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Auckland Cup Day Form Guide

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10 FUN FACTS ON THE AUCKLAND CUP

NZ – AUCKLAND CUP DOUBLE

Just five horses have done the Auckland Cup – New Zealand double in the same year since 1990. Monkey King was the last to do so in 2010, three years after Flashing Red. Then there was Christian Cullen in 1998, Chokin in 1993 and Christopher Vance in 1991. Self Assured has won both features, though in different years. The 2020 NZ Cup champion was ruled out of this year's race after developing a corn earlier this month.

BRYCES' DOMINANCE OF AUCKLAND CUP

Not too many families have cast longer shadows on the Auckland Cup than the Bryces. James "Scotty" Bryce won in 1915 with Cathedral Chimes, and then Man O'War (1920), and Ahuriri (1927), while his sons James Junior won it four times (Shadow Maid 1943, Sea Born 1945, Captain Sands 1948 and 1949), and Andrew three times (Gold Jacket 1928 and 1929) and Man O'War (1921). That makes it 10 victories between the three of them from 1915 to 1949.

DIFFERENT FORMATS

The format and timing of the Auckland Cup have been tinkered with many times, with distances varying from 2700 to 3200m in recent times and as long as three miles (4800m) in the 1890s. On three occasions the Cup has been run twice in the same year. In 1943 the winners were Shadow Maid (January) and Loyal Friend (December), in 1987 Master Mood (Jan) and Luxury Liner (December), and in 2015 Christen Me (March) and Have Faith In Me (December) both won the Cup.

ATC FORMED

The Auckland Trotting Club was formed 130 years ago. The first Auckland Cup was in 1890, 17 years after the first Auckland Cup at Eilerslie, and 14 years before the first New Zealand Trotting Cup at Addington in 1904, which was won by a trotter Monte Carlo.

RARUS WINS AFTER "MISDESCRIPTION"

The Auckland Trotting Club's second Auckland Cup in 1891 provided one of the biggest sensations in Cup history when the winner Brandy was actually Rufus, who'd raced very successfully in Australia. Three dubious characters named O'Sullivan, McCarty and Kelly purchased him and shipped him over on the steamboat Tekapo late in 1891. Rufus landed in Wellington, received a change of name and was sent to Auckland for the Cup meeting. Brandy duly bolted in but the connections for second placed Rarus protested, on the grounds of misdescription. The appeal was upheld, Rarus was declared the winner, and Brandy and his associates were disqualified for life.

FAMILY CONNECTION 90 YEARS APART

The first Auckland Cup in 1890 was won by Commodore by 20 lengths. The horse was raced by Stephen Heaney who's great grandson Mike Stormont would win the Cup twice as the trainer-driver of champion mare Delightful Lady (1980 and 1981). Delightful Lady had 47 wins in 144 starts, with Lord Module second in the 1980 Cup and third a year later.

SANDALL GOES BACK TO BACK

The Auckland Cup was run for the first time at two miles (3200 m) in 1895. It was won by Old Judge, owned, trained and driven by Ted Sandall, in 5:31. It was Sandall's second straight victory, having been successful with Tom Hicks in 1894 (3 miles - 8:48).

FASTEST TIMES

Dream About Me and Terror To Love have the fastest times in the Auckland Cup. In 2016 Dream About Me took out the 3200 metre feature in 3:55.4, while as a 2700 metre event Terror To Love's time two years earlier was 3:15.8. Horses in recent times to go back to back in the great race include Elsu (2003-04), Chokin (1993-94) and Luxury Liner (1987-88).

FOUR WINS TO SIR ROY

When Roydon Glen won the Auckland Cup in 1985 it was Roy McKenzie's fourth as an owner. No-one has won more. His winning run started with Highland Air in 1957, then Scottish Command two years later and then Garcon Roux in 1971. The key figure behind the Roydon Lodge stud Sir Roy died in 2007, aged 84.

MOST SUCCESSFUL DRIVER

No driver has a better Auckland record than Tony Herlihy. He has won it eight times, between 1986 and 2008. Twice he won with Luxury Liner (1987 and 88), and Chokin (1993 and 94) as well as Sharp and Telford (1996), Gotta Go Cullen (2008), Christopher Vance 1991, and Comedy Lad (1986).

BIGGEST UPSET

Andrew Neal drove Flight South to the biggest upset in the Auckland Cup. The rank outsider of the field won the 2000 edition of the race at odds of 107 to one, but only after a half hour inquiry into whether the horse had interfered with the second place-getter Pocket Me. Rainbow Fella was another paying three figures in 1991.

AUCKLAND CUP DAY SELECTIONS

	MICHAEL GUERIN	JASON TEAZ	JONNY TURNER	JOSHUA SMITH
Race 1 3.53pm	8 Natty Pagger 4 The Big Bird 1 Mufasa Metro 5 Monkey Selfie	4 The Big Bird 2 Emma Frost 8 Natty Pagger 3 Mountain Mass	3 Mountain Mass 4 The Big Bird 9 Special Way 11 Mufasa Metro	11 Mufasa Metro 9 Special Way 3 Mountain Mass 2 Emma Frost
Race 2 4.21pm	6 Riveered 7 Outlaw Man 10 Shezadeal 9 Double Up	5 Raven Banner 6 Riveered 9 Double Up 11 Delightful Catherine	6 Riveered 5 Raven Banner 10 Shezadeal 7 Outlaw Man	10 Shezadeal 5 Raven Banner 6 Riveered 7 Outlaw Man
Race 3 4.56pm	7 Beyond Words 6 Dina Brown 5 Flying Steps 2 Mimi E Coco	7 Beyond Words 6 Dina Brown 5 Flying Steps 1 Down The Hatch	7 Beyond Words 6 Dina Brown 5 Flying Steps 4 Gotta Be Downtown	7 Beyond Words 6 Dina Brown 5 Flying Steps 1 Down The Hatch
Race 4 5.31pm	8 One Majic Kenny 6 Kimkar Dash 2 Kelvinz Luck 7 Kings Landing	8 One Majic Kenny 6 Kimkar Dash 3 Rain Mist And Muscle 2 Kelvinz Luck	8 One Majic Kenny 2 Kelvinz Luck 6 Kimkar Dash 7 Kings Landing	8 One Majic Kenny 3 Rain Mist And Muscle 2 Kelvinz Luck 6 Kimkar Dash
Race 5 6.06pm	4 Bettor Twist 3 La Rosa 5 Darling Me 10 Braeview Kelly	4 Bettor Twist 3 La Rosa 5 Darling Me 1 Enjoy Me	4 Bettor Twist 3 La Rosa 1 Enjoy Me 10 Braeview Kelly	4 Bettor Twist 3 La Rosa 5 Darling Me 10 Braeview Kelly
Race 6 6.39pm	2 Taipo 4 Kango 5 Christianshavtime 1 Mach Little Soaky	4 Kango 2 Taipo 5 Christianshavtime 3 Dance Time	4 Kango 2 Taipo 6 Callie's Delight 5 Christianshavtime	2 Taipo 4 Kango 5 Christianshavtime 1 Mach Little Soaky
Race 7 7.14pm	8 American Dealer 2 Shan Noble 2 Pace N Pride 11 B D Joe	8 American Dealer 11 BD Joe 1 First Class 2 Pace N Pride	5 Luke John 11 B D Joe 8 American Dealer 4 Aladdin	8 American Dealer 9 Shan Noble 2 Pace N Pride 5 Luke John
Race 8 7.40pm	2 Sundees Son 4 Bolt For Brilliance 6 Majestic Man 5 Temporale	4 Bolt For Brilliance 2 Sundees Son 6 Majestic Man 5 Temporale	2 Sundees Son 4 Bolt For Brilliance 6 Majestic Man 5 Temporale	4 Bolt For Brilliance 2 Sundees Son 5 Temporale 6 Majestic Man
Race 9 8.15pm	4 Spankem 2 Copy That 3 Amazing Dream 9 Ashley Locaz	4 Spankem 9 Ashley Locaz 2 Copy That 11 Thefixer	4 Spankem 2 Copy That 3 Amazing Dream 11 Thefixer	2 Copy That 4 Spankem 3 Amazing Dream 7 Mach Shard
Race 10 8.45pm	7 Cowboys N Bandits 6 Bettor Listen 3 Santa Maria 4 Waitforver	4 Waitforever 7 Cowboys N Bandits 3 Santa Maria 6 Bettor Listen	3 Santa Maria 7 Cowboys N Bandits 6 Bettor Listen 4 Waitforever	6 Bettor Listen 7 Cowboys N Bandits 3 Santa Maria 4 Waitforever

