

Addington Premier Night



FORM GUIDE

Friday, April 9, 2021



Sundees Son



Bolt For Brilliance

The rivalry within the race

Friday night will see installment number four of Sundees Son vs Bolt For Brilliance.

And while their rivalry is a key aspect of the \$100,000 Group One Fred Shaw Memorial New Zealand Trotting Championship it may not be that simple.

A similar discussion was being held before the Group One Turf Bar Trotters Flying Mile (Group 2) at Cambridge on Christmas Eve. Would it be Bolt For Brilliance or Sundees Son who would prevail in what was their first ever head to head? It was the Speed Machine against the Trotting King.

As it turned out both were upstaged by Majestic Man who used his brilliant gate speed to full effect to beat Sundees Son by three quarters of a length. Majestic Man would later head across the Tasman and plunder three Group Ones and over \$AUD150,000.

The rematch occurred just seven days later at the Sims Pacific Metals 2020 National Trot over 2700 metres on New Year's Eve at Alexandra Park. Sundees Son went to the lead with nearly two laps to go and while Bolt For Brilliance was perfectly placed in the trail he couldn't stop the favourite taking out a fifth Group One victory by more than two lengths.

The next meeting wasn't until March 26 at Addington in the Lamb and Hayward Trotters Classic. This time it was Bolt For Brilliance who worked his way to the lead with a lap to go. Sundees Son sat parked with 700 to go but Bolt For Brilliance was too good in winning by two lengths from a fast finishing Muscle Mountain and Vacation Hill. Sundees Son's fourth was an encouraging performance considering he was fresh up and started off 20 metres, 10 metres behind his main rivals.

That makes it a win apiece between Bolt For Brilliance and Sundees Son after three match-ups. Sundees Son, a six-

year-old gelding, has won 19 from 49 and just over \$600,000, while Bolt For Brilliance is just four, with 10 wins in 20 starts, and stakes approaching \$250,000.

Interestingly they also both hold the national 2200 metre records for trotters with Bolt For Brilliance (Stand – 2:44.6) and Sundees Son (Mobile – 2:39.1).

But there are other big-time players in Friday's showdown.

The Nina and Greg Hope-trained Muscle Mountain is an up-and-comer with nine wins in just 15 starts and nearly \$100,000 in stakes. The four-year-old son of Muscle Hill won the Group Two Summer Trotting Free For All in February and his eye-catching second to Bolt For Brilliance at Addington last week makes him a logical threat for Group One spoils this Friday.

Muscle Mountain's rivalry with Bolt For Brilliance goes back to 2019. At the Harness Jewels at Addington Bolt For Brilliance was 7/7 in the betting but went on to win paying \$31 for the win! Some very good horses finished in behind him including Cracker Hill, Ultimate Stride, Tailored Elegance and Muscle Mountain who broke up badly and finished last.

Then there's Oscar Bonavena. He was second to the explosive Chinese Whisper in his comeback race at Addington on Saturday. It was his first race in this country for well over a year after battling chronic leg injuries. He has a career record of 12 wins (from 20 starts) and \$179,135 in earnings.

The trotting ranks are brimming with talent right now and while it may or may not be about Bolt For Brilliance or Sundees Son this week, with the ANZAC and Rowe Cups coming up their trotting rivalry is only going to intensify.

- by Dave Di Somma, Harness News Desk

ADDINGTON PREMIER NIGHT SELECTIONS

	MATT CROSS	GREG O'CONNOR	MICHAEL GUERIN	TROTTECH
Race 1 4.27pm	11 KD Hawk 4 Cochy Malc 12 Miss Crazyed 10 Regal Attire	11 K D Hawk 10 Regal Attire 12 Miss Crazyed 5 Salvo	10 Regal Attire 1 Bohemian Rhapsody 12 Miss Crazyed 7 Sods Law	12 Miss Crazyed 10 Regal Attire 1 Bohemian Rhapsody 5 Salvo
Race 2 5.00pm	9 Pembrook's Destiny 12 Five Star General 13 Fire Fox 8 Lifes A Beach	8 Lifes A Beach 9 Pembrook's Destiny 13 Fire Fox 5 Angel Of Montana	8 Lifes A Beach 12 Five Star General 13 Fire Fox 7 Jimmy Arma	2 Le Pole Dancer 11 Smooth Debate 12 Five Star General 7 Jimmy Arma
Race 3 5.32pm	2 Bettor Grunter 13 He's Tough 1 Bettor Call Me 7 Loyalist	17 First Class 2 Bettor Grunter 7 Loyalist 14 Sweet Loress	17 First Class 9 Admirable 1 Bettor Call Me 7 Loyalist	2 Bettor Grunter 1 Bettor Call Me 7 Loyalist 17 First Class
Race 4 5.57pm	8 Italian Lad 5 Longview Lady 1 Braeview Kelly 7 Cardinal Sin	8 Italian Lad 5 Longview Lady 6 Rocknroll Rod 1 Braeview Kelly	8 Italian Lad 1 Braeview Kelly 4 Arden's Reality 6 Rocknroll Rod	8 Italian Lad 1 Braeview Kelly 9 Cruzee Mach 6 Rocknroll Rod
Race 5 6.29pm	9 Time In A Bottle 13 Sioux Princess 6 Mikemaro 1 Willangus Lad	9 Time In A Bottle 4 Girls Let Loose 6 Mikemaro 1 Willangus Lad	3 Sally Lindenny 9 Time In A Bottle 6 Mikemaro 12 Monrika	1 Willangus Lad 11 Luminosity 9 Time In A Bottle 3 Sally Lindenny
Race 6 7.01pm	6 Sundees Son 1 Bolt For Brilliance 3 Muscle Mountain 8 Oscar Bonavena	1 Bolt For Brilliance 6 Sundees Son 3 Muscle Mountain 8 Oscar Bonavena	1 Bolt For Brilliance 6 Sundees Son 3 Muscle Mountain 8 Oscar Bonavena	6 Sundees Son 1 Bolt For Brilliance 3 Muscle Mountain 8 Oscar Bonavena
Race 7 7.29pm	1 Akuta 5 Franco Mac 4 Cosmic Major 6 Arden's Horizon	1 Akuta 5 Franco Mac 4 Cosmic Major 8 Bollinger	1 Akuta 5 Franco Mac 4 Cosmic Major 8 Bollinger	1 Akuta 6 Arden's Horizon 5 Franco Mac 4 Cosmic Major
Race 8 7.59pm	7 Five Wise Men 8 Son Of Patrick 10 Time Up The Hill 5 Leaf Stride	7 Five Wise Men 1 Love N The Port 2 Wanna Play With Me 8 Son Of Patrick	7 Five Wise Men 8 Son Of Patrick 2 Wanna Play With Me 5 Leaf Stride	7 Five Wise Men 2 Wanna Play With Me 10 Time Up The Hill 11 Aldebaran Floss
Race 9 8.29pm	9 Krug 13 American Dealer 4 B D Joe 2 Luke John	9 Krug 4 B D Joe 13 American Dealer 14 Pace N Pride	9 Krug 4 B D Joe 13 American Dealer 8 Shan Noble	2 Luke John 9 Krug 4 B D Joe 14 Pace N Pride
Race 10 8.58pm	14 Majestic Lavros 8 Gold Chain 12 American Pride 13 Andy Hall	12 American Pride 13 Andy Hall 10 One Majic Kenny 8 Gold Chain	12 American Pride 13 Andy Hall 10 One Majic Kenny 14 Majestic Lavros	14 Majestic Lavros 13 Andy Hall 12 American Pride 9 Andoverlov
Race 11 9.28pm	6 Pembrook Playboy 8 Self Assured 7 Amazing Dream 4 Cranbourne	8 Self Assured 6 Pembrook Playboy 7 Amazing Dream 3 Tango Tara	8 Self Assured 7 Amazing Dream 6 Pembrook Playboy 3 Tango Tara	8 Self Assured 7 Amazing Dream 6 Pembrook Playboy 1 Belmont Major
Race 12 9.56pm	3 Surfers Delight 4 Samhara 1 Folklore 14 Mighty Looee	3 Surfers Delight 8 Teagan Banner 1 Folklore 4 Samhara	4 Samhara 3 Surfers Delight 2 Perfect Cut 14 Mighty Looee	4 Samhara 3 Surfers Delight 14 Mighty Looee 2 Perfect Cut

