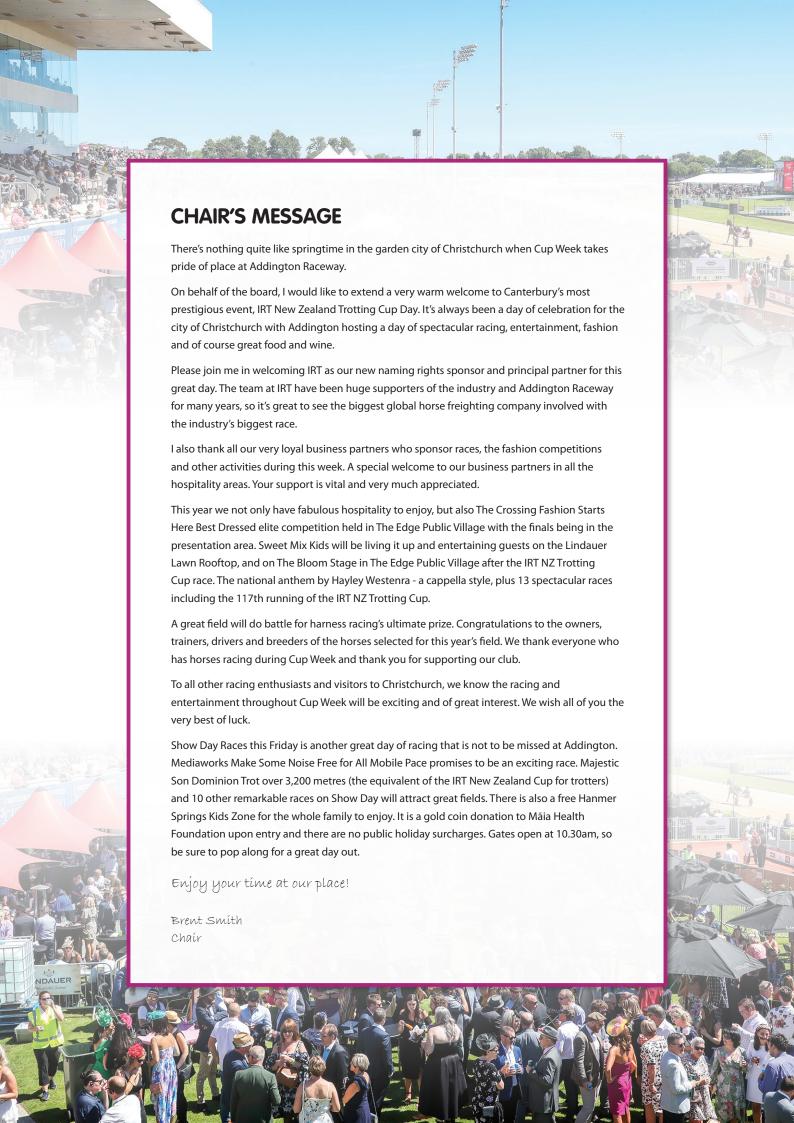


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OPINION PIECE BY MICHAEL GUERIN

The North Island's NZ Cup resurgence

Thank the racing gods for Copy That.

And while we are at it, thank them also for Mach Shard and Triple Eight. Hell, since we are handing out praise even thank them for Check In.

But mainly thank them for Copy That. Because while all four make up the northerners in Tuesday's \$540,000 IRT New Zealand Cup, Copy That is a modern day rarity: a northerner who can actually win our greatest race.

Those have been few and far between this millennium, Changeover in 2008 the only North Island-trained winner since Just An Excuse completed his double in 2004.

Of course it hasn't always been like this.

The South may always have been the centre of this country's harness racing industry but for 10 magical years between 1995 and 2005 the North won seven Cups. It took horses like Iraklis and Christian Cullen to fight off the raiders.

Things changed, most notably Mark Purdon's post code, and for the last decade it has either been Purdon horses, former Purdon horses (Arden Rooney) or Terror To Love you have wanted to be on in the great race.

No arguments there, no sour grapes. The best horse has often won and while some may be moan the fact the All Stars have won five of the last six Cups somebody has to be the best. And they might be the best ever.