AUCKLAND CUP DAY FIELDS | NEW YEARS EVE

Race 1: 3:53pm

JOHN MUIRHEAD - GOING FISHING TROT

1 610005 I Got Music (fr)

(4m Muscle Hill-Allegro Agitato, by Sundon)
Owners: Mrs V Lauren, M J Lauren Driver: K J Marshall
Trainer: Kyle Marshall.
(7 starts: 1-0-0, \$9,311) Best mile rate: 2-05.5 (1st, 2700m)

2 402172 Emma Frost (fr)

(5m Monkey Bones-Makarewa Jill, by CR Commando)
Owners: Miss T J Hackett, G L Read, D I Donaldson.
Driver: A C Drake Trainers: Michelle Wallis & Bernie Hackett.
(29 starts: 2-4-5, \$28,608) Best mile rate: 1-59.8 (2nd, 1609m)

3 31 Mountain Mass (fr)

(3g Muscle Mass-Mountain Woman, by Armbro Invasion)
Owners: D J Smith, Mrs M R Howell-Smith, T A Cameron.
Driver: T A Cameron Trainer: Tony Cameron.
(2 starts: 1-0-1, \$7,560) Best mile rate: 2-06.7 (1st, 2200m)

4 104X The Big Bird (fr)

(4m Love You-Great Getaway, by Dream Vacation)
Owners: J W Dickie, R E Bright Driver: J I Dickie
Trainer: Joshua Dickie.
(3 starts: 1-0-0, \$9,075) Best mile rate: 2-05.3 (4th, 2200m)

5 522086 Monkey Selfie (fr)

(5m Monkey Bones-Landora's Image, by Sundon)
Owners: B M Lichter, Miss D E Chisholm, W L Alley, C G Thomas, P H Taylor, I M Thomas, M B Wedlake. Driver: N A Chilcott
Trainer: Nicky Chilcott.
(19 starts: 3-4-0, \$39,260) Best mile rate: 1-57.3 (2nd, 1609m)

6 409707 Saint Michel (fr)

(10g Sundon-Miss Cadenza, by Gee Whiz II)
Owners: T R Vince, Miss J S Browne, R M Russell, N G E Lloyd, Ms G L Fowler. Driver: John R Dunn Trainer: Tim Vince.
(120 starts: 8-14-9, \$108,335) Best mile rate: 2-01.1 (1st, 1609m)

7 P1PP0 Crazy (fr)

(4g Crazy-Skee Queen, by Sundon)
Owners: T N Guptill, Mrs L E Guptill
Driver: F R Schumacher Trainer: Tim Hall.
(5 starts: 1-0-0, \$7,470) Best mile rate: 2-09.2 (1st, 2200m)

8 267293 Natty Pagger (fr)

(5g Majestic Son-Not Likely, by Continentalman)
Owners: Mrs S Herlihy, Mrs P C Green, J P Green.
Driver: A G Herlihy MNZM Trainer: Tony Herlihy.
(28 starts: 3-8-4, \$39,739) Best mile rate: 2-01.0 (2nd, 1609m)

9 3210 Special Way (fr)

(4g Andover Hall-Arlanda, by Britewell)
Owners: B Y Lim, Mrs F H Mills, G Mills
Driver: M W McKendry MNZM
Trainers: Michelle Wallis & Bernie Hackett.
(4 starts: 1-1-1, \$9,740) Best mile rate: 2-06.4 (3rd, 2200m)

10 2P0158 Elegant Peak (fr)

(4m Peak-Arf'a Guinness, by Great Success)
Owners: Mrs G Webber, R Webber, T R Vince, Miss J S Browne, Mrs K F Dear, T A Dear, D P McHugh, A Schatzdorfer, J Kriechbaumer
Driver: B M Mangos Trainer: Brent Mangos.
(6 starts: 1-1-0, \$6,615) Best mile rate: 2-03.1 (1st, 2200m)

11 1 Mufasa Metro (fr)

(3g Father Patrick-Paris Metro, by Safely Kept)
Owners: C J Kirkwood, W D Kirkwood, K G Jones, R J Hicks, M A Dyer. Driver: T W Mitchell
Trainers: Michelle Wallis & Bernie Hackett.
(1 start: 1-0-0, \$6,600) Best mile rate: 2-09.2 (1st, 2200m)

Race 2: 4:21pm

LINCOLN FARMS MOBILE PACE

1 180 Miss Hathaway (fr)

(3f Bettor's Delight-Elly May Clampett, by Art Major)
Owners: Stonewall Stud Ltd, Miss Hathaway Syndicate.
Driver: B D Butcher Trainers: Steve & Amanda Telfer.
(3 starts: 1-0-0, \$9,475) Best mile rate: 2-01.0 (1st, 2200m)

2 623482 Kayla Maguire (fr)

(5m Bettor's Delight-Miss Jubilee, by In The Pocket)
Owner: T R Vince Driver: John R Dunn Trainer: Tim Vince.
(35 starts: 1-5-6, \$21,225) Best mile rate: 1-58.0 (2nd, 2200m)