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Race 1: 4:27pm

SPECTATORS \$15 DAILY DEALS TROT

- 1 1638 Bohemian Rhapsody (fr)**
(3f Muscle Hill-Margaritaville, by S J's Photo)
Owners: Mrs S Herlihy, J P Green, Mrs P C Green.
Driver: A G Herlihy MNZM **Trainer:** Tony Herlihy.
(4 starts: 1-0-1, \$9,050) Best mile rate: 2-07.1 (1st, 2200m)
- 2 00422D Milliondollarmonkey (fr)**
(7g Monkey Bones-Ruby N Diamonds, by Iraklis)
Owners: Mrs C A Hill, Miss K A Hill
Driver: John R Dunn **Trainer:** Brian Hill.
(35 starts: 5-2-0, \$34,998) Best mile rate: 2-06.7 (2nd, 2170m)
- 3 396571 Bright Glow (fr)**
(7m Muscle Mass-Ginas Brightest, by Britewell)
Owners: I R Cameron, Mrs J A Cameron
Driver: I R Cameron **Trainer:** Ian Cameron.
(104 starts: 7-13-10, \$82,100) Best mile rate: 1-59.9 (4th, 1980m)
- 4 005X08 Cochy Malc (fr)**
(4g Dream Vacation-Cochy Bondhu, by Chiola Hanover)
Owners: R J Paterson, M A Campbell, K M Barron
Driver: B N Orange **Trainer:** Ken Barron.
(7 starts: 2-0-0, \$10,815) Best mile rate: 2-03.1 (1st, 1980m)
- 5 3X1565 Salvo (fr)**
(3f Love You-Sungait Sally, by Pegasus Spur)
Owners: J D Harrington, D S Harrington, J A M Allan, C A Baker, E G Wainscott, M H McKay, J M Davine.
Driver: G D Smith **Trainer:** Jack Harrington.
(7 starts: 1-0-1, \$11,725) Best mile rate: 2-06.9 (1st, 2600m)
- 6 0X7664 Sugarinspice (fr)**
(6m Majestic Son-Aine, by Armbro Invasion)
Owners: D J McKenzie, J C McKenzie
Driver: R D Holmes **Trainer:** Robbie Holmes.
(25 starts: 2-5-2, \$20,700) Best mile rate: 2-01.9 (1st, 1980m)
- 7 142383 Sods Law (fr)**
(7g Muscle Mass-Galleons Tribute, by Sundon)
Owners: J B Geddes, J J Geddes, J Geddes, Miss H Geddes, B C Geddes, P R McCartin, Mrs A Geddes, Mrs A Roberts
Driver: J B Geddes **Trainers:** Jim & James Geddes.
(63 starts: 6-3-5, \$51,925) Best mile rate: 2-02.3 (3rd, 2400m)
- 8 096839 Sundons Flyer (fr)**
(8m Sundon-Feather's First, by Brylin Boyz)
Owners: B R Negus, B A Barber, J L P Gledhill
Driver: J J A Young-Grant **Trainer:** Bruce Negus.
(122 starts: 12-16-12, \$132,344) Best mile rate: 1-57.8 (2nd, 1609m)
- 9 803104 Our Pegasus Pearl (fr)**
(4m Pegasus Spur-Earl's Lady, by Earl)
Owners: D C Morrison, S P Doody, Mrs S A Morrison,
Mrs N A Hurdle. **Driver:** P J Davis **Trainer:** Don Morrison.
(12 starts: 1-0-1, \$7,295) Best mile rate: 2-04.7 (3rd, 2000m)

10 1X125X Regal Attire (fr)

(3g Muscle Hill-Regal Volo, by Malabar Man)
Owners: Mark Purdon, Breckon Farms Ltd
Driver: O G Thornley **Trainer:** Hayden Cullen.
(4 starts: 2-1-0, \$12,650) Best mile rate: 2-01.3 (2nd, 1980m)

11 X94122 KD Hawk (fr)

(5g Andover Hall-Kazzle Dazzle, by Armbro Invasion)
Owners: T R Vince, Miss S L Wigg, R J Butt
Driver: R J Butt **Trainer:** Bob Butt.
(12 starts: 1-2-0, \$10,460) Best mile rate: 2-01.9 (2nd, 1980m)

12 P21873 Miss Crazed (fr)

(4m Crazed-Miss Pegasus, by Pegasus Spur)
Owner: Woodlands Partnership No.3 Syndicate
Driver: M J Williamson **Trainer:** Phil Williamson.
(14 starts: 3-3-1, \$24,470) Best mile rate: 2-00.7 (1st, 1980m)

13 225217 Samanthas Moon (fr)

(3f One Over Da Moon-Eyrewell Pegasus, by Pegasus Spur)
Owners: L E Williams, D J Flockton, J L Lewis, G R E Haley, N S Kingston, Est Heather Williams, Ms R Bayss
Driver: R T May **Trainer:** Brent White.
(8 starts: 1-3-0, \$10,360) Best mile rate: 2-03.1 (2nd, 1980m)

Race 2: 5:00pm

XCM SPORT MOBILE PACE

1 098758 Paul's Verdict (fr)

(9g Changeover-Final Verdict, by Sands A Flyin)
Owners: J C Mounce, Mrs S D Mounce
Driver: S J Ottley **Trainer:** Sandra Mounce.
(186 starts: 9-15-13, \$95,533) Best mile rate: 1-57.2 (2nd, 1980m)

2 431835 Le Pole Dancer (fr)

(4m A Rocknroll Dance-Fly The Flag, by Falcon Seelster)
Owners: Miss M A Nyhan, Mrs C J Crozier, L T Crozier, Hoping We've Got What We Need Syndicate.
Driver: P J Davis **Trainer:** Margo Nyhan.
(22 starts: 1-6-3, \$18,340) Best mile rate: 1-57.1 (3rd, 1609m)

3 586618 Cheapcheap (fr)

(5m Lis Mara-Lena Franco, by Bettor's Delight)
Owners: I R Thomas, Mrs S A Thomas, J C E Thomas, D J Eginton, Mrs K M Eginton.
Driver: T M Williams **Trainers:** Jason & Ian Thomas.
(14 starts: 1-1-0, \$8,178) Best mile rate: 2-02.2 (1st, 2600m)

4 705457 Dreaminsover (fr)

(8g Changeover-Rose's Dream, by Holmes Hanover)
Owners: B R Stevens, M L Buckland, Mrs E G Buckland, Mrs D R Kelman, G D Kelman, Mrs T A Taylor, M C Didham, T J Stevens **Driver:** J J A Young-Grant **Trainer:** Bruce Negus.
(120 starts: 3-3-6, \$41,633) Best mile rate: 1-59.3 (4th, 2400m)

5 215674 Angel Of Montana (fr)

(3f Bettor's Delight-Uptown Attitude, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: S T Anderson, C Harker, C Botica
Driver: K M Cox **Trainer:** Stephen Anderson.
(10 starts: 1-1-0, \$8,065) Best mile rate: 1-59.3 (1st, 2000m)

6 10209 Franco Stefan (fr)
(3g Bettor's Delight-Suzy's Delight, by Washington VC)
Owners: W McEwan, R L Collis, J H Mullins, S J Kennedy, K M Barron, Zipper Jazzman Syndicate, J W E Durning, I Maw, Mrs V Maw **Driver:** B N Orange **Trainer:** Ken Barron.
(5 starts: 1-1-0, \$7,838) Best mile rate: 1-57.1 (2nd, 1980m)

7 0X1296 Jimmy Arma (fr)
(4g Changeover-Cindi Arma, by Falcon Seelster)
Owner: Miss L J White
Driver: John R Dunn **Trainer:** Robert Dunn.
(7 starts: 1-2-0, \$7,660) Best mile rate: 1-58.2 (4th, 1609m)

8 402211 Lifes A Beach (fr)
(3f Bettor's Delight-Beach Parade, by Beach Towel)
Owners: Woodlands Partnership Syndicate, Kieran Read, Andy Ellis, D Hewett, R J Tayler.
Driver: J C Morrison **Trainer:** Tony Barron.
(13 starts: 2-2-1, \$22,620) Best mile rate: 1-56.4 (1st, 1980m)

9 017796 Pembroke's Destiny (fr)
(3g Bettor's Delight-Pembroke Belle, by Art Major)
Owners: Mrs G J Kennard, P I Kennard, M A R Kirkwood, Mrs S L Kirkwood, R J Fleetwood, B L Spence.
Driver: M J Williamson **Trainer:** Brendon Hill.
(12 starts: 2-1-1, \$19,230) Best mile rate: 1-57.3 (1st, 1980m)

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10 921205 Bettastar (fr)
(3f Bettor's Delight-Petra's Star, by Christian Cullen)
Owner: Tuapeka Lodge Syndicate
Driver: N P Williamson **Trainer:** Nathan Williamson.
(6 starts: 1-2-0, \$9,310) Best mile rate: 1-54.5 (1st, 1609m)

11 153562 Smooth Debate (fr)
(5m Well Said-Ouch La Fe Fe, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: Miss J E Van der Woerd, G J Burgess, Fini Mondo Syndicate.
Driver: R D Close **Trainer:** Gavin Burgess.
(31 starts: 2-4-4, \$22,785) Best mile rate: 1-57.5 (3rd, 1980m)

12 232260 Five Star General (fr)
(4g Art Major-Valiant Heart, by Soky's Atom)
Owners: P D Bagrie, Mrs A G Bagrie, Miss S A Bagrie.
Driver: R J Butt **Trainer:** Peter Bagrie.
(10 starts: 1-4-2, \$18,700) Best mile rate: 1-57.7 (2nd, 1980m)

13 252302 Fire Fox (fr)
(4g Sweet Lou-Fire Dancer, by Courage Under Fire)
Owners: Ms E K Fox, L N Conner
Driver: R T May **Trainer:** Kevin Townley.
(13 starts: 1-9-1, \$27,288) Best mile rate: 1-55.7 (2nd, 2600m)

14 844P10 Sportscam (fr)
(3g Sportswriter-Honey To The Bee, by Mach Three)
Owners: J W Cox, I S Wilson, K R Hansen, Mrs J T Nicholas, Mrs D J Cheesman, R Whyte, M J Peden, Off.
Driver: J W Cox **Trainer:** Jonny Cox.
(12 starts: 1-0-0, \$6,800) Best mile rate: 1-59.4 (4th, 2400m)

Race 3: 5:32pm
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1 343520 Bettor Call Me (fr)
(3c Bettor's Delight-Callmemaybe, by Artsplace)
Owners: E K Busch, M J Busch
Driver: G D Smit h **Trainer:** Gavin Smith.
(13 starts: 1-3-3, \$29,613) Best mile rate: 1-55.6 (3rd, 1980m)

