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Hastings Racecourse News

Opening day at Hastings Racecourse is only six weeks away and with the clockers now on the payroll things are heating up in the mornings. Including the Friday workouts, there have been 95 horses breeze over the Hastings oval this week and with Saturday and Sunday works still to come that is an encouraging number. It was reported that we are currently approaching 400 horses on the backstretch.

In an exciting development, Hastings management has agreed to open the track on four Mondays prior to opening day on April 27th. These dates are: March 31st, April 7th, 14th and 21st. Many trainers prefer to breeze their horses every five or six days and having Monday closures eventually stops this type of work pattern. So, in an effort to assist the horsemen and give everyone the opportunity to have as many horses as possible ready for the start of the season, management decided to give the track to the horsemen seven days a week for this period of time.

The first condition book and stakes book are available on-line at the Hasting Racecourse website. Just go to hastingsracecourse.com **click on** RACING and then click on the dropdown box FOR HORSEMEN. This will bring up the link for the condition book and stakes book. Hard copies of the condition book are now in the racing office as well.