3 892P1 Ezana (fr)

(3g Bettor's Delight-Hartofdixie, by American Ideal)
Owner: Rosslands Stud Ltd Driver: J I Dickie Trainer: Joshua Dickie.
(5 starts: 1-1-0, \$9,180) Best mile rate: 1-58.3 (1st, 2200m)

4 517 Blitzembye (fr)

(3g Bettor's Delight-Falcon's Flybye, by Falcon Seelster)
Owners: P G Argus, Mrs J M Argus Driver: T W Mitchell
Trainers: Michelle Wallis & Bernie Hackett.
(3 starts: 1-0-0, \$7,200) Best mile rate: 2-01.2 (1st, 2200m)

5 513442 Raven Banner (fr)

(3g Bettor's Delight-Caitlin Banner, by Washington VC)
Owner: D L Thompson Driver: Z E Butcher
Trainers: Barry Purdon & Scott Phelan.
(8 starts: 1-1-3, \$13,093) Best mile rate: 1-56.1 (1st, 1609m)

6 185148 Riveered (fr)

(3c Bettor's Delight-Arivee, by Safely Kept)
Owners: J H Grainger, B W Smith, R J Fleetwood, S Fleetwood, R Cole. Driver: Mark Purdon
Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.
(10 starts: 2-0-0, \$18,453) Best mile rate: 1-56.8 (1st, 2000m)

7 736116 Outlaw Man (fr)

(3g Sweet Lou-Eagles In My Pocket, by In The Pocket)
Owners: K J Madgwick, Mrs D M Madgwick Driver: D J Butcher
Trainer: Arna Donnelly.
(6 starts: 2-0-1, \$14,930) Best mile rate: 1-56.7 (3rd, 1609m)

8 2161 Super Duper Dude (fr)

(3g Sir Lincoln-Class Above, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: G A Rogerson, G B Rogerson
Driver: D P Ferguson Trainer: Graeme Rogerson.
(4 starts: 2-1-0, \$11,320) Best mile rate: 2-00.1 (2nd, 2200m)

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9 233882 Double Up (fr)

(4g American Ideal-Vegas Delight, by Bettor's Delight)
Owners: L D Pettifer, Mrs B M Pettifer
Driver: B M Mangos Trainer: Brent Mangos.
(11 starts: 2-2-2, \$19,105) Best mile rate: 1-55.8 (1st, 1609m)

10 090411 Shezadeal (fr)

(3f American Ideal-Shezanelu, by Elsu)
Owners: Kahukuri Bloodstock Limited, Mrs L E M Bradley.
Driver: M W McKendry MNZM
Trainers: Logan Hollis & Shane Robertson.
(8 starts: 2-0-1, \$19,200) Best mile rate: 1-58.2 (1st, 2200m)

11 7X7135 Delightful Catherine (fr)

(4m Bettor's Delight-Natal Franco, by Badlands Hanover)
Owners: M Hoyle, K J Bain Driver: A G Herlihy MNZM
Trainer: Tony Herlihy.
(15 starts: 2-3-4, \$32,702) Best mile rate: 1-55.8 (3rd, 1700m)

Race 3: 4:56pm

BRECKON FARMS FILLIES & MARES MOBILE PACE

1 184772 Down The Hatch (fr)

(4m Mach Three-Slangevar, by Cameleon)
Owners: S R Plant, Stonewall Stud Ltd, M McGlynn, J A MacKinnon.
Driver: D J Butcher Trainers: Steve & Amanda Telfer.
(24 starts: 4-4-3, \$40,323) Best mile rate: 1-54.6 (4th, 1980m)

2 463689 Mimi E Coco (fr)

(4m Mach Three-Molly Darling, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: S R Plant, Stonewall Stud Ltd, J A MacKinnon.
Driver: B D Butcher Trainers: Steve & Amanda Telfer.
(19 starts: 4-1-2, \$41,440) Best mile rate: 1-54.6 (4th, 1609m)

3 715098 On A Roll (fr)

(4m Bettor's Delight-Onlyforyou, by Art Major)
Owner: Breckon Farms-The Savvy Six Syndicate
Driver: S W Abernethy Trainer: Jeremy Young.
(20 starts: 4-4-2, \$63,825) Best mile rate: 1-55.4 (1st, 1700m)

4 972965 Gotta Be Downtown (fr)

(6m Gotta Go Collect-Downtown Hollybrown, by Badlands Hanover)
Owners: N B Edge, Miss N E Buchan Driver: K J Marshall
Trainer: Kyle Marshall.
(76 starts: 10-11-7, \$77,348) Best mile rate: 1-54.9 (3rd, 1609m)

5 4X8563 Flying Steps (fr)

(5m American Ideal-The Chance To Dance, by Albert Albert)
Owners: Stonewall Stud Ltd, Stonewall Stud No.13 Syndicate.
Driver: Z E Butcher Trainers: Steve & Amanda Telfer.
(29 starts: 6-3-3, \$56,808) Best mile rate: 1-55.2 (1st, 1609m)

6 142353 Dina Brown (fr)

(5m Bettor's Delight-Pullover Brown, by Armbrro Operative)
Owners: M W Feek, G J Nolan, Mrs M S Candy, B G Gianotti, T J McKinley, Mrs J K Taylor, Mrs J M Poll.
Driver: A G Herlihy MNZM Trainer: Tony Herlihy.
(33 starts: 5-9-7, \$104,037) Best mile rate: 1-54.1 (1st, 1609m)

7 121121 Beyond Words (fr)

(4m Art Major-Quote Me, by Bettor's Delight)
Owner: Studholme Bloodstock Limited Driver: N C Rasmussen
Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.
(8 starts: 5-2-0, \$94,243) Best mile rate: 1-55.0 (1st, 1980m)



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Race 4: 5:31pm

JACOBSEN HEADSTONES HANDICAP TROT

1 35X10X Silver Power (fr)

(5m Monkey Bones-Calamity Gal, by S J's Photo)
Owners: E J Edwards, B E Edwards Driver: Z E Butcher
Trainers: Ted & Brett Edwards.
(6 starts: 2-0-1, \$22,422) Best mile rate: 2-03.4 (1st, 1609m)

2 X18213 Kelvinz Luck (fr)

(4g Peak-Howz Lucky, by Sundon)
Owners: B R Tims, Mrs R G Tims, D B Tims, Mrs F M Tims, E Spick, K Roberts, L Roberts. Driver: J P Stormont Trainer: James Stormont.
(7 starts: 2-2-2, \$18,155) Best mile rate: 2-02.7 (3rd, 2200m)

3 463121 Rain Mist And Muscle (fr)

(4m Muscle Hill-October Rain, by Pegasus Spur)
Owner: Aldebaran Lodge Pty Ltd Driver: T W Mitchell
Trainers: Michelle Wallis & Bernie Hackett.
(23 starts: 3-4-3, \$35,148) Best mile rate: 1-57.8 (4th, 1609m)