2 943637 Bettor Grunter (fr)
(4g Bettor's Delight-Sheza Grunter, by Badlands Hanover)
Owners: P R Molloy, R F Seebeck
Driver: B N Orange **Trainer:** Ken Barron.
(26 starts: 2-4-3, \$24,158) Best mile rate: 1-58.6 (3rd, 1980m)

3 210486 Tas Girl Bromac (fr)
(4m American Ideal-Tasmcmnian, by McArdle)
Owners: C A Vella, D A Vella, C J Vella
Driver: J D Harrington **Trainer:** Jack Harrington.
(6 starts: 1-1-0, \$6,978) Best mile rate: 1-59.6 (4th, 2400m)

4 985221 Saint Waitaki (fr)
(4g Raging Bull-Devil's Advocate, by Real Desire)
Owners: W F McDonald, Mrs J M Conlan, E J Conlan.
Driver: J W Cox **Trainer:** Bill McDonald.
(6 starts: 1-2-0, \$8,238) Best mile rate: 2-04.2 (2nd, 2600m)

5 842931 Megarock E2 (fr)
(5g A Rocknroll Dance-Intuition, by In The Pocket)
Owners: Ms P M Cooke, B A Kerr **Driver:** **Trainer:** Brian Kerr.
(25 starts: 1-4-3, \$15,248) Best mile rate: 2-01.7 (2nd, 2000m)

6 185659 Kingsdown Atom (fr)
(5g American Ideal-Atom Queen, by Soky's Atom)
Owner: M E Curry **Driver:** J C Morrison **Trainer:** Mike Curry.
(34 starts: 2-3-3, \$20,653) Best mile rate: 1-59.1 (2nd, 1980m)

7 030553 Loyalist (fr)
(4g Bettor's Delight-Loyal Arden, by Art Major)
Owners: Ms P M Cooke, R M Gearry, Mrs L A Stanley.
Driver: B T Hope **Trainers:** Greg & Nina Hope.
(27 starts: 2-2-4, \$18,873) Best mile rate: 1-58.0 (4th, 2000m)

8 577192 Pay Me Visa (fr)
(9g McArdle-Pay Me Girl, by D M Dilinger)
Owner: A D Stuart **Driver:** R D Close **Trainer:** Andrew Stuart.
(131 starts: 15-8-10, \$113,085) Best mile rate: 1-55.1 (4th, 1950m)

9 33564X Admirable (fr)
(3g Rock N Roll Heaven-Memorable, by Bettor's Delight)
Owner: Est T A Beaton QSM
Driver: S E O'Reilly **Trainers:** Cran & Chrissie Dalgety.
(10 starts: 1-0-2, \$8,965) Best mile rate: 1-59.3 (4th, 1980m)

10 18X080 Huego Bos (fr)
(5g Art Major-Laurent Perrier, by Soky's Atom)
Owner: Est J W Smolenski
Driver: John R Dunn **Trainer:** Mark Smolenski.
(8 starts: 1-0-0, \$7,140) Best mile rate: 1-59.2 (4th, 1980m)

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11 441338 Madame Frost (fr)

(7m Ohoka Arizona-Fulham Frost, by Caprock)

Owners: Mrs A B Wright, G D Wright, Mrs D M McLaughlan.

Driver: Craig D Thornley **Trainer:** Erin Crawford.

(44 starts: 4-2-4, \$31,780) Best mile rate: 2-00.2 (4th, 2000m)

12 767P00 Artatac (fr)

(3g Art Major-Tactful Lady, by McArdle)

Owners: G N Hatton, Mrs K R Hatton

Driver: S J Ottley **Trainer:** Mark Jones.

(13 starts: 2-0-0, \$13,020) Best mile rate: 1-57.8 (4th, 1980m)

13 416 He's Tough (fr)

(3g He's Watching-Cullen's Mercy, by Christian Cullen)

Owners: R A Reekie, He's Tough Syndicate

Driver: M J Williamson **Trainer:** Brad Mowbray.

(3 starts: 1-0-0, \$5,010) Best mile rate: 2-05.2 (4th, 2000m)

14 574006 Sweet Loress (fr)

(9m McArdle-Uroc Amy, by Badlands Hanover)

Owners: Freedom Ridge Ltd, M A Heads

Driver: S J Tomlinson **Trainer:** Phil Anderson.

(112 starts: 9-8-14, \$86,394) Best mile rate: 1-55.2 (4th, 1609m)

15 000910 Essence Of Easton (fr)

(8g Washington VC-Easton Foxy Lady, by In The Pocket)

Owners: J J Murdoch, Mrs E J Murdoch

Driver: G D O'Reilly **Trainer:** John Murdoch.

(96 starts: 7-5-9, \$60,561) Best mile rate: 1-58.4 (3rd, 1980m)

16 773813 Bolzano (fr)

(4h Sunshine Beach-Sassi Bella, by Presidential Ball)

Owner: A N Edge **Driver:** R D Holmes **Trainer:** Alan Edge.

(11 starts: 1-1-2, \$8,593) Best mile rate: 1-58.8 (3rd, 2400m)

17 003580 First Class (fr)

(3g Bettor's Delight-Amaretto Bromac, by Falcon Seelster)

Owners: Mrs G J Kennard, P I Kennard, Breckon Racing Syndicate, G A Woodham, Mrs K J Woodham, J A Gibbs MNZM, Mrs A Gibbs **Driver:** Mark Purdon **Trainer:** Hayden Cullen.

(11 starts: 2-1-2, \$43,255) Best mile rate: 1-56.6 (1st, 1609m)

~~18 431835 Le Pole Dancer E1 (fr)~~

~~(4m A Rocknroll Dance-Fly The Flag, by Falcon Seelster)~~

~~**Owners:** Miss M A Nyhan, Mrs C J Crozier, L T Crozier,~~

~~**Hoping We've Got What We Need Syndicate.**~~

~~**Driver:** P J Davis **Trainer:** Margo Nyhan.~~

~~(22 starts: 1-6-3, \$18,340) Best mile rate: 1-57.1 (3rd, 1609m)~~

Race 4: 5:57pm

BRECKON FARMS MOBILE PACE

1 246701 Braeview Kelly (fr)

(3f Bettor's Delight-Idolise, by American Ideal)

Owner: Braeview Limited

Driver: S J Ottley **Trainer:** Mark Jones.

(17 starts: 5-5-0, \$56,546) Best mile rate: 1-54.8 (1st, 1609m)

2 660P60 A Delightful Act (fr)

(4m Bettor's Delight-A Christian Act, by Christian Cullen)

Owner: A Few Good Men Syndicate

Driver: John R Dunn **Trainer:** Robert Dunn.

(26 starts: 4-5-1, \$41,336) Best mile rate: 1-54.4 (2nd, 1609m)

3 847725 Invaluable (fr)

(4g Art Major-Memorable, by Bettor's Delight)

Owners: Est T A Beaton QSM, R B Mc Kerchar

Driver: N P Williamson **Trainers:** Cran & Chrissie Dalgety.

(35 starts: 4-7-3, \$41,935) Best mile rate: 1-56.7 (3rd, 1609m)

4 064521 Arden's Reality (fr)

(4g Somebeachsomewhere-Real Wings, by Badlands Hanover)

Owner: The Slice Of Heaven Syndicate

Driver: R T May **Trainer:** Grant Payne.

(23 starts: 4-2-1, \$37,568) Best mile rate: 1-57.0 (1st, 1980m)

5 860382 Longview Lady (fr)

(4m Bettor's Delight-Hannah Jaye, by Dream Away(USA))

Owners: P R Molloy, R F Seebeck

Driver: B N Orange **Trainer:** Ken Barron.

(38 starts: 5-3-6, \$73,319) Best mile rate: 1-56.2 (2nd, 1980m)

6 631857 Rocknroll Rod (fr)

(5g A Rocknroll Dance-E Emmy Jones, by Christian Cullen)

Owner: K J Austin **Driver:** J W Cox **Trainer:** Kyle Austin.

(40 starts: 7-6-3, \$70,651) Best mile rate: 1-54.6 (3rd, 1980m)

7 22157X Cardinal Sin (fr)

(4g Bettor's Delight-Opulent, by Christian Cullen)

Owners: Mrs C M Dalgety, T Inwood, G E Dickey, A R Galbraith QC, M P Hanning, B A Smith.

Driver: S E O'Reilly **Trainers:** Cran & Chrissie Dalgety.

(14 starts: 4-3-0, \$33,155) Best mile rate: 1-57.5 (1st, 1980m)

8 542122 Italian Lad (fr)

(4g Bettor's Delight-Delizioso, by In The Pocket)

Owners: Ms N C Rasmussen, P I Baken, S W R Gillan, N G Lancaster, Mrs M H Lancaster.

Driver: T M Williams **Trainer:** Hayden Cullen.

(15 starts: 4-5-1, \$44,710) Best mile rate: 1-54.6 (4th, 1980m)

9 185977 Cruzee Mach (fr)

(4g Mach Three-Cruzee Lass, by Christian Cullen)

Owner: Stonewall Stud Ltd

Driver: B D Butcher **Trainers:** Steve & Amanda Telfer.