They might prove that again on Tuesday if Self Assured uses his brain or Spankem divebombs them all off an unlikely hot speed.

But if they don't a North Island winner would be good for the industry and interest in the code.

Fights are more interesting when both boxers throw punches and the poor old north has been stuck in its corner defending itself for too long.

Now they have a budding superstar in Copy That trained by

a 75-year-old NZ Cup virgin in Ray Green. Ray smiles a lot and has crazy hair and looks like he could have been your likeable science teacher when you were a teenager.

He has spent this season educating a youngster of a different kind, with Copy That having leaped into open class with whirling legs and some spring stunners.

Can he win this Cup? Copy That undoubtedly has the speed, oh yes he has speed.

He has the manners and he also has Blair Orange, whose driving the last two seasons has been Dexteresque in its sustained brilliance.

If there is a doubt about Copy That it is that we don't know whether his fire will burn so bright at the end of 3200m around Addington.

We have no proof. But then again we had no such proof when Lazarus started in his first Cup as a four-year-old and he won by 10 lengths.

Us northerners shouldn't start celebrating yet because Copy That is not Lazarus yet nor will he probably ever be.

But Lazarus had to beat the likes of Smolda and Tiger Tara that day, Copy That will not.

If Copy That can step safely and lead as he did at Ashburton in the Flying Stakes it will take a very, very good horse to run past him.

Maybe Self Assured is that good. Or Spankem. The rest?

And if the north rises again on Tuesday finally the people who head to Alexandra Park and Cambridge for their harness fix, those who ply their trade at the Pukekohe training track, will have one of OURS to toast on Tuesday night.

And the Cup will again be the New Zealand Cup. Instead of the race half of the country has forgotten how to win.



50 years ago - The 1970 New Zealand Cup

By Dave Di Somma, Harness News Desk

A half century ago a horse called James and a trainer called Jim combined to win the New Zealand Cup. And in the sulky was none other than Cup legend Peter Wolfenden.

It was the seven-year-old James' 109th start and his 16th victory overall, and what a time and occasion it was to record his very first win at Addington. He was known as a tough horse who never quit.

From Tinwald in Mid Canterbury, Jim Donaldson was James' breeder, owner and trainer. He campaigned the horse all over the country and particularly liked racing in Auckland. His interest in racing had been piqued by his brother Hugh who had had success with a grey mare called Quite Contrary.

Foaled in 1963 James was the only progeny of good mare Responsive, who finished fifth in the last of False Step's three New Zealand Cup victories in 1960.

James was to have started a year before his success only to be injured on the eve of the 1959 Cup.

Thanks to a masterful Wolfenden drive James went to the front 800 metres out. The horse did not like the whip so "Wolfie" had to conjole the horse the best he could winning by a neck in a dogged finish.

Many considered Manaroa as being the race's unlucky runner, after losing a stretch of ground at the start and rattling home into third, just behind Stella Frost. True Averil, who finished fourth, would go to win the next New Zealand Cup in 1971.

James' win was the third of Wolfenden's four New Zealand Cup wins. There was the great Cardigan Bay in 1963, Garry Dillion (1965), James and then Sole Command in 1977.

Jim Donaldson was killed in a motor accident on Auckland's Southern Motorway in April 1971, aged 58.

James the horse was eventually sold to the USA after, according to HRNZ statistics, winning 17 races from 129 starts in New Zealand.

He was snapped up for \$18,000 by American breeder Alan Leavitt after what's believed to be the first telephone bidding auction of its type in this country.

Reports at the time say a special telephone line was set up at Ashburton Racecourse and Leavitt, who was in New York, was informed of the bids by Christchurch veterinary surgeon Bob MacKay who had two-way radio contact with the auction ring.

James ended up with career earnings of around \$100,000.