4 021616 Lady Be Good (fr)

(5m Andover Hall-Allegro Agitato, by Sundon)
Owners: Mrs V Lauren, M J Lauren Driver: K J Marshall
Trainer: Kyle Marshall.
(20 starts: 4-2-2, \$40,110) Best mile rate: 2-00.6 (1st, 2200m)

5 891317 Majestic Hanover (fr)

(5g Majestic Son-Amanda's Gem, by Sundon)
Owners: P T Blanchard, Mrs S J Grant, Phil Sherley, Nev Smith.
Driver: P C Ferguson Trainers: Peter & Vaughan Blanchard.
(6 starts: 2-0-1, \$16,565) Best mile rate: 2-04.7 (1st, 2700m)

6 034612 Kimkar Dash (fr)

(6m Skyvalley-Cool Kahli, by Sundon)
Owner: Mrs R A Balle Driver: D M Balle Trainer: Derek Balle.
(16 starts: 3-5-1, \$29,383) Best mile rate: 1-57.2 (1st, 1609m)

7 498534 Kings Landing (35m)

(6g Muscle Hill-Pocaro, by Sundon)
Owners: J T Wilkinson, Mrs L E Howlett, J R Howlett, J Simpson-Morgan, E Crews, G R Dowling, B W Morrison, R J Letch, R J Owen, P W Bibby Driver: Mark Purdon
Trainers: Michelle Wallis & Bernie Hackett.
(22 starts: 5-4-2, \$83,479) Best mile rate: 1-59.7 (4th, 2200m)

8 115D71 One Majic Kenny (35m)

(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.
(26 starts: 6-8-0, \$78,138) Best mile rate: 1-59.4 (2nd, 1609m)

Race 5: [Click Here](#)

Race 6: 6:39pm

AUCKLAND CO-OP TAXIS 300-3000 MOBILE PACE

1 465791 Mach Little Soaky (fr)

(6g Mach Three-Warm Soak, by Soky's Atom)
Owners: Mrs J R Davies, J B Davies, Mrs E E Davies.
Driver: M W White Trainer: Matthew White.
(27 starts: 5-0-4, \$43,755) Best mile rate: 1-56.3 (1st, 2200m)

2 313121 Taipo (fr)

(4g American Ideal-Haylin Express, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: K R Farrier, Mrs S D Farrier, Mrs A M McBeth.
Driver: T W Mitchell Trainer: Arna Donnelly.
(8 starts: 3-1-3, \$26,543) Best mile rate: 1-53.7 (1st, 1609m)

3 044075 Dance Time (fr)

(6g Rock N Roll Heaven-Time To Fly, by Sands A Flyin)
Owners: Plant Racing Ltd, Stonewall Stud Ltd
Driver: B D Butcher Trainers: Steve & Amanda Telfer.
(67 starts: 11-6-12, \$127,177) Best mile rate: 1-53.2 (4th, 1700m)

4 411110 Kango (fr)

(4g American Ideal-Dana Maguire, by McArdle)
Owners: E B Brodie, Mrs M H Brodie
Driver: D J Butcher Trainer: Arna Donnelly.
(7 starts: 5-0-0, \$34,860) Best mile rate: 1-57.0 (1st, 2200m)

5 512216 Christianshavtime (fr)

(4g American Ideal-One Christian, by Christian Cullen)
Owner: Auckland Trotting Club 2019 Syndicate
Driver: M W McKendry MNZM
Trainers: Logan Hollis & Shane Robertson.
(22 starts: 4-7-1, \$52,040) Best mile rate: 1-55.8 (1st, 2200m)

6 641443 Callie's Delight (fr)

(5m Bettor's Delight-Callie O'Malley, by Elsu)
Owner: Callie O'Malley No.3 Syndicate Driver: J I Dickie
Trainer: Joshua Dickie.
(30 starts: 6-4-5, \$68,583) Best mile rate: 1-54.8 (4th, 1609m)

7 075014 Warloch (fr)

(7g Well Said-Pure Envy, by Jenna's Beach Boy)
Owner: Mentally Stable Limited Driver: B N Orange
Trainers: Steven Reid & Simon McMullan.
(58 starts: 9-5-3, \$97,840) Best mile rate: 1-54.6 (3rd, 1609m)

Race 7: [Click Here](#)

Race 8: [Click Here](#)

Race 9: [Click Here](#)

Race 10: 8:45pm

MARK & NATALIE - "AU REVOIR" MOBILE PACE

1 836357 Sing To Me (fr)

(3f Bettor's Delight-Abide With Me, by Christian Cullen)
Owner: Small Car World Ltd Driver: B D Butcher
Trainers: Steve & Amanda Telfer.
(8 starts: 0-0-3, \$4,200) Best mile rate: 1-57.0 (3rd, 1609m)

2 New Tricks (fr)

(3f American Ideal-Can't Teach That, by Bettor's Delight)
Owners: M S Yelas, Mrs P N Fensom Driver: R E Fensom
Trainer: Penny Fensom.
(0 starts: 0-0-0, \$0) Best mile rate: Not available

3 5X3 Santa Maria (fr)

(3f Bettor's Delight-Galleons Supreme, by Christian Cullen)
Owner: Woodlands Partnership Syndicate Driver: T A Cameron
Trainer: Tony Herlihy.
(2 starts: 0-0-1, \$1,230) Best mile rate: 1-58.8 (3rd, 2200m)

4 34 Waitforever (fr)

(3f American Ideal-Waitfornoone, by Albert Albert)
Owners: S B Phillips, Mrs A M Phillips, Dream Big Syndicate,
Daydream Believers Syndicate, Mrs V M Waters, D L Devcich,
C H J Osment Driver: T W Mitchell Trainer: Arna Donnelly.
(2 starts: 0-0-1, \$1,500) Best mile rate: 1-58.6 (4th, 2200m)

5 446 Art Nouveau (fr)

(4g American Ideal-Elegant Art, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: Mrs R A Balle, P V Johnston, M B Kruger, K R Balle,
Miss K A Hokai, S P Jelichich. Driver: D J Butcher
Trainer: Derek Balle.
(3 starts: 0-0-0, \$1,140) Best mile rate: 1-58.8 (4th, 2200m)

6 202233 Bettor Listen (fr)

(4g Bettor's Delight-Mywayorthelhighway, by In The Pocket)
Owner: D L Thompson Driver: Z E Butcher
Trainers: Barry Purdon & Scott Phelan.
(11 starts: 0-7-2, \$17,940) Best mile rate: 1-55.7 (2nd, 1609m)

7 2 Cowboys N Bandits (fr)

(3g Bettor's Delight-Cowgirls N Indians, by Real Desire)
Owners: Bruce Carter Bloodstock Limited, R C Johnson,
Miss J H Cole.
Driver: A G Herlihy MNZM Trainer: Tony Herlihy.
(1 start: 0-1-0, \$1,860) Best mile rate: 1-58.4 (2nd, 2200m)

~~8 0X86 Crackator (fr)~~

~~(4g Auckland Reactor-Impish, by Falcon Seelster)
Owners: M P McDermott, J F Gillies, G McCormick, T R Vince.
Driver: John R Dunn Trainer: Tim Vince.
(3 starts: 0-0-0, \$620) Best mile rate: Not available~~

The darling of the 1910-20s

Steel Bell was like Blossom Lady, Adore Me, Bonnie's Chance or Armalight – the darling of her era.