(24 starts: 6-1-0, \$48,885) Best mile rate: 1-57.0 (1st, 2200m)

Race 5: 6:29pm**GRAPHITE DEVELOPMENTS LTD TROT**

- 1 040023 Willangus Lad (fr)**
(5g Angus Hall-Lady Eileen, by Armbro Invasion)
Owners: R E Wilson, P M Scully, G M Davis, J C Dean, K D Cahill, Evergreen Syndicate.
Driver: M D Hurrell **Trainer:** Robert Wilson.
(18 starts: 3-3-4, \$25,975) Best mile rate: 2-04.5 (2nd, 2400m)
- 2 241858 Beyond The Horizon (fr)**
(9g Monarchy-Beyond The Sunset, by Sundon)
Owners: Mrs L A Smith, G C Smith, J W Smith
Driver: J W Smith **Trainers:** Lynn & Justin Smith.
(64 starts: 5-8-12, \$58,667) Best mile rate: 2-04.3 (3rd, 2400m)
- 3 383011 Sally Lindenny (fr)**
(5m Majestic Son-Sungait Sally, by Pegasus Spur)
Owners: N C James, H James, R A Reed
Driver: G D O'Reilly **Trainer:** Kevin Townley.
(29 starts: 3-2-6, \$23,515) Best mile rate: 2-06.5 (3rd, 2400m)
- 4 008136 Girls Let Loose (fr)**
(6m Superfast Stuart-Foot Loose, by Grant Our Wishes)
Owners: G S Doody, Mrs D P Doody, S J Sutherland, Mrs B P Sutherland.
Driver: R T May **Trainer:** Stuart Sutherland.
(39 starts: 6-5-2, \$46,590) Best mile rate: 2-00.3 (2nd, 1980m)
- 5 504031 Prince Ranier (fr)**
(4g Monarchy-Fly Bi, by Pegasus Spur)
Owners: G C Telfer, Mrs C E Telfer
Driver: John R Dunn **Trainer:** Graeme Telfer.
(20 starts: 2-4-1, \$18,533) Best mile rate: 2-02.4 (4th, 2400m)
- 6 988104 Mikemaro (fr)**
(5g Majestic Son-Idle Wishes, by Grant Our Wishes)
Owners: H A Roberts, R M Austin
Driver: B N Orange **Trainer:** Rodger Austin.
(45 starts: 5-3-5, \$40,938) Best mile rate: 2-01.9 (3rd, 2000m)

- 7 505102 Galleons Future (fr)**
(5g Majestic Son-Galleons Assault, by Earl)
Owners: G S Allen, R E Wilson
Driver: E E Barron **Trainer:** Robert Wilson.
(17 starts: 2-6-0, \$21,395) Best mile rate: 2-05.8 (1st, 2200m)
- 8 855110 The Bloss (fr)**
(7m The Pres-Our Blossom, by Grant Our Wishes)
Owners: B J Borcoskie, A D Tutty
Driver: B J Borcoskie **Trainer:** Brent Borcoskie.
(80 starts: 9-7-5, \$74,473) Best mile rate: 2-00.5 (4th, 1950m)
- 9 906124 Time In A Bottle (fr)**
(5m Majestic Son-Gina, by Sundon)
Owners: Mrs S D Mounce, J C Mounce
Driver: J C Morrison **Trainer:** Sandra Mounce.
(45 starts: 5-3-8, \$46,323) Best mile rate: 1-58.6 (4th, 1609m)
- 10 711880 Majestic Chick (fr)**
(4m Majestic Son-Hazel Maud, by Sundon)
Owner: S G Philip **Driver:** R D Holmes **Trainer:** Coaster Howe.
(20 starts: 3-1-2, \$24,415) Best mile rate: 1-58.5 (1st, 1609m)
- 11 623581 Luminosity (fr)**
(6m Muscle Hill-Fire In The Night, by Sundon)
Owners: B C Hutton, B R Smith
Driver: J F Curtin **Trainer:** Bruce Hutton.
(37 starts: 3-6-5, \$31,430) Best mile rate: 2-01.1 (2nd, 1980m)
- 12 602399 Monrika (fr)**
(7m Monkey Bones-Florika, by Britewell)
Owners: G E Howard, Mrs L E Howard
Driver: S R McNally **Trainer:** Michael Howard.
(52 starts: 5-7-5, \$59,648) Best mile rate: 1-58.8 (2nd, 1609m)
- 13 308907 Sioux Princess (fr)**
(6m Majestic Son-Westwood Sioux, by Sundon)
Owners: Mrs R B Kearns, WDC 03 Limited
Driver: S J Ottley **Trainer:** Mark Jones.
(69 starts: 8-7-7, \$68,275) Best mile rate: 2-00.0 (2nd, 1980m)

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RACE 6: 7.01PM


FRED SHAW MEMORIAL NZ TROTTING CHAMPIONSHIP


(MOBILE TROT) (Group 1)


\$100,000, FFA MOBILE, 2600m

Matt Cross	Greg O'Connor	Michael Guerin	Trottech
6 Sundees Son	1 Bolt For Brilliance	1 Bolt For Brilliance	6 Sundees Son
1 Bolt For Brilliance	6 Sundees Son	6 Sundees Son	1 Bolt For Brilliance
3 Muscle Mountain	3 Muscle Mountain	3 Muscle Mountain	3 Muscle Mountain
8 Oscar Bonavena	8 Oscar Bonavena	8 Oscar Bonavena	8 Oscar Bonavena

1 322121 Bolt For Brilliance (fr)

 (4g Muscle Hill-Toomuch To Do, by Britewell)
Owners: Mrs S Herlihy, D I Donaldson, P J Hailes, Est S H Mathews.
Driver: A G Herlihy MNZM
Trainer: Tony Herlihy.
 (20 starts: 10-4-1, \$248,894) Best mile rate: 1-56.3 (3rd, 1609m)


2 221549 Splash Cola (fr)

 (10m Sundon-Delcola, by Chiola Cola)
Owner: I W Hunter
Driver: R D Close
Trainer: Regan Todd.
 (85 starts: 12-9-6, \$125,977) Best mile rate: 1-57.9 (1st, 1980m)


3 213X12 Muscle Mountain (fr)

 (4g Muscle Hill-Paramount Faith, by Pegasus Spur)
Owner: Cullen Breeding Limited
Driver: B T Hope
Trainers: Greg & Nina Hope.
 (15 starts: 9-2-1, \$98,478) Best mile rate: 1-57.0 (1st, 1980m)


4 271373 The Dominator (fr)

 (7g The Pres-Domination, by Sundon)
Owners: S G Bell, D L Williamson, Miss K J Bell, A S Bell, Mrs K Bell.
Driver: Craig D Thornley
Trainer: Donna Williamson.
 (73 starts: 11-10-9, \$140,299) Best mile rate: 1-58.4 (3rd, 1609m)

5 431116 Midnight Dash (fr)

 (4g Muscle Hill-Lady Midnight, by Sierra Kosmos)
Owners: R G Dellaca, A R Pullar, Mrs V M Robertson, J Yang, P I Baken, G D R Shand, G P Hope.
Driver: T M Williams
Trainers: Greg & Nina Hope.
 (33 starts: 8-5-7, \$105,587) Best mile rate: 1-57.3 (3rd, 1980m)

6 511214 Sundees Son (fr)

 (6g Majestic Son-Stardon, by Sundon)
Owners: C W Hair, Mrs N L Hair
Driver: John R Dunn
Trainer: Robert Dunn.
 (49 starts: 19-3-4, \$601,205) Best mile rate: 1-55.9 (2nd, 1609m)

7 X14223 Vacation Hill (fr)

 (4m Muscle Hill-Vacanza, by Dream Vacation)
Owner: N C James
Driver: S J Ottley
Trainer: Kevin Townley.
 (19 starts: 5-5-3, \$68,483) Best mile rate: 1-57.5 (4th, 1980m)

8 3184X2 Oscar Bonavena (fr)

 (5h Majestic Son-Now's The Moment, by Yankee Jolter)
Owners: R C Purdon MBE, C J Ryder
Driver: Mark Purdon
Trainer: Hayden Cullen.
 (20 starts: 12-3-1, \$179,135) Best mile rate: 1-55.2 (1st, 1609m)

9 645198 One Apollo (fr)

 (5g One Over Da Moon-Anna Castleton, by Gee Whiz II)
Owners: L E Williams, P M Goodhew, Miss A M Henson, Mrs H A Stead, I W Rhodes, G J Preston.
Driver: R T May **Trainer:** Brent White.
 (40 starts: 9-6-3, \$168,168) Best mile rate: 1-55.5 (3rd, 1609m)



Sundeas Son much improved for Trotting Championship

An improved Sundeas Son won't be offering second chances in the Group One New Zealand Trotting Championship at Addington on Friday night.

The Robert Dunn trained six-year-old comes into the 2600m feature after a rare defeat on his merits after trotting throughout when fourth in Bolt For Brilliance's Group Three Lamb & Hayward Classic win at the same track two weeks ago.

Though defeated, the star trotter was still sound in fourth after sitting parked and while giving away a race fitness advantage to most of his rivals.

Trainer Robert Dunn admitted his camp was caught a little off-guard when Sundeas Son proved he was not quite as forward as they hoped.

"He took a bit longer to come up after his spell than usual," Dunn said.

"We were happy with him but he only had one trial and he usually has two when he comes back in."

"He surprised us a bit, he blew up over the back after that last run and he really needed it."

The chances of Sundeas Son's camp being caught off guard again look between slim and none.

The team behind the trotter – Dunn, son John and his father-in-law Craig Edmonds – have seen to that.

"He has improved a lot, Johnny and Craig have been very happy with him," Dunn said.

"His work has been stepped up and it has been very good."

"There is still improvement to come but he will be much fitter on Friday night."

Sundeas Son is not the only horse who will strip fitter in their mission to turn the tables on Bolt For Brilliance on Friday night.

The New Zealand Trotting Championship has been one of the big aims of Muscle Mountain's campaign.

And trainers Greg and Nina Hope have him ready to peak in the Group One feature.