IRT NZ TROTTING CUP DAY SELECTIONS

	MICHAEL GUERIN	GREG O'CONNOR	MATT CROSS	JONNY TURNER	JOSHUA SMITH
Race 1 11.55am	3 Overzealous	7 Rydgemont Son	3 Overzealous	7 Rydgemont Son	11 Humble Lad
	8 Doff Your Cap	3 Overzealous	11 Humble Ladd	8 Doff Your Cap	3 Overzealous
	11 Humble Ladd	8 Doff Your Cap	8 Doff Your Cap	11 Humble Lad	4 Zsa Zoe
	10 Didjabringthebeers	11 Humble Ladd	7 Rydgemont Son	3 Overzealous	7 Rydgemont Son
Race 2 12.25pm	11 Castelo De Vide 13 Blazing Impact 1 Bad Hombre 15 Faze Of Glory	11 Costelo De Vide 1 Bad Hombre 13 Blazing Impact 16 Huego Boss	11 Costelo De Vide 12 Surfers Delight 4 Evangalist 13 Blazing Impact	11 Costelo De Vide 4 Evangalist 1 Bad Hombre 2 Magic Mike	2 Magic Mike 1 Bad Hombre 15 Faze Of Glory 16 Huego Bos
Race 3 12.55pm	4 B D Yasothon	4 B D Yasothon	13 Get Lucky	3 Andy Hall	15 Andoverlov
	13 Get Lucky	3 Andy Hall	3 Andy Hall	15 Andoverlov	17 Jimmy Carter
	15 Andoverlov	15 Andoverlov	15 Andoverlov	4 B D Yasothon	5 The Player
	14 Sundons Flyer	13 Get Lucky	16 Superfast Lad	16 Superfast Lad	4 BD Yasothon
Race 4 1.25pm	9 Amazing Dream	9 Amazing Dream	9 Amazing Dream	9 Amazing Dream	9 Amazing Dream
	5 Need You Now	6 Stylish Memphis	6 Stylish Memphis	6 Stylish Memphis	6 Stylish Memphis
	6 Stylish Memphis	5 Need You Now	5 Need You Now	5 Need You Now	5 Need You Now
	1 A Delightful Act	1 A Delightful Act	4 Lulu Le Mans	1 A Delightful Act	1 A Delightful Act
Race 5 1.55pm	6 Pembrook Playboy	3 Burnham Boy	9 On The Cards	6 Pembrook Playboy	9 On The Cards
	3 Burnham Boy	6 Pembrook Playboy	14 Wild Excuse	10 Jazzy Star	3 Burnham Boy
	1 Fabrizio	14 Wild Excuse	3 Burnham Boy	3 Burnham Boy	8 Vintage Cheddar
	9 On The Cards	9 On The Cards	1 Fabrizio	14 Wild Excuse	14 Wild Excuse
Race 6 2.30pm	7 Above N Beyond	7 Above N Beyond	7 Above N Beyond	6 Wyatt Waller	4 Anamajor
	3 Mossman	6 Wyatt Waller	1 Bundoran	1 Bundoran	14 Mighty Looee
	14 Mighty Looee	12 Square Dealer	14 Mighty Looee	14 Mighty Looee	6 Wyatt Waller
	13 Better Fly	14 Mighty Looee	8 Under Wraps	8 Under Wraps	7 Above N Beyond
Race 7 3.05pm	2 Majestic Man 12 Cracker Hill 5 Muscle Mountain 3 Heavyweight Hero	5 Muscle Mountain 2 Majestic Man 3 Heavyweight Hero 12 Cracker Hill	12 Cracker Hill 5 Muscle Mountain 2 Majestic Man 3 Heavyweight Hero	12 Cracker Hill 2 Majestic Man 5 Muscle Mountain 3 Heavyweight Hero	5 Muscle Mountain 2 Majestic Man 12 Cracker Hill 9 Tough Monarch
Race 8 3.40pm	1 It's All About Faith	11 Krug	11 Krug	1 It's All About Faith	11 Krug
	11 Krug	1 It's All About Faith	1 It's All About Faith	4 B D Joe	1 It's All About Faith
	12 American Dealer	4 B D Joe	12 American Dealer	11 Krug	12 American Dealer
	4 B D Joe	12 American Dealer	9 Shan Noble	12 American Dealer	10 Got You Covered
Race 9 4.20pm	6 Bad To The Bone 11 Koenigsegg 9 Dance Time 12 Aqua Sancta	6 Bad To The Bone 13 Steel The Show 3 Belmont Major 5 Somekindawonderful	6 Bad To The Bone 13 Steel The Show 9 Dance Time 12 Aqua Sancta	6 Bad To The Bone 3 Belmont Major 5 Somekindawonderful 12 Aqua Sancta	12 Aqua Sancta 13 Steel The Show 5 Somekindawonderful 10 Cardinal Sin
Race 10 4.54pm	8 Cranbourne 6 Alterior Motif 5 Down The Hatch 10 Arden's Reality	8 Cranbourne 6 Alterior Motif 4 A Taste Of Honey 11 Laver	12 Down To The Bone 6 Alterior Motif 4 A Taste Of Honey 8 Cranbourne	8 Cranbourne 2 Cheezel 4 A Taste Of Honey 6 Alterior Motif	6 Alterior Motif 11 Laver 8 Cranbourne 5 Down The Hatch
Race 11 5.34pm	1 Copy That	1 Copy That	1 Copy That	15 Spankem	1 Copy That
	11 Self Assured	15 Spankem	15 Spankem	11 Self Assured	18 Classie Brigade
	15 Spankem	11 Self Assured	3 The Fixer	1 Copy That	15 Spankem
	3 Thefixer	3 The Fixer	11 Self Assured	3 The Fixer	11 Self Assured
Race 12 6.10pm	3 Bryan Boru	18 Isla Elsie	18 Isla Elsie	3 Bryan Boru	2 Royal Pride
	16 I Dream Of Jeannie	3 Bryan Boru	3 Bryan Boru	4 Miss Crazed	3 Bryan Boru
	2 Royal Pride	7 Idle Stuartia	16 I Dream Of Jeannie	16 I Dream Of Jeannie	4 Miss Crazed
	7 Idle Stuartia	16 I Dream Of Jeannie	7 Idle Stuartia	11 Bright Glow	12 Willangus Lad
Race 13 6.45pm	1 B K Sway	2 Riveered	2 Riveered	2 Riveered	13 Five Star General
	10 Admirable	8 Skippys Delight	1 B K Sway	1 B K Sway	8 Skippys Delight
	8 Skippys Delight	13 Five Star General	10 Admirable	13 Five Star General	2 Riveered
	13 Five Star General	9 Gliding Away	8 Skippys Delight	9 Gliding Away	11 Kusanova

