

TRUE METROPOLITAN SERVES NOTICE HE HASN'T LOST HIS WINNING TOUCH

Vancouver, B.C. (May 3/08) – True Metropolitan, winner of two consecutive Sovereign Awards as champion older male horse in Canada, left the distinct impression Saturday he intends to make it three in a row.

With an impressive ride by leading jockey Mario Gutierrez, True Metropolitan won the \$50,000 George Royal Stakes in record time at Hastings Racecourse. Trained by Terry Jordan, True Metropolitan began the 2007 season with a George Royal victory, the first stakes race each year at Hastings.

Taking the lead at the head of the stretch, True Metropolitan drew clear driving and won by 2 ¾ lengths in a Hastings record time of 1:09.87, paying \$2.40. “He does anything you ask,” Jordan said in the winner’s circle alongside owner Bob Cheema. “I’m sure he’s a better horse than last year.”

Spaghetti Mouse finished second with Pedro Alvarado up while Keveh Nicholls was third on B R Remark.

Lord Nelson, the top handicap horse at Hastings from 2001 to 2005, received his share of support from longtime fans. The 11-year-old, always a game competitor, finishing fourth.

Racing resumes at Hastings Sunday at 1:25 p.m. Next Saturday the feature race will be the running of the \$50,000 Brighthouse Belles.

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