"We haven't ruled out Auckland, but at this stage it is unlikely that he will be going," driver Ben Hope said.

"His two big goals this time in have been this race on Friday night and the Jewels."

"Everything is looking really good with him and we couldn't be happier, really."

Muscle Mountain chased hard when second behind Bolt For Brilliance.

That run was just the second public appearance of the four-year-old's autumn campaign following his big fresh up victory in the Group Three Summer Trotting Free-For-All fresh up without a trial or workout.

"We were rapt with his last run, he was never going to catch Bolt For Brilliance when he was in front running a 55sec half (800m)," Hope said.

"He has improved off that run and he should be a really good chance."

"Obviously Sundeas Son will be a big improver out of the race too and he will be hard to beat."

"But we don't think our fella isn't too far behind him and Bolt For Brilliance."

The Hope stable also start Midnight Dash (5) in Friday night's feature.

Muscle Mountain (3) will start outside Bolt For Brilliance (1), with Sundeas Son outside both four-year-olds in barrier 6.

- by Jonny Turner


RACE 7: 7.29PM


AVON CITY FORD NEW ZEALAND WELCOME STAKES


(MOBILE PACE) (Group 2)


\$50,000, 2YO MOBILE, 1980m

Matt Cross	Greg O'Connor	Michael Guerin	Trottech
1 Akuta	1 Akuta	1 Akuta	1 Akuta
5 Franco Mac	5 Franco Mac	5 Franco Mac	6 Arden's Horizon
4 Cosmic Major	4 Cosmic Major	4 Cosmic Major	5 Franco Mac
6 Arden's Horizon	8 Bollinger	8 Bollinger	4 Cosmic Major

1 1 Akuta (fr)

 (2g Bettor's Delight-Adore To Our Dreams, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: Cullen Breeding Limited, Mark Purdon
Driver: Mark Purdon
Trainer: Hayden Cullen.
 (1 start: 1-0-0, \$13,750) Best mile rate: 1-59.5 (1st, 1609m)


5 1 Franco Mac (fr)

 (2g Bettor's Delight-MacFire, by Mach Three)
Owners: C H Nicholson, M C Nicholson, Mrs P P Gillan, P I Baken, D R Cole, R Cole.
Driver: N C Rasmussen
Trainer: Hayden Cullen.
 (1 start: 1-0-0, \$10,000) Best mile rate: 1-57.5 (1st, 1980m)


2 4533 Get Kraken (fr)

 (2c Terror To Love-Bella Jones, by Christian Cullen)
Owner: S M Payne
Driver: Ken Barron
Trainer: Greg Payne.
 (4 starts: 0-0-2, \$3,663) Best mile rate: 1-56.8 (3rd, 1609m)


6 61 Arden's Horizon (fr)

 (2c Bettor's Delight-Arden's Rose, by Somebeachsomewhere)
Owners: Lincoln Farms Bloodstock Ltd, Excell Syndicate, I A Middleton, R W Green, Mrs D Jones, D Jones, S Beckett, K J Bell, Margaret Rabbitt, Athenry Syndicate
Driver: D J Butcher
Trainer: Ray Green.
 (2 starts: 1-0-0, \$6,840) Best mile rate: 1-58.3 (1st, 1700m)

3 6235 Mr Ibiza (fr)

 (2c Sunshine Beach-Elsies Delight, by Bettor's Delight)
Owner: M R Notman
Driver: B N Orange
Trainer: Steve Dolan.
 (4 starts: 0-1-1, \$7,790) Best mile rate: 1-56.8 (2nd, 1700m)

7 32 Tide And Time (fr)

 (2g Somebeachsomewhere-That's Hunting Pink, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: Mrs D M Gillies, M D Gillies
Driver: K M Cox
Trainer: Katie Cox.
 (2 starts: 0-1-1, \$4,675) Best mile rate: 1-56.6 (2nd, 1609m)

4 12 Cosmic Major (fr)

 (2c Art Major-Rozelski, by Bettor's Delight)
Owners: Mrs G J Kennard, P I Kennard, Breckon Racing Syndicate, G A Woodham, Mrs K J Woodham, J A Gibbs MNZM, Mrs A Gibbs
Driver: T M Williams
Trainer: Hayden Cullen.
 (2 starts: 1-1-0, \$7,400) Best mile rate: 1-57.7 (2nd, 1980m)

8 2 Bollinger (fr)

 (2c Bettor's Delight-Georgia Brooke, by Christian Cullen)
Owner: Mrs J L Feiss
Driver: J W Cox
Trainer: Hayden Cullen.
 (1 start: 0-1-0, \$3,875) Best mile rate: 1-59.6 (2nd, 1609m)



Pembroke Playboy will be a good chance in Race 11.



Akuta is hot favourite in the Welcome Stakes.

Williamson keen to up the ante

Nathan Williamson realises this could be the week to give Pembroke Playboy his head.

And while that wouldn't guarantee him victory in the \$50,000 IRT Superstars at Addington it could make for one hell of a race.

Pembroke Playboy charged home for fourth in the Cullen-dominated Easter Cup last Saturday and considering he had a 20m handicap start in that race it might have seemed the time to stay in front of the big names.

But trainer-driver Williamson says over 3200m that would have been too much to ask of the four-year-old.

"I think over 3200m trying to hold them out two laps from home would have been too much and could have set his campaign back," says Williamson.

"But this week over 1980m drawn inside both Amazing Dream and Self Assured I think he has a chance to lead and stay there.

"I am not saying that is a set plan but that is how I am leaning and even if they attack we will be going pretty solid anyway.

"At some stage he needs to make a statement and heading to a race like the Jewels or even for next season we need to show we are not scared to lead on him.

"So that is the first plan and if the big names are too

good for him I think a hard 1980m won't hurt him as much as a tough 3200m would have."

Considering Self Assured has now won three major Cups and Amazing Dream the Auckland Cup and the free-for-all two weeks ago, punters can still expect one of them, maybe both, to get over top of Pembroke Playboy if he can in fact get the lead. But he has beaten Self Assured before so he would give a hell of a sight leading.

While Williamson, and who knows maybe another rival, will test the Cullen superstars in the four and five-year-old race it is hard the stable bettered in the \$50,000 Avon City Ford Welcome Stakes.

Cullen has four in the race and the last two times the quartet have raced they have quinellaed the two races they contested.

Akuta has looked maybe the most talented of the quartet and even though challenged in the home straight at Wyndham last Thursday he was holding his rivals at the line.

He not only has the ace draw but also has Mark Purdon hopping back in the sulky. There is still much to learn about this crop so the pecking order might become a bit clearer post race.

- by Michael Guerin

RACE 8: 7.59PM

LIVAMOL NEW ZEALAND TROTTING DERBY

(MOBILE TROT) (Group 1)

\$100,000, 3YO, 2600m

Matt Cross	Greg O'Connor	Michael Guerin	Trottech
7 Five Wise Men	7 Five Wise Men	7 Five Wise Men	7 Five Wise Men
8 Son Of Patrick	1 Love N The Port	8 Son Of Patrick	2 Wanna Play With Me
10 Time Up The Hill	2 Wanna Play With Me	2 Wanna Play With Me	10 Time Up The Hill
5 Leaf Stride	8 Son Of Patrick	5 Leaf Stride	11 Aldebaran Floss

1 2X1364 Love N The Port (fr)



(3g Love You-Ngaire Margaret, by Sundon)
Owners: K P Ussher, Mrs S E White
Driver: M J Williamson **Trainer:** Phil Williamson.
 (6 starts: 2-1-1, \$13,353) Best mile rate: 2-00.9 (4th, 1980m)

2 X21752 Wanna Play With Me (fr)



(3f Love You-Wanna Play, by Majestic Son)
Owners: T G Casey, Ms K Marriott, P T Ryder, Mark Purdon.
Driver: Mark Purdon **Trainer:** Hayden Cullen.
 (12 starts: 5-3-0, \$67,121) Best mile rate: 1-57.5 (1st, 1980m)

3 754021 Royal Pride (fr)



(3c Royal Aspirations-Diedrez Pearl, by Brylin Boyz)
Owners: W F Fletcher, Mrs F P Fletcher
Driver: Mark Jones **Trainer:** Fred Fletcher.
 (22 starts: 3-3-2, \$30,353) Best mile rate: 2-02.7 (2nd, 1980m)

4 946X96 Eurokash (fr)



(3g Love You-Sunny Kash, by Continentalman)
Owners: R G Dellaca, P I Baken, A R Pullar, W R Stewart, W G Hill, Mrs M J Garters, J S T Dellaca, J Yang, G P Hope, The Boyz Syndicate
Driver: B T Hope **Trainers:** Greg & Nina Hope.
 (9 starts: 3-0-0, \$20,298) Best mile rate: 2-00.2 (4th, 1980m)

5 115PX2 Leaf Stride (fr)



(3g Love You-Sun Mist, by Sundon)
Owner: E & M Stride Corp.
Driver: Brad Williamson **Trainer:** Phil Williamson.
 (5 starts: 2-1-0, \$19,228) Best mile rate: 1-57.7 (2nd, 1609m)

6 4122X7 Outamyway (fr)



(3c Love You-Do It Your Way, by Sundon)
Owners: P F B Williams, Mrs J T Williams, S P Murdoch, V Nairn, Mrs S E Nairn, Red And White Syndicate, B L Lissington **Driver:** B N Orange **Trainer:** Paul Nairn.
 (8 starts: 1-2-2, \$57,415) Best mile rate: 1-59.4 (2nd, 1980m)