CUP DAY FIELDS | RACES 1, 2, 3

Race 1: 11:55am Race 2: 12:25pm WELCOME TO IRT NZ TROTTING CUP DAY HANDICAP TROT **BUSHBUCK (CUP DAY MAIDEN) MOBILE PACE** Globe Trekker (fr) **Bad Hombre** (fr) (6g Majestic Son-Global Invasion, by Armbro Invasion) (3g Art Major-Riverboat Rosie, by Riverboat King) Owners: R H Jenkins, Mrs D E Kean Driver: A L Lethaby Owner: B W Mills Driver: R T May Trainer: Brendon Hill. Trainers: Jason & Amber Lethaby. (2 starts: 0-1-0, \$1,750) Best mile rate: 2-02.8 (2nd, 2400m) (35 starts: 6-6-2, \$56,213) Best mile rate: 2-01.9 (2nd, 2600m) 32433 Magic Mike (fr) (fr) 560705 Clyde (4g A Rocknroll Dance-Cafe Girl, by In The Pocket) (5g The Pres-Mereareta, by Safely Kept) Owners: Mrs M A Robertson, P J Robertson, B M Robertson, M J Robertson. Owners: S G Bell, M L Hynes Driver: Craig D Thornley Driver: D J Butcher Trainers: Peter & Mitchell Robertson. Trainer: Donna Williamson. (5 starts: 0-1-3, \$3,930) Best mile rate: 1-58.3 (4th, 2000m) (35 starts: 3-2-5, \$33,563) Best mile rate: 2-00.3 (2nd, 2000m) 5 Bettor Talk Art E2 (fr) 301349 Overzealous (fr) (3f Bettor's Delight-Lets Talk Art, by Art Major) (5m Monkey Bones-Zealous Lady, by Brylin Boyz) Owners: S A O'Brien, Mrs M E O'Brien Driver: S J Ottley Trainer: Regan Todd. Owners: Miss M A Nyhan, I'm A Believer Syndicate, (1 start: 0-0-0, \$300) Best mile rate: Not available Take A Good Look At Yourself Syndicate. Mrs R F Bateman. Driver: P J Davis Trainer: Margo Nyhan. 20X3 **Evangalist** (fr) (51 starts: 7-4-10, \$85,903) Best mile rate: 1-59.6 (1st, 1980m) (3f Shadyshark Hanover-Pretty Dollybird, by Live Or Die) Owners: Mrs S A Thomas, S L B Dolamore, Mrs G B Dolamore, G Watson, (fr) 689116 Zsa Zoe A Smith, M R Scott. Driver: J C E Thomas Trainers: Jason & Ian Thomas. (6m Majestic Son-Zsa Zsa, by Armbro Invasion) (3 starts: 0-1-1, \$2,288) Best mile rate: 1-59.7 (2nd, 1980m) Owners: K B Ford, Mrs A J Tomlinson Driver: S J Tomlinson Trainer: Ken Ford. (56 starts: 8-9-7, \$82,465) Best mile rate: 1-59.6 (3rd, 1980m) 4 Spikey Boy (fr) (3g Art Major-Scott Real Speed, by Real Desire) **Madeleine Stowe** (fr) Owners: Mrs J M Scott, K M Barron Driver: B N Orange Trainer: Glenn Scott. (7m Monkey Bones-Connie Goodin, by Continentalman) (1 start: 0-0-0, \$450) Best mile rate: 2-03.0 (4th, 2400m) Owners: Miss M A Nyhan, I'm A Believer Syndicate, M J Van der Colk. Driver: R Holmes Trainer: