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HASTINGS SPRING TRAINING

Spring training is in full swing at Hastings Racecourse and it was reported that the numbers on the backstretch are slightly higher than they were at this same time last year, which is encouraging. Many of last season's stars are back in action, the 2015 Horse-of-the-Year Square Dancer can be seen galloping every morning as is B.C. bred Horse-of-the-Year Touching Promise.

HASTINGS PADDOCK HORSE SALE

The deadline to enter a horse in the Hastings Paddock Sale is March 1st. All information about the sale can be found on the <u>http://www.hastingshorsesale.com/</u> website. There are currently 11 horses signed up and entered into the sale, with 11 to 15 more intending on entering. When the paperwork is complete the remaining horses will be available for viewing on the website. Beginning in March, the horses that are entered in the sale will train with a *Hastings Horse Sale* saddle towel with the corresponding Hip number on it. Potential buyers will be able to see any prospective purchases train every day. The Sale Preview is Saturday, March 19th and the Sale will be conducted on Saturday, March 26th.