7 X61111 Five Wise Men (fr)



(3g Muscle Hill-Harriet Hughes, by Sundon)
Owners: J P Baker, I W McNicholl, Five Wise Men Syndicate, The Grove Syndicate, First Time Trotters.
Driver: John R Dunn
Trainers: Craig & Aimee Edmonds.
 (7 starts: 5-0-0, \$40,790) Best mile rate: 1-57.6 (1st, 1609m)

8 111432 Son Of Patrick (fr)



(3g Father Patrick-Kylie Ree, by Monarchy)
Owners: Mrs K J Purdon, C J Ryder **Driver:** T M Williams
Trainers: Barry Purdon & Scott Phelan.
 (12 starts: 4-2-2, \$40,581) Best mile rate: 2-00.1 (3rd, 1980m)

9 2828X3 Franco Jorik (fr)



(3g Muscle Mass-Jacanti Franco, by Continentalman)
Owners: goHarness Hoofin Around Syndicate, goHarness No.9 Syndicate, N S Kennard.
Driver: R T May **Trainers:** Greg & Nina Hope.
 (10 starts: 1-4-2, \$25,421) Best mile rate: 1-59.9 (2nd, 1980m)

----- Second Line -----

10 X52324 Time Up The Hill (fr)



(3f Muscle Hill-Majestic Time, by Majestic Son)
Owners: J M Ward, Mrs P L Ward, Miss S L Ward, C M Ward. **Driver:** K M Barron **Trainer:** Michael Ward.
 (13 starts: 3-2-2, \$27,915) Best mile rate: 1-57.6 (2nd, 1980m)

11 144211 Aldebaran Floss (fr)



(3f Muscle Mass-Another Love, by Love You)
Owners: S K Swain, E D Swain, Mrs S J Swain, B D Swain, Mrs A L Hudson.
Driver: S J Ottley **Trainer:** Murray Alfeld.
 (9 starts: 3-3-1, \$42,178) Best mile rate: 1-58.4 (4th, 1980m)



Five Wise Men is hot favourite in the Trotting Derby.

Love N The Port heads Williamson's Derby pair

Incredibly, an Oamaru trial is a key pointer for punters looking for place and quinella options with hot favourite Five Wise Men in Friday night's Group One New Zealand Trotting Derby.

Though neither of trainer Phil Williamson's pair were out to break any records just five days out from the 2600m feature, Love N The Port trialled significantly more impressively than his stablemate Leaf Stride.

When betting markets opened for the New Zealand Trotting Derby the pair were rated around the other way with Love N The Port \$6.50 and Leaf Stride at \$6.

It's not hard to see why that is the case given Leaf Stride comprehensively beat Love N The Port in their only meeting behind Five Wise Men in the Hambletonian Classic.

But Love N The Port's driver Matthew Williamson thinks that effort is best forgotten.

"He went super in his first two starts for the season but he was well below his best in the Hambletonian," the reinsman said.

"He was off his game that day but it's the only time we haven't been happy with him."

"His work has been good and he went much better in his next start at Addington."

That next start produced an unlucky fourth when Love N The Port was held up badly on the home turn as Five Wise Men swept past and won.

"It was a good run because he got held up pretty badly but once he got going he hit the line quite nice," Williamson said.

"If he had been out a bit earlier he would have got a bit closer."

"But he hung a bit which didn't help, we have made some gear changes that will help with that."

Love N The Port showed gate speed to lead in his last start which will be a vital asset from barrier 1 on Friday night.

With few likely leaders on the front line Williamson has little option but to do everything he can to hold the lead.

"Five Wise Men hasn't got out really fast yet and there don't look to be any other horses I would be keen to hand up to."

"I think we have got to have a crack at holding up."

In front and out of trouble, Williamson rates Love N The Port good enough to win.

"If you take out his Hambletonian run he has shown that from the draw he is the second-best chance in the race."

That assessment should make Love N The Port an appealing prospect for quinella and place punters.

Given the Phil Williamson trained three-year-old was at longer odds to place (\$2.20) than Five Wise Men was to win (\$2.10) in early betting on Wednesday he represents good value.

Williamson has five more drives at Addington on Friday night and rates Miss Crazy (race 1) and Pembroke's Destiny (race 2) as two of his best chances.

"Miss Crazy trialled quite nice during the week and is in a winnable race for her."

"Pembroke's Destiny has a bad draw but she is an eachway chance because she has been racing much better fields."

- by Jonny Turner

RACE 9: 8.29PM

DIAMOND CREEK FARM NEW ZEALAND PACING DERBY


(MOBILE PACE) (Group 1)


\$200,000, 3YO MOBILE, 2600m

Matt Cross	Greg O'Connor	Michael Guerin	Trottech
9 Krug	9 Krug	9 Krug	2 Luke John
13 American Dealer	4 B D Joe	4 B D Joe	9 Krug
4 B D Joe	13 American Dealer	13 American Dealer	4 B D Joe
2 Luke John	14 Pace N Pride	8 Shan Noble	14 Pace N Pride

1 X61491 The Falcon (fr)


 (3g Bettor's Delight-Tandias Bromac, by Art Major)
Owners: R L Sandford, Mrs J A Sandford, G R Dunn, Miss H M Wall, John Gould Family Trust.
Driver: G D O'Reilly **Trainers:** Geoff & James Dunn.
 (10 starts: 3-0-1, \$20,510) Best mile rate: 1-55.8 (4th, 1980m)


2 353252 Luke John (fr)

 (3c Mach Three-Zenardle, by McArdle)
Owner: M J Harvey
Driver: A G Herlihy MNZM **Trainer:** Hayden Cullen.
 (17 starts: 3-3-3, \$81,149) Best mile rate: 1-56.0 (3rd, 2200m)

3 231269 Got You Covered (fr)

 (3g Art Major-Cartier, by Holmes Hanover)
Owner: W R Nordqvist
Driver: R T May **Trainer:** Robert Dunn.
 (25 starts: 5-5-4, \$52,903) Best mile rate: 1-55.5 (2nd, 1980m)

4 514823 B D Joe (fr)


 (3g Roll With Joe-Tact Auntie, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: Stonewall Stud Ltd, B D Joe Syndicate
Driver: B D Butcher **Trainers:** Steve & Amanda Telfer.
 (12 starts: 3-2-2, \$85,990) Best mile rate: 1-54.6 (1st, 1700m)

5 X12074 It's All About Faith (fr)

 (3c Captaintreacherous-Veste, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: D M Dunford, M D Dunford
Driver: Mark Purdon **Trainer:** Hayden Cullen.
 (17 starts: 6-7-1, \$191,514) Best mile rate: 1-53.4 (2nd, 1609m)

6 410532 Dashing Major (fr)

 (3g Art Major-Inspiring Dash, by Falcon Seelster)
Owners: G W Deakins, Pembroke Park Ltd, Mrs P P Gillan, K N Spicer, M L Edwards, Dash For Cash Syndicate
Driver: John R Dunn **Trainer:** Robert Dunn.
 (10 starts: 2-1-2, \$37,175) Best mile rate: 1-56.9 (3rd, 1980m)

7 353421 Perfect Cut E1 (fr)


 (3g Sir Lincoln-Freedom Reigns, by Live Or Die)
Owners: J L P Gledhill, B R Negus, Mrs D Urwin
Driver: J W Cox **Trainer:** Bruce Negus.
 (18 starts: 2-2-4, \$20,940) Best mile rate: 1-58.5 (3rd, 1980m)


8 222211 Shan Noble (fr)

 (3g Bettor's Delight-Nearea Franco, by Badlands Hanover)
Owners: Mrs J J Rogers, G A Shand
Driver: N C Rasmussen **Trainer:** Hayden Cullen.
 (12 starts: 4-6-0, \$88,500) Best mile rate: 1-55.8 (2nd, 2200m)


9 422111 Krug (fr)


 (3c Bettor's Delight-Champagne Princess, by Soky's Atom)
Owners: Mrs C M Dalgety, M P Hanning, McKerrow Bloodstock Limited, G P Merlo, P J Creighton, Mrs M C Creighton, G E Dickey, K J Cummings
Driver: B N Orange **Trainers:** Cran & Chrissie Dalgety.
 (19 starts: 12-4-1, \$401,320) Best mile rate: 1-53.6 (3rd, 1609m)


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10 343520 Bettor Call Me E2 (fr)

 (3c Bettor's Delight-Callmemaybe, by Artsplace)
Owners: E K Busch, M J Busch
Driver: G Smith **Trainer:** Gavin Smith.
 (13 starts: 1-3-3, \$29,613) Best mile rate: 1-55.6 (3rd, 1980m)

11 123180 Corravally Star (fr)

 (3c Washington VC-Bowenvale, by Courage Under Fire)
Owners: J D Owens, Mrs S E M Owens
Driver: J J A Young-Grant **Trainer:** Bruce Negus.
 (18 starts: 4-1-3, \$47,820) Best mile rate: 1-56.7 (2nd, 2000m)

12 538X48 Arden's Ace (fr)

 (3g Art Major-Venus Serena, by Mach Three)
Owners: Mrs G J Kennard, P I Kennard, Mrs M C Creighton, P J Creighton, G R Douglas, K J Riseley.
Driver: J C Morrison **Trainer:** Regan Todd.
 (10 starts: 2-0-1, \$21,975) Best mile rate: 1-57.1 (4th, 1980m)

13 113332 American Dealer (fr)

 (3c American Ideal-Maddison's Delight, by Bettor's Delight)
Owners: M J Hanover, G L Banks
Driver: D J Butcher **Trainer:** Ray Green.
 (19 starts: 7-3-5, \$196,978) Best mile rate: 1-53.3 (1st, 1609m)

14 692114 Pace N Pride (fr)

 (3c Bettor's Delight-Maid In Splendour, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: Mrs G J Kennard, P I Kennard, Breckon Racing Syndicate, G A Woodham, Mrs K J Woodham, J A Gibbs MNZM, Mrs A Gibbs
Driver: T M Williams **Trainer:** Hayden Cullen.
 (14 starts: 4-4-0, \$64,608) Best mile rate: 1-54.0 (1st, 1980m)

15 111220 Ragazzo Mach (fr)

 (3c Mach Three-Ragazza Bromac, by Falcon Seelster)
Owner: Swandoo Harness Racing Pty Ltd Syndicate.
Driver: N P Williamson **Trainer:** Nathan Williamson.
 (9 starts: 5-3-0, \$42,213) Best mile rate: 1-54.4 (2nd, 1980m)

16 612X72 Yorokobi (fr)

 (3g Bettor's Delight-Rockin Cullen, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: P Duffy, B R Duffy
Driver: R D Close **Trainer:** Regan Todd.
 (10 starts: 2-3-0, \$23,393) Best mile rate: 1-54.8 (2nd, 1980m)



Dalgety sees plus side of wide draw for Krug

Cran Dalgety's attitude to Krug drawing the outside of the front in the \$200,000 Diamond Creek Farm NZ Derby is refreshingly simple.