Margo Nyhan. (49 starts: 7-3-2, \$56,517) Best mile rate: 2-03.7 (4th, 2600m) X45370 Mark O'Ronga (4g Terror To Love-Hallie Parker, by Art Major) X87X07 (fr) **Boyz Invasion** Owners: Mrs D M Hart, H J Monk Driver: J C Morrison Trainer: Darren Keast, (7g Brylin Boyz-Dream Invasion, by Armbro Invasion) (9 starts: 0-2-1, \$4,203) Best mile rate: 1-59.5 (2nd, 1609m) Owners: Mrs D M Heenan, M G Heenan, A Gorman Driver: M G Heenan Trainer: Michael Heenan. 74 Sudaman (fr) (27 starts: 5-3-0, \$34,305) Best mile rate: 1-59.2 (2nd, 1609m) (4m Bettor's Delight-Solandra, by Artsplace) Owners: Mrs S A White, M J Peden, J J Horne, P I Baken, P G White, 440434 **Rydgemont Son** (fr) Mrs M J White, S Lee Cockfield, C L Woods, M J Prendergast (6g Majestic Son-Domination, by Sundon) Driver: D J White Trainers: David & Stacey White. Owners: R L P Scott, Mrs P J Scott Driver: Brad Williamson (2 starts: 0-0-0, \$560) Best mile rate: 2-04.8 (4th, 1609m) Trainer: Brad Williamson. (38 starts: 6-2-8, \$57,380) Best mile rate: 1-59.7 (2nd, 1980m) 4 Serious Moonlite (fr) (3c Art Major-Miss Moonlite, by Christian Cullen) 032151 **Doff Your Cap** (fr) Owner: Wibble Holdings Limited Driver: R D Close Trainer: Andrew Stuart. (5g Peak-Dutchess, by Monarchy) (1 start: 0-0-0, \$450) Best mile rate: 1-58.9 (4th, 1980m) Owners: Mrs L M Jones, C A McManus, M R Lawrence, M C Thomas, P A McHerron, Has Beens Syndicate. Driver: R J Butt Trainer: Leonne Jones. 26 Rollvourown (fr) (36 starts: 6-5-2, \$69,229) Best mile rate: 2-01.4 (1st, 1980m) (3g Rock N Roll Heaven-Pride N Joy, by Mach Three) Owners: C Nordqvist, G W Davis, P G Campbell, T R McCallum. PX6038 **Maiestic Hurricane** (fr) Driver: T M Williams Trainer: Grant Payne. (6g Majestic Son-Dear Diedre, by Sundon) Owners: D K Gibson, Mrs R M Gibson (2 starts: 0-1-0, \$2,050) Best mile rate: 1-58.7 (2nd, 1980m) Driver: B N Orange Trainer: Ken Barron. (48 starts: 5-5-8, \$80,245) Best mile rate: 1-59.3 (3rd, 1980m) ----- Second Line -----559091 Didjabringthebeers (10m) 10 373509 Ned Kelly E1 (fr) (7g Monarchy-Goutys Girl, by Sundon) (3g Art Major-Kelly Maguire, by Christian Cullen) Owners: C L Tennant, R F Seebeck Driver: T S Chmiel Trainer: John Howe. Owners: R K Gordon, Mrs A L Gordon Driver: Trainer: Robert Dunn. (51 starts: 8-5-9, \$94,720) Best mile rate: 1-58.2 (3rd, 1980m) (6 starts: 0-0-2, \$2,960) Best mile rate: 1-57.7 (3rd, 1980m)