After an unbeaten start to her racing career, the mare raced in eight Auckland Cups between 1914 and 1923, winning twice in 1914 and 1917.

A striking grey, Steel Bell's regular driver was James Lynch with his trainer being one of the characters of the time, Tom Roe. From 1889 Roe bred, trained, raced, rode and drove gallopers, pacers and trotters for 60 years.

He was a regular at the South Wairarapa Trotting Club's meetings at Greytown, and it was there where Steel Bell made her debut.

That first race was as a two-year-old in 1912 and she won easily. Lightly-raced is an under statement to describe her early racing career. She had just four starts over her first three seasons – winning them all.

In 1914 she tackled her first Auckland Cup, taking it out (3200m) in 4:38.4. She was unplaced the following two years but returned in invincible form in 1917, coming off a 96 yard (87 metre) handicap to not only win but reduce her own race record by nearly five seconds (4:33.8) .

The next year Harold Junior beat Steel Bell into second, and she was runner-up again in her eighth and final Cup as a 14-year-old in 1923.

RACE 5: 6.06PM

DUNSTAN HORSEFEEDS SIRES STAKES 3YO FILLIES FINAL

(MOBILE PACE) (Gr1)

\$130,000, 3YO FILLIES MOBILE, 2200m

Michael Guerin	Jason Teaz	Jonny Turner	Joshua Smith
4 Bettor Twist	4 Bettor Twist	4 Bettor Twist	4 Bettor Twist
3 La Rosa	3 La Rosa	3 La Rosa	3 La Rosa
5 Darling Me	5 Darling Me	1 Enjoy Me	5 Darling Me
10 Braeview Kelly	1 Enjoy Me	10 Braeview Kelly	10 Braeview Kelly



1 13341 Enjoy Me (fr)
 (3f American Ideal-Aliante, by Bettor's Delight)
Owner: Charles Joseph Limited **Driver:** B D Butcher
Trainers: Steve & Amanda Telfer.
 (5 starts: 2-0-2, \$18,061) Best mile rate: 1-56.9 (3rd, 2200m)



2 14X696 Passion And Power (fr)
 (3f Art Major-Sem's Delight, by Bettor's Delight)
Owners: A D Neumann, I M Neumann, J A Slack, S Langdon, Mrs J A Neumann, Mrs C M Neumann.
Driver: John R Dunn **Trainer:** Robert Dunn.
 (7 starts: 3-0-0, \$38,525) Best mile rate: 1-57.5 (4th, 1700m)



3 112122 La Rosa (fr)
 (3f Bettor's Delight-Safedra, by Mach Three)
Owners: Sir Loins Limited, Starmark Limited, WDC 03 Limited.
Driver: S J Ottley **Trainer:** Mark Jones.
 (12 starts: 3-4-3, \$118,291) Best mile rate: 1-54.8 (2nd, 1609m)



4 121111 Bettor Twist (fr)
 (3f Bettor's Delight-Twist And Twirl, by Artsplace)
Owner: Breckon Farms-Take Ten Syndicate **Driver:** T M Williams
Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.
 (9 starts: 6-1-0, \$155,988) Best mile rate: 1-52.1 (1st, 1609m)



5 212223 Darling Me (fr)
 (3f Sweet Lou-Adore Me, by Bettor's Delight)
Owners: Est C J Roberts, P G Kenny, Mrs M L Kenny.
Driver: Mark Purdon
Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.
 (9 starts: 3-4-2, \$51,771) Best mile rate: 1-52.5 (2nd, 1609m)



6 151377 Shes No Lady (fr)
 (3f Sweet Lou-Bettor Be A Lady, by Bettor's Delight)
Owners: Woodlands Partnership Syndicate, Kieran Read, Andy Ellis, D Hewett, R J Tayler. **Driver:** Z E Butcher
Trainers: Steven Reid & Simon McMullan.
 (12 starts: 3-2-1, \$78,663) Best mile rate: 1-52.6 (3rd, 1609m)



7 588044 Ariella (fr)
 (3f Art Major-E J Becks, by In The Pocket)
Owners: A G Fry, Hessel Syndicate, T W Shea, G J McConchie, Mrs C A Gourdie, Mrs D A Hurley, D and G Fry Syndicate, Wrinkles, Piggy & Noshi Bears Syndicate, Koziwi Syndicate, Mrs T M Berry **Driver:** S D T Phelan **Trainer:** Dean Taylor.
 (9 starts: 1-0-0, \$24,715) Best mile rate: 1-57.1 (4th, 2200m)



8 3X55 The Honey Queen (fr)
 (3f Rock N Roll Heaven-Tosti Girl, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: J P Green, B Hughes, Mrs P G Hughes
Driver: J I Dickie **Trainers:** Brian & Gareth Hughes.
 (3 starts: 0-0-1, \$4,208) Best mile rate: 1-59.2 (3rd, 2200m)

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



9 44836 Roma Rosa (fr)
 (3f Bettor's Delight-Rosemary Grace, by In The Pocket)
Owner: Breckon Farms-Take Ten Syndicate
Driver: S W Abernethy **Trainer:** Jeremy Young.
 (5 starts: 0-0-1, \$2,110) Best mile rate: 2-00.7 (3rd, 2200m)



10 211224 Braeview Kelly (fr)
 (3f Bettor's Delight-Idolise, by American Ideal)
Owner: Braeview Limited
Driver: B N Orange **Trainer:** Mark Jones.
 (13 starts: 4-5-0, \$42,456) Best mile rate: 1-54.8 (1st, 1609m)



11 614336 What's Your Secret (fr)
 (3f Bettor's Delight-Secret Potion, by Courage Under Fire)
Owners: Studholme Bloodstock Limited, R Yee, S Chan.
Driver: N C Rasmussen
Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.
 (9 starts: 1-2-3, \$21,901) Best mile rate: 1-52.7 (4th, 1609m)



Bettor Twist vs La Rosa

Round Two

By Jonny Turner

The seemingly impossible awaits Bettor Twist's rivals in the Group 1 Sires Stakes Fillies Championship at Alexandra Park on Thursday night.

