two in the rivalry between **Evelyn's Dancer** and **Overvalued**. The \$50,000 Johnny Longden 6000 has a stellar cast of five signed on to battle six and one half furlongs, both **Commander** and **Devil in Disguise** will seek revenge on **Shrug**, who won the George Royal stakes earlier this year. Top sprinter **Herbie D** will make his 2013 debut in the Longden and rounding out the field is the ultra-consistent **Senor Rojo**.

Of interest on Friday, local resident John Gunther's **Last Gunfighter** is one of the favourites in the \$300,000 Pimlico Special. The race is scheduled to run at 2:52 p.m. Swift Thoroughbred's **Premier Steps** is also racing on Friday, in the 13th race, which is the \$100,000 Hilltop Stakes with a posted start time of 3:22 p.m.

Good luck to our local horse owners!