(10m)

45 Castelo De Vide

(3c Bettor's Delight-Marvao Cam, by Christian Cullen)

Owner: P I Renwick Driver: R J Butt Trainer: Darren Keast.

(2 starts: 0-0-0, \$1,400) Best mile rate: 1-58.4 (4th, 1980m)

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(39 starts: 8-4-7, \$63,680) Best mile rate: 2-00.9 (1st, 1609m)

(6g Majestic Son-Here Comes Pat, by Dream Vacation)
Owners: J P Hunter, D M Stumbles Driver: M J Williamson

Humble Ladd

315122

Trainer: Phil Williamson.

(fr) 12 2245 **Surfers Delight** (3g Bettor's Delight-Surfin Swift, by Christian Cullen)

Owner: Mrs J A Dunn Driver: K T Newman Trainer: Robert Dunn. (4 starts: 0-2-0, \$3,908) Best mile rate: 1-57.1 (2nd, 2000m)

6X522 **Blazing Impact** (fr)

(5m Betterthancheddar-Impact's Legacy, by Presidential Ball) Owners: A G Hurst, Mrs A C Hurst, J N Hurst, J R Dwyer

Driver: Trainer: Regan Todd.

(4 starts: 0-2-0, \$3,600) Best mile rate: 1-59.8 (2nd, 1900m)

14 375 Pembrook's Destiny (fr)

(3g Bettor's Delight-Pembrook 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. (3 starts: 0-0-1, \$1,480) Best mile rate: 1-57.8 (3rd, 2000m)

2 Faze Of Glory (fr)

(3g Sir Lincoln-Blaze Of Glory, by American Ideal)

Owner: S P Murtha Driver: S J Tomlinson Trainer: Steve Dolan. (1 start: 0-1-0, \$1,550) Best mile rate: 1-58.3 (2nd, 1980m)

16 4 Huego Bos (fr)

(5g Art Major-Laurent Perrier, by Soky's Atom)

Owner: Est J W Smolenski Driver: John R Dunn Trainer: Robert Dunn. (1 start: 0-0-0, \$450) Best mile rate: 1-59.9 (4th, 1900m)

Race 3: 12:55pm **HYDROFLOW HANDICAP TROT**

970313 **Chief Of Staff** (fr)

(7g The Pres-Stargo Whiz, by Gee Whiz II)

Owners: G S Mackintosh, A J Mackintosh, C Mackintosh, A Gillespie, J Stewart, J C E Thomas, J Thelning, B Chinn, J Heap, T Monk Driver: Jason Thomas Trainers: Jason & Jan Thomas

(41 starts: 4-5-5, \$38,741) Best mile rate: 2-03.7 (2nd, 2600m)

2 041008 **Global Flight** (fr)

(5g Majestic Son-Global Invasion, by Armbro Invasion) Owners: R H Jenkins, Mrs D E Kean Driver: A L Lethaby

Trainers: Jason & Amber Lethaby.

(22 starts: 3-0-0, \$18,590) Best mile rate: 2-05.0 (1st, 2600m)

103X25 **Andy Hall** (fr)

(5g Andover Hall-Delcola, by Chiola Cola)

Owner: I W Hunter Driver: N P Williamson Trainer: Nathan Williamson.