The Mark Purdon and Natalie Rasmussen trained filly comes into the 2200m feature after producing a victory in the Group 1 Caduceus Club Classic earlier this month that should have her rivals camps scratching their heads wondering how on earth they can beat her.

Despite being parked throughout and her main rival, La Rosa, appearing to have her measure on the home bend, Bettor Twist willed herself to an incredible win.

Drawn to the outside of La Rosa (3) again on Thursday night, Bettor Twist (4) may have to do it tough again in the Sires' Stakes Fillies Championship.

But with the tenacity she showed last time, it may prove to be just a minor inconvenience.

"She is very tough and she has a great will to win," Mark Purdon said.

"It was a great run, I don't know whether she might have to sit outside La Rosa again, but we know she is capable of it," Purdon said.

Her phenomenal last start effort would have had most horses feeling tired afterwards.

But Bettor Twist shrugged it off without any worries.

"She seems really good, we were lucky enough to give her a couple of quiet days after her last run," Purdon said.

"She has bounced back from it really well and I am very happy with her."

Though beaten, La Rosa put up a massive performance to run second to her outstanding rival in the Caduceus Club Classic.

The Mark Jones trained filly hung in the back straight

which may have been the telling factor when she went down by just a nose at the finish.

Jones gave the filly a subsequent start at Alexandra Park in a minor event to help her get used to the right-handed track and she will return for the Sires' Stakes Fillies Championship better for it.

"She was a lot more tractable last week, she handled the track a lot better," the trainer said.

Jones also thinks La Rosa will strip a fitter horse for her extra start since the Caduceus Club Classic.

"She might have been half a run short in the Caduceus Club."

"With having to race down here and then travel from Christchurch."

"That is why we gave her another start last week."

"Even though she got beat she needed that run."

Jones also starts Braeview Kelly in the Sires Stakes Fillies Championship.

The three-year-old has also had two starts at Alexandra Park to prepare for her Group 1 assignment.

"I think she is probably the surprise in the race," Jones said.

"I thought her run with La Rosa last week was extremely good."

"She gets better with racing, from 2 on the second row she could settle handy."

"She is going to be very hard to beat, I think."

Those keen to cash in on Jones' confidence with Braeview Kelly can take her \$14 fixed odds win price.

Bettor Twist opened the \$1.40 favourite for the Sires' Stakes Fillies Championship ahead of the \$5.50 second-favourite La Rosa.

RACE 7: 7.14PM

NZB STANDARDBRED HARNESS MILLION 1 3YO C & G

(MOBILE PACE) (Listed)

\$200,000, 3YO COLTS & GELDINGS, 2200m

Michael Guerin	Jason Teaz	Jonny Turner	Joshua Smith
8 American Dealer	8 American Dealer	5 Luke John	8 American Dealer
2 Shan Noble	11 BD Joe	11 B D Joe	9 Shan Noble
2 Pace N Pride	1 First Class	8 American Dealer	2 Pace N Pride
11 B D Joe	2 Pace N Pride	4 Aladdin	5 Luke John



1 1X0035 First Class (fr)

(3c 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:** B M Mangos

Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.

(9 starts: 2-1-2, \$37,855) Best mile rate: 1-56.6 (1st, 1609m)



2 421514 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:** N C Rasmussen

Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.

(8 starts: 2-3-0, \$32,583) Best mile rate: 1-54.0 (1st, 1980m)



3 011366 Mr Fantastic (fr)

(3c Bettor's Delight-Its All On, by Art Major)

Owners: S J Reid, R R Gibbons, R M Reid, Mrs D E Reid, D T Kells. **Driver:** Z E Butcher **Trainers:** Steven Reid & Simon McMullan.

(11 starts: 4-1-1, \$41,090) Best mile rate: 1-56.6 (1st, 2200m)



4 034321 Aladdin (fr)

(3g Sweet Lou-Pacing Delight, by Bettor's Delight)

Owner: AB & T Cormack Racing Pty Ltd **Driver:** T M Williams **Trainers:** Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.

(11 starts: 2-2-3, \$38,994) Best mile rate: 1-53.8 (4th, 1609m)



5 411213 Luke John (fr)

(3c Mach Three-Zenardle, by McArdle)

Owners: S M Robertson, Mrs C Aickin, Miss G M Woolston. **Driver:** A G Herlihy MNZM

Trainers: Logan Hollis & Shane Robertson.

(12 starts: 3-1-2, \$36,476) Best mile rate: 1-56.0 (3rd, 2200m)



6 386545 Captain Nemo (fr)

(3c Captaintreacherous-Arden Caviar, by Rocknroll Hanover)

Owners: Lincoln Farms Bloodstock Ltd, Gareth Paddison, Green Machine Racing Syndicate, G E Dickey, P F Dougherty, I A Middleton

Driver: A P T Poutama **Trainer:** Ray Green.

(14 starts: 1-0-2, \$19,808) Best mile rate: 1-55.0 (3rd, 1700m)



7 747377 Romanee (fr)

(3g Bettor's Delight-Meursault, by Christian Cullen)

Owners: G A Rogerson, M R Pitman, J Bruford, G McLeod, C A Leishman, B E Nowell, L Te Keeti, G R Wilson, J R Wheeler, Lake & Lawson Syndicate **Driver:** D P Ferguson

Trainer: Graeme Rogerson.

(13 starts: 2-1-2, \$17,823) Best mile rate: 1-58.1 (4th, 2200m)



8 521611 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.

(15 starts: 7-2-2, \$160,305) Best mile rate: 1-53.3 (1st, 1609m)

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



9 120222 Shan Noble (fr)

(3c Bettor's Delight-Nearea Franco, by Badlands Hanover)

Owner: G A Shand **Driver:** Mark Purdon

Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.

(9 starts: 2-5-0, \$36,375) Best mile rate: 1-55.8 (2nd, 2200m)



10 140973 Hot And Treacherous (fr)

(3g Captaintreacherous-Hothooves, by Bettor's Delight)

Owners: Miss B J Twomey, Mrs K M Brown, Four Four Two Syndicate. **Driver:** M W McKendry MNZM

Trainers: Brian & Gareth Hughes.

(8 starts: 2-0-1, \$22,588) Best mile rate: 1-55.3 (4th, 1700m)



11 431251 B D Joe (fr)

(3g Roll With Joe-Tact Aunty, by Christian Cullen)

Owners: Stonewall Stud Ltd, B D Joe Syndicate

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

(8 starts: 3-1-1, \$66,877) Best mile rate: 1-54.6 (1st, 1700m)



Luke John

Luke John primed for Harness Million

By Joshua Smith, Harness News Desk

South Auckland trainers Logan Hollis and Shane Robertson will head to Alexandra Park full of excitement on New Year's Eve, where they will line-up in-form pacer Luke John in the Listed NZB Standardbred Harness Million 1 3YO C & G (2200m).