"As long as he didn't draw the inside of the second line I was going to be happy," says Dalgety.

While some might argue barrier nine, which will become eight with the emergencies out, isn't much better Dalgety says he has the horse power to handle it.

"I see mainly positives from there," he told HRNZ.

"At least out there he is master of his own destiny and he probably can't find bad luck.

"So if he is good enough he can still win." Krug has already shown he can do freakish things when in the zone as we all saw in the Northern Derby when he half bolted on Tony Herlihy but still smashed his opponents.

It is a similar field and key rivals like Ragazzo Mach and American Dealer have drawn the second line but there is still plenty of gate speed in B D Joe (4), It's All About Faith (5) and Shan Noble (8) between Krug and the marker pegs which is where so many Derby winners come.

Dalgety says he won't be giving Blair Orange any driving instructions but with six horses drawn behind him on the second line he would envisage Orange won't be pulling back.

So can Krug work for maybe the first 800m and win the Derby?

"I think he can because he is better than when he won the Flying Stakes two weeks ago," says Dalgety matter of factly.

"I always expected he would be because I eased off him after his Derby win up in Auckland and he was going to improve on what he did after the Flying Stakes.

"But I am surprised how much he has improved. His work on Monday was at another level and he is a fair way better than he was last start." That would suggest if Krug, and it is a huge IF, he can muscle his way to the front then this is his Derby to lose.

But if he can't that would most likely mean horses like B D Joe, It's All About Faith or Shan Noble had got there first and their drivers were willing to roll the dice. That might cost them the race but it could also cost Krug.. and punters.

The most likely sweeper would be American Dealer if the leaders play rough and hard early while Ragazzo Mach trialled on Tuesday and broke 55 seconds for his last 800m so can be forgiven his last start loss.

But so often Derby winners come from the marker pegs and two horses who could end up there are B D Joe first and then Shan Noble potentially getting the lead off the increasingly-confusing It's All About Faith.

There is little doubt Krug is the best horse in the Derby and his draw may not matter.

But there is a reason only the elite win both our Derbys, because it is so hard to do and you almost certainly have to be an open class star of the future to complete the classic double.

Maybe Krug is.

- by Michael Guerin

RACE 11: 9.28PM

IRT. SUPERSTARS 4YO & 5YO PACERS CHAMPIONSHIP

(MOBILE PACE) (Group 2)

\$50,000, 4-5YO MOBILE, 1980m

Matt Cross	Greg O'Connor	Michael Guerin	Trottech
6 Pembroke Playboy	8 Self Assured	8 Self Assured	8 Self Assured
8 Self Assured	6 Pembroke Playboy	7 Amazing Dream	7 Amazing Dream
7 Amazing Dream	7 Amazing Dream	6 Pembroke Playboy	6 Pembroke Playboy
4 Cranbourne	3 Tango Tara	3 Tango Tara	1 Belmont Major

1 463133 Belmont Major (fr)
 (4g Art Major-Belmont Fire, by Courage Under Fire)
Owners: T D Bagrie, N T Smith, C B McPherson, R J Mather, P W Borlase, Mrs M L Borlase, M J Borlase, J A W Borlase, Speedy Syndicate, R R J Storer
Driver: B N Orange
Trainer: Tom Bagrie.
 (23 starts: 6-6-4, \$77,340) Best mile rate: 1-54.9 (2nd, 1980m)

2 142255 Steel The Show (fr)
 (4g Bettor's Delight-Steel The Light, by Falcon Seelster)
Owners: G S Eynon, C M Eynon
Driver: John R Dunn
Trainer: Robert Dunn.
 (15 starts: 5-4-3, \$55,928) Best mile rate: 1-55.0 (3rd, 1980m)

3 416624 Tango Tara (fr)
 (5g A Rocknroll Dance-Tara Delight, by Bettor's Delight)
Owner: R E Nieper
Driver: J F Curtin
Trainer: Jim Curtin.
 (30 starts: 6-9-3, \$91,700) Best mile rate: 1-55.0 (2nd, 1900m)

4 121521 Cranbourne (fr)
 (4g Sir Lincoln-Classiealba, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: R A Smith, B C Phillips, R K McCutcheon, N D Pierce.
Driver: S R McNally
Trainer: Brent White.
 (17 starts: 7-2-1, \$69,258) Best mile rate: 1-55.3 (1st, 1700m)

5 533475 Matt Damon (fr)
 (5g Bettor's Delight-Angelina Jolie, by Art Major)
Owners: A Kershaw, Rebel One Syndicate, S Carnochan, M Henry.
Driver: T M Williams
Trainer: Robert Dunn.
 (20 starts: 6-3-2, \$57,038) Best mile rate: 1-55.5 (4th, 2200m)

6 112134 Pembroke Playboy (fr)
 (4h Bettor's Delight-Dudinka's Star, by Christian Cullen)
Owner: C C Alcock
Driver: N P Williamson
Trainer: Nathan Williamson.
 (20 starts: 10-2-4, \$121,265) Best mile rate: 1-55.3 (1st, 1980m)

7 211213 Amazing Dream (fr)
 (4m Bettor's Delight-Christian Dreamer, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: M J Hanover, G L Banks, R S Gutnick, T J Pontone, J A Lozito Jr.
Driver: N C Rasmussen
Trainer: Hayden Cullen.
 (31 starts: 19-6-4, \$917,415) Best mile rate: 1-54.0 (1st, 1980m)

8 212231 Self Assured (fr)
 (5g Bettor's Delight-Star Of Venus, by Christian Cullen)
Owner: Mrs J L Feiss
Driver: Mark Purdon
Trainer: Hayden Cullen.
 (26 starts: 15-8-2, \$805,831) Best mile rate: 1-53.5 (2nd, 1609m)

Race 10: 8:58pm - SILVERMOON LADIES NIGHT
- 21 MAY - HANDICAP TROT

1	426805	Overzealous	(fr)
(5m Monkey Bones-Zealous Lady, by Brylin Boyz)			
Owners: Miss M A Nyhan, I'm A Believer Syndicate, Take A Good Look At Yourself Syndicate, Mrs R F Bateman			
Driver: P J Davis Trainer: Margo Nyhan.			
(67 starts: 7-6-11, \$102,000) Best mile rate: 1-59.6 (1st, 1980m)			
2	2P1624	Kiwitrix	(fr)
(4g Trixton-Kylie Ree, by Monarchy)			
Owners: Mrs K M Williamson, D J Henley, Triple R Sulkys Syndicate, M R Jones, Mrs R M Jones. Driver: M J Williamson Trainer: Nathan Williamson.			
(20 starts: 4-5-1, \$33,318) Best mile rate: 2-00.6 (4th, 1980m)			
3	462205	Phoebe Onyx	(fr)
(5g Wishing Stone-Duchess Of Phoebe, by Monarchy)			
Owners: C A Bradley, C F Hill, G D Beckett, B C Jones, T E Hill, I Wilkinson, P J Kearns. Driver: J W Cox Trainer: Coaster Howe.			
(43 starts: 4-7-7, \$50,878) Best mile rate: 1-58.2 (3rd, 1980m)			
4	635170	B D Yasothon	(fr)
(5g Andover Hall-Rosedorae, by Muscles Yankee)			
Owners: B W Smith, Mrs M B Iggo, C P Iggo Driver: R T May Trainer: Philip Iggo.			
(15 starts: 3-2-1, \$30,978) Best mile rate: 2-03.7 (1st, 2600m)			
5	000900	Navara	(fr)
(7g Muscle Mass-Sundress, by Sundon)			
Owner: A B Ford Driver: J R Ford Trainer: Allan Ford.			
(15 starts: 3-0-1, \$17,365) Best mile rate: 2-05.7 (3rd, 2400m)			
6	390435	Rebel Kibbybones	(fr)
(10g Monkey Bones-Kibby Novander, by Sundon)			
Owner: J C Hay Driver: J C Hay Trainer: John Hay.			
(54 starts: 5-10-6, \$58,300) Best mile rate: 2-02.4 (2nd, 2200m)			
7	245067	Missalysssa	(fr)
(6m Monarchy-Uramao, by Sundon)			
Owner: W M Pitches Driver: T M Williams Trainer: Andrew Faulks.			
(46 starts: 6-3-2, \$56,660) Best mile rate: 1-57.5 (1st, 1980m)			