(6 starts: 2-1-1, \$12,905) Best mile rate: 2-03.3 (2nd, 2400m)

D12X72 **B D Yasothon** (fr) 4

(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.

(8 starts: 2-2-0, \$15,613) Best mile rate: 2-04.3 (2nd, 2600m)

The Player (fr)

(5g Majestic Son-Dutch Annie, by Continentalman)

Owner: Whistle Up Syndicate Driver: John R Dunn Trainer: Robert Dunn.

(22 starts: 2-8-7, \$34,313) Best mile rate: 2-00.7 (3rd, 1980m)

651065 **Prince Teka** (fr)

(5g Majestic Son-Queen Catharina, by Monarchy)

Owners: G M McCrea, Mrs C McCrea Driver: K G Cameron

Trainer: Gerard McCrea.

(53 starts: 6-4-4, \$48,480) Best mile rate: 2-00.1 (1st, 1980m)

560705 Clyde E2 (fr)

(5g The Pres-Mereareta, by Safely Kept)

Owners: S G Bell, M L Hynes Driver: Craig D Thornley

Trainer: Donna Williamson.

(35 starts: 3-2-5, \$33,563) Best mile rate: 2-00.3 (2nd, 2000m)

(fr) 8 401893 The Bloss

(7m The Pres-Our Blossom, by Grant Our Wishes) Owners: B J Borcoskie, A D Tutty Driver: B J Borcoskie

Trainer: Brent Borcoskie

(69 starts: 7-6-5, \$60,738) Best mile rate: 2-00.5 (4th, 1950m)

125547 Missalyssa (fr)

(6m Monarchy-Uramao, by Sundon)

Owner: W M Pitches Driver: B N Orange Trainer: Andrew Faulks. (34 starts: 4-1-1, \$25,955) Best mile rate: 2-02.5 (2nd, 1980m)

10 668145 Sioux Princess (fr)

(6m Majestic Son-Westwood Sioux, by Sundon)

Owners: Tancred Holdings Limited, P D Newton, WDC 03 Limited.

Driver: S J Ottley Trainer: Mark Jones.

(56 starts: 7-7-4, \$57,895) Best mile rate: 2-00.0 (2nd, 1980m)

614748 **Phoebe Onyx** (10m)

(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: T M Williams Trainer: John Howe.

(29 starts: 4-4-6, \$38,410) Best mile rate: 1-58.9 (4th, 1980m)

117054 (10m) Midnight Assassin

(5g Majestic Son-Feather's First, by Brylin Boyz) Owners: B R Negus, C J DeFilippi Driver: C J DeFilippi

Trainers: Colin & Julie DeFilippi.

(27 starts: 4-3-2, \$29,543) Best mile rate: 2-04.1 (2nd, 2000m)

X42223 (10m) 13 **Get Lucky**

(5g Lucky Chucky-Bree, by Sundon)

Owners: L F Thomson, I G Thomson Driver: Brad Williamson

Trainer: Alister Black

(21 starts: 4-6-3, \$92,573) Best mile rate: 2-01.1 (4th, 1950m)

340296 (10m) **Sundons Flyer**

(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.

(109 starts: 12-15-11, \$127,114) Best mile rate: 2-00.8 (4th, 1950m)

0D4211 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: R J Butt Trainer: Paul Nairn.

(10 starts: 3-1-1, \$21,435) Best mile rate: 2-00.0 (3rd, 1980m)

16 244143 Superfast Lad (10m)

(6g Superfast Stuart-Xmas Fairy, by Courage Under Fire)

Owner: V P Barrett Driver: G D O'Reilly Trainer: Michael Heenan. (36 starts: 4-9-2, \$39,693) Best mile rate: 2-04.0 (1st, 2000m)

292241 (10m) 17 Jimmy Carter

(6g The Pres-Jo Anne, by Sundon)

Owners: D R Beckingsale, Horsin Around Syndicate Driver: M J Williamson Trainer: Phil Williamson.

(31 starts: 4-8-2, \$38,550) Best mile rate: 2-00.3 (2nd, 2000m)

(10m) 18 X87X07 **Boyz Invasion