The son of Mach Three takes a near faultless form line into the race, having won three of his last five starts, and placing in his other two assignments.

His trainers were particularly pleased with his third-placing behind Thursday race rivals American Dealer and Shan Noble in the Gr.2 Alabar 3YO Classic Mobile Pace (2200m) at Alexandra Park earlier this month.

"We were really happy with his last start and Tony (Herlihy, driver) was really happy when he came back as well," Hollis said.

"He has been racing so well. He is more than a runner's chance in that race the way the draws have played out."

Luke John has drawn barrier five, while some of his more fancied rivals have drawn wide.

"American Dealer has drawn the outside and BD Joe has drawn the second row, so it has changed the complexion of the race a bit, which I think will hopefully work in our favour," Hollis said.

"The horse has been working really well, so we are very happy."

TAB bookmakers have installed Luke John as a \$15 winning chance, behind American Dealer (\$3) and Shan Noble (\$3.90).

Hollis is also looking forward to the undercard on Thursday where he will line-up Shezadeal in the Lincoln Farms Mobile Pace (2200m) and Christianshavtime in the Auckland Co-op Taxis 300-3000 Mobile Pace (2200m).

Shezadeal has won her last two starts and her trainers are hoping for a three-peat on Thursday.

"Shezadeal has drawn two on the second line, so with an economical trip she won't be far away," Hollis said.

"Her work has been very good."

Christianshavtime has also been in good form, having won two of his last five races, and placed in two others, before finishing sixth last start.

"Christianshavtime raced super last week in a very strong and fast race," Hollis said.

"It is quite a strong race but as long as they run along a bit I can't see why he won't be far away."

RACE 8: 7:40PM

SIMS PACIFIC METALS 2020 NATIONAL TROT (MOBILE TROT) (Gr1)

\$95,000, FFA, 2700m

Michael Guerin
2 Sundees Son
4 Bolt For Brilliance
6 Majestic Man
5 Temporale
Jason Teaz
4 Bolt For Brilliance
2 Sundees Son
6 Majestic Man
5 Temporale
Jonny Turner
2 Sundees Son
4 Bolt For Brilliance
6 Majestic Man
5 Temporale
Joshua Smith
4 Bolt For Brilliance
2 Sundees Son
5 Temporale
6 Majestic Man



1 332214 Kay Cee (fr)

(6g Majestic Son-Meander With Earl, by Earl)

Owner: Mrs H M C Burley **Driver:** J I Dickie **Trainer:** Joshua Dickie.

(22 starts: 5-7-4, \$72,805) Best mile rate: 1-56.2 (1st, 1609m)



2 115112 Sundees Son (fr)

(6g Majestic Son-Stardon, by Sundon)

Owners: C W Hair, Mrs N L Hair **Driver:** John R Dunn **Trainer:** Robert Dunn.

(47 starts: 18-3-4, \$547,605) Best mile rate: 1-55.9 (2nd, 1609m)



3 112734 Credit Master (fr)

(7g Muscle Mass-Jessicas Credit, by Credit Winner)

Owner: A P Neal **Driver:** A P Neal **Trainers:** Andrew & Lyn Neal.

(47 starts: 11-4-4, \$122,900) Best mile rate: 1-56.3 (2nd, 1609m)



4 111113 Bolt For Brilliance (fr)

(4g Muscle Hill-Toomuch To Do, by Britewell)

Owners: Mrs S Herlihy, D I Donaldson, P J Hailes, S H Mathews.

Driver: A G Herlihy MNZM **Trainer:** Tony Herlihy.

(15 starts: 8-1-1, \$200,914) Best mile rate: 1-56.3 (3rd, 1609m)



5 X21256 Temporale (fr)

(8g Monarchy-Whosinthenest, by Armbro Invasion)

Owners: Mrs S Herlihy, Est D P Biddlecombe, D I Donaldson, Mrs S M Cornwall, S J Cornwall, A Wapp, Ms D L Wapp, S G Aitken, Mrs S M Aitken, Ms M J Wallis **Driver:** T A Cameron

Trainers: Michelle Wallis & Bernie Hackett.

(62 starts: 18-12-10, \$591,584) Best mile rate: 1-56.1 (4th, 1700m)



6 515221 Majestic Man (fr)

(6g Majestic Son-Love Hate Revenge, by Holdonmyheart)

Owner: Griffins Syndicate **Driver:** Brad Williamson

Trainer: Phil Williamson.

(47 starts: 14-17-6, \$381,479) Best mile rate: 1-54.1 (1st, 1609m)

~~7 115D71 One Majic Kenny (fr)~~



Bolt For Brilliance

Same horses, same tactics, different distance

By Michael Guerin

Same horses, same tactics, but different distance. And that last factor could be the key to Thursday's \$95,000 Sims Pacific Metals National Trot at Alexandra Park.

The big three from last week's Flying Mile at Cambridge return but this time over 1091m further than when Majestic Man led and held out Sundeas Son and Bolt For Brilliance last week.

That was always a chance to happen over the flying mile, especially with how fast Majestic Man is and how Cambridge often plays for leaders.

Temporale is the main addition to the race from those who missed last week and as good as he is all the betting action will be with the top three, with Sundeas Son opening \$2, Bolt For Brilliance at \$2.60 and Majestic Man at a still bankable \$4.50.

The men who had to settle for second and third last week, Robert Dunn training Sundeas Son and Tony Herlihy with Bolt For Brilliance have all but conceded the same tactics will unfold over the 2700m Group One.

"I don't see that changing," says Dunn.

"We have a better draw this week but I think Johnny will err on the side of caution and be careful off the gate and then go sit parked later.

"That is the most likely scenario but there is always the possibility they might hand up on Majestic Man this week, but probably not.

"But if they don't and we have to sit parked I think over this distance we still have the horse to beat," says Dunn.

Herlihy was happy with Bolt For Brilliance's third last week when a rival got between him and the favourites early and meant he had to come wide, effectively ending his hopes.

"It was a good run considering how much work he has to do late and it was his first start for two months," says Herlihy.

"It has brought him on and he worked well on Tuesday so he should go even better.

"I think the distance will help and if it works out the same as last week with Majestic Man in the front and Sundeas Son outside him then I'd like to be closer, on their backs.

"But it would be hard to say we can outstay Sundeas Son the way he won the Dominion but hopefully we can be close enough to have a crack at them." Both Dunn (Matt Damon) and Herlihy (Gambit) have runners in the Woodlands Stud Auckland Cup but realise the enormity of that task but think they can win other races on the card.

"The way One Majic Kenny (R4, No.8) won last start I think he should win again," says Dunn.

And Herlihy narrowly opts for Cowboys N Bandits in the last race as his better of two chances although suggests Santa Maria also won't be a maiden for long.