Race 12: 9:56pm - FIRST DIRECT TAXIS MOBILE PACE

1	510448	Folklore	(fr)
(5m Sportswriter-Turkana, by Christian Cullen)			
Owners: I S Wilson, Mrs N F Wilson Driver: J W Cox Trainer: Jonny Cox.			
(32 starts: 4-5-4, \$39,520) Best mile rate: 1-57.0 (2nd, 1980m)			
2	353421	Perfect Cut	(fr)
(3g Sir Lincoln-Freedom Reigns, by Live Or Die)			
Owners: J L P Gledhill, B R Negus, Mrs D Urwin			
Driver: J J A Young-Grant Trainer: Bruce Negus.			
(18 starts: 2-2-4, \$20,940) Best mile rate: 1-58.5 (3rd, 1980m)			
3	PX2213	Surfers Delight	(fr)
(3g Bettor's Delight-Surfin Swift, by Christian Cullen)			
Owners: Mrs J A Dunn, R J Dunn, Mrs M D Taylor, Dr M J Evans.			
Driver: John R Dunn Trainer: Robert Dunn.			
(9 starts: 1-4-1, \$16,758) Best mile rate: 1-56.8 (2nd, 1980m)			
4	54X21	Samhara	(fr)
(3c Bettor's Delight-Solandra, by Artsplace)			
Owners: Mrs G J Kennard, P I Kennard, Mrs M C Creighton, P J Creighton, G R Douglas, K J Riseley. Driver: T M Williams Trainer: Hayden Cullen.			
(4 starts: 1-1-0, \$8,098) Best mile rate: 1-56.1 (1st, 1609m)			
5	174754	Dont Lie To Me	(fr)
(3f Art Major-Delight Me, by Bettor's Delight)			
Owners: J R Tate, Mrs G E Tate Driver: S J Ottley Trainer: Mark Jones.			
(10 starts: 2-1-0, \$14,800) Best mile rate: 1-56.8 (2nd, 1609m)			
6	80X995	Taxman	(fr)
(5g Bettor's Delight-Strawberry Fields, by Presidential Ball)			
Owners: W R Low, E T Murphy, R J Crawford, T G Rogers, J Sanders.			
Driver: J C Morrison Trainer: Wayne Low.			
(19 starts: 3-3-0, \$29,990) Best mile rate: 1-52.4 (2nd, 1609m)			

8	038121	Gold Chain	(fr)
(6m Muscle Hill-Gold Card, by Love You)			
Owners: R D Butt, Mrs Jackie R Butt Driver: R J Butt Trainer: Bob Butt.			
(17 starts: 4-2-3, \$34,935) Best mile rate: 2-02.0 (1st, 2400m)			
9	088551	Andoverlov	(10m)
(4g Andover Hall-Lotalov, by Love You)			
Owners: M P Smith, Mrs V E Smith, S J Lissington, Mrs L M Lissington, M E Smith. Driver: B N Orange Trainer: Paul Nairn.			
(19 starts: 4-1-1, \$36,315) Best mile rate: 2-00.0 (3rd, 1980m)			
10	355693	One Majic Kenny	(10m)
(4g Majestic Son-One Under Kenny, by Sundon)			
Owners: A D Neumann, I M Neumann, B W Clarke			
Driver: John R Dunn Trainer: Robert Dunn.			
(32 starts: 6-8-2, \$83,398) Best mile rate: 1-59.4 (2nd, 1609m)			
11	254696	Doff Your Cap	(10m)
(5g Peak-Dutchess, by Monarchy)			
Owners: Mrs L M Jones, C A McManus, M R Lawrence, M C Thomas, P A McHerron, Has Beens Syndicate. Driver: R D Close Trainer: Leonne Jones.			
(46 starts: 6-7-2, \$80,404) Best mile rate: 2-01.4 (1st, 1980m)			
12	1213X3	American Pride	(10m)
(4g Andover Hall-Yankeedoozie, by Muscles Yankee)			
Owners: F Tong, W R Pengelly			
Driver: Mark Purdon Trainer: Hayden Cullen.			
(10 starts: 3-1-3, \$33,192) Best mile rate: 2-00.4 (3rd, 1980m)			
13	505101	Andy Hall	(20m)
(5g Andover Hall-Delcola, by Chiola Cola)			
Owner: I W Hunter Driver: N P Williamson Trainer: N Williamson.			
(14 starts: 5-2-1, \$48,470) Best mile rate: 1-57.7 (2nd, 1980m)			
14	31975X	Majestic Lavros	(20m)
(6g Majestic Son-Lavra Noblesse, by Sierra Kosmos)			
Owner: Lavros Lodge Ltd (Kypros Kotzikas)			
Driver: S J Ottley Trainer: Mark Jones.			
(21 starts: 6-3-1, \$68,070) Best mile rate: 1-59.6 (1st, 1980m)			

7	21820X	Georgias Baron	(fr)
(6g Art Major-Georgia Brooke, by Christian Cullen)			
Owner: Mrs L R Prendergast Driver: M D Hurrell Trainer: Jonny Cox.			
(8 starts: 2-3-1, \$16,760) Best mile rate: 1-59.0 (2nd, 1980m)			
8	120383	Teagan Banner	(fr)
(6g Art Major-When You're Hot, by McArdle)			
Owners: Mrs A R Pearce, D J Pearce, Stallions Syndicate, The Dumpster Syndicate. Driver: B N Orange Trainer: Ken Barron.			
(7 starts: 2-1-2, \$14,900) Best mile rate: 1-57.6 (1st, 2400m)			
9	X15203	Storm	(fr)
----- Second Line -----			
10	394516	Silk	(fr)
(5m Sir Lincoln-Brunswick, by Bettor's Delight)			
Owner: Mrs L A Court Driver: R D Holmes Trainer: Ivan Court.			
(36 starts: 5-3-5, \$44,513) Best mile rate: 1-56.3 (3rd=, 1609m)			
11	190807	Annie Richter	(fr)
(4m Bettor's Delight-Little Tess, by Julius Caesar)			
Owners: J M H Booth, H Waretini, A J Sibbald Driver: T S Chmiel			
Trainer: Terry Chmiel.			
(25 starts: 3-1-2, \$19,775) Best mile rate: 1-58.8 (3rd, 1980m)			
12	078161	Saginaw	(fr)
(5g Well Said-Gipsy Woman, by Live Or Die)			
Owners: K S Cameron, R E Cameron, T H Cameron			
Driver: R E Cameron Trainer: Ross Cameron.			
(25 starts: 3-1-0, \$21,180) Best mile rate: 1-57.9 (1st, 1980m)			
13	110X68	Oliver North	(fr)
(8g Life Sign-Courageous Babe, by Courage Under Fire)			
Owners: C P Harrison, J P Harrison Driver: M J Williamson			
Trainer: Colin Harrison.			
(11 starts: 2-2-0, \$12,588) Best mile rate: 1-58.9 (1st, 1980m)			
14	320445	Mighty Looee	(fr)
(4g Sweet Lou-My Little Princess, by Mach Three)			
Owner: Mrs R C Hellaby Driver: K T Newman Trainer: Robert Dunn.			
(24 starts: 4-2-5, \$60,655) Best mile rate: 1-54.6 (1st, 1609m)			

Favourite Krug has some compelling stats going into Friday night, having won key lead-up races the Northern Derby and the Vero Flying Stakes. With over \$400,000 in stakes and the winner of 12 of 19 races he is easily the best performed three-year-old in the field though his draw on the outside of the front line makes things interesting.

If Mark Purdon wins Friday's New Zealand Derby it will be his 12th victory in the race, equaling the all-time record held by Maurice Holmes (1928-1972). Of Purdon's 11 wins his most recent were with Vincent in 2017, and Lazarus in 2016. His first was with Mark Roy in 1993.

From 1984 the Derby became a 2600 metres mobile. For more than a decade before that it was a standing start.

Among the New Zealand Derby winners to have gone on and won the New Zealand Cup are Lazarus (2016), Changeover (2007), Il Vicolo (1995), Lordship (1961), False Step (1955) and Wrackler (1928).

The first New Zealand Derby was held in 1914 and won by Admiral Wood. The race was called the New Brighton Derby Stakes from 1914-25.

NZ DERBY FUN FACTS

The last Derby was run in 2019 when Ultimate Sniper won in a slowish 3:13.3 (compared to the race record of 3:05.4) for driver Natalie Rasmussen. The race was not held last year because of Covid.

When Hilarious Guest won the New Zealand Derby in 1982 she was the first mare to do so in 18 years. Taken straight to the front by driver Peter Jones she won by a head from Portfolio driven by Peter Jones' dad Derek.

Six drivers in Friday's race has won the Derby at least once before. They are Blair Orange, Mark Purdon, Tony Herlihy, Natalie Rasmussen, David Butcher and Tim Williams.

Favourites have a strong hand in the New Zealand Derby traditionally though not always. In 1963 Bellajily paid \$54.05 for driver Doody Townley. In 1984 the Mike De Filippi-trained and driven Naval Officer paid \$29.40 and in 2010 Captain Peacock (\$11) won and the quinella with Franco Jamar (\$11 a place) paid \$367.

In 1999 Courage Under Fire was the Derby king. The Mighty Mouse took out the New Zealand Derby paying \$1 a win and a place! He also took out the Northern Derby, the Victorian Derby, the Queensland Derby, the Australian Derby and the New South Wales Derby. Famously, he was unbeaten as a two and three-year-old, winning his first 24 starts.