RACE 9: 8:15PM

WOODLANDS STUD 2020 AUCKLAND CUP (STAND PACE) (Gr1)

\$200,000, FFA, 3200m

Michael Guerin	Jason Teaz	Jonny Turner	Joshua Smith
4 Spankem	4 Spankem	4 Spankem	2 Copy That
2 Copy That	9 Ashley Locaz	2 Copy That	4 Spankem
3 Amazing Dream	2 Copy That	3 Amazing Dream	3 Amazing Dream
9 Ashley Locaz	11 Thefixer	11 Thefixer	7 Mach Shard



1 X52X54 Matt Damon (fr)
(5g Bettor's Delight-Angelina Jolie, by Art Major)
Owners: A Kershaw, Rebel One Syndicate, S Carnochan, M Henry. **Driver:** John R Dunn **Trainer:** Robert Dunn.
(13 starts: 6-3-0, \$41,955) Best mile rate: 1-55.5 (4th, 2200m)



2 211825 Copy That (fr)
(4h American Ideal-Lively Nights, by Live Or Die)
Owners: M W Butterworth, Mrs M T Butterworth
Driver: M W McKendry MNZM **Trainer:** Ray Green.
(29 starts: 14-5-2, \$274,704) Best mile rate: 1-52.0 (1st, 1700m)



3 111512 Amazing Dream (fr)
(4m Bettor's Delight-Christian Dreamer, by Christian Cullen)
Owner: Mrs J L Feiss **Driver:** Mark Purdon
Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.
(26 starts: 16-5-3, \$739,915) Best mile rate: 1-54.0 (1st, 1980m)



4 213211 Spankem (fr)
(6g Bettor's Delight-Crushem, by Holmes Hanover)
Owners: Mrs G J Kennard, P I Kennard, Breckon Racing Syndicate, J A Gibbs MNZM, Mrs A Gibbs, G A Woodham, Mrs K J Woodham **Driver:** N C Rasmussen
Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.
(45 starts: 19-9-11, \$1,533,409) Best mile rate: 1-52.0 (3rd, 1609m)



5 664783 Gambit (fr)
(5g Shadow Play-Whata Breeze, by Sands A Flyin)
Owners: Mrs S Herlihy, S W Waters
Driver: A G Herlihy MNZM **Trainer:** Tony Herlihy.
(21 starts: 6-3-3, \$95,863) Best mile rate: 1-55.5 (3rd, 2200m)



6 132156 Bad To The Bone (fr)
(4g Bettor's Delight-Beaudiene Bad Babe, by Badlands Hanover)
Owners: Mrs K J Purdon, C J Ryder, R Cole, Mrs T L Whittaker, Mrs A V Whittaker. **Driver:** Z E Butcher
Trainers: Barry Purdon & Scott Phelan.
(22 starts: 5-2-3, \$128,932) Best mile rate: 1-54.6 (1st, 1980m)



7 137082 Mach Shard (fr)
(6g Mach Three-Sly Shard, by Panorama(USA))
Owners: Mrs K J Purdon, Mrs C Nausbaum, Mrs T L Whittaker.
Driver: S D T Phelan **Trainers:** Barry Purdon & Scott Phelan.
(48 starts: 9-9-7, \$373,457) Best mile rate: 1-52.8 (2nd, 1700m)



8 277401 Triple Eight (fr)
(6g American Ideal-Slangevar, by Cameleon)
Owners: Stonewall Stud Ltd, S R Plant, S J Nixon, J Watson, S Cook, B Glasheen. **Driver:** D J Butcher
Trainers: Steve & Amanda Telfer.
(54 starts: 12-8-14, \$291,785) Best mile rate: 1-53.2 (3rd, 1700m)



9 353333 Ashley Locaz (fr)
(6g Bettor's Delight-Ashley Cullen, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: P J Van Beek, Mrs J L Van Beek, J H Van Beek, Mrs L I Van Beek. **Driver:** T M Williams
Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.
(48 starts: 12-13-8, \$389,495) Best mile rate: 1-51.9 (1st, 1609m)

~~10 208377 Check In (fr)~~



11 P44722 Thefixer (fr)
(7g Bettor's Delight-Tosti Girl, by Christian Cullen)
Owners: Mrs G J Kennard, P I Kennard, Mrs P P Gillan, R J Fleetwood, R J Magness. **Driver:** R J Butt **Trainer:** Regan Todd.
(43 starts: 12-9-4, \$1,041,618) Best mile rate: 1-52.3 (4th, 1609m)



12 121144 South Coast Arden (fr)
(4h Somebeachsomewhere-Southwind Arden, 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:** B M Mangos **Trainer:** Brent Mangos.
(14 starts: 6-3-1, \$79,898) Best mile rate: 1-55.4 (4th, 2200m)



Copy That looking for early lead

By Michael Guerin

The plan is simple with Copy That heading into Thursday's \$200,000 Woodlands Stud Auckland Cup.

"We want to step to the lead and stay there," says trainer Ray Green.

And the popular Pukekohe trainer says if his fantastic four-year-old can achieve the first part of that plan the second may take care of itself.

Copy That has drawn two in the great race, with favourites Amazing Dream (three) and Spankem (four) right alongside.

That sets up the potential for an early drag race for the front, especially as other potential leaders and chances Ashley Locaz and Thefixer have drawn the second line.

And Green says if Copy That can win that early drag race he will be a happy man.

"I don't think he has been beaten in front," says Green.

"So that is where I'd like to see him.

"I am really happy with where he is at and I don't think what happened in the New Zealand Cup is an issue.

"So I think he will step well and then we will get our chance." While he has yet to win over 3200m there are the same doubts over the other two favourites and on his home track if Copy That can lead he becomes the horse to beat.

But the same is just as clearly true about Spankem, who may have slight statistical doubts over 3200m but he has

run second in two New Zealand Cups and did beat Turn It Up in a Messenger here 20 months ago.

If Spankem leads there doesn't seem many natural attackers in the race and he is one of three in the race who could give Mark Purdon and Natalie Rasmussen a Group One winner in their final race as trainers before their sabbatical.

"He steps quite well and usually safely so we would like to see him in front too," says Purdon.

"Maybe he isn't quite as good over 3200m as he is over the sprint trips but that is also because he is so good over the shorter trips.

"He has worked very well and I couldn't be happier with him." Amazing Dream's lack of standing start experience may be a concern as is her recent defeat in the Queen Of Hearts but while she has yet to win over 3200m she did come from well back to beat Copy That in the Woodlands Northern Derby last March, with that 2700m mobile placing similar requirements on stamina as the Cup will.

If there is to be an upsetter it might be Ashley Locaz, who seems to love racing at Alexandra Park and was huge last start in the Summer Cup.

His case though has not been helped by the Alexandra Park front line being only eight across, meaning barrier nine sees him at one on the second line.

But taking everything into account, manners, form and talent then Spankem deserves to be the favourite with his greatest threat being if Copy That can win that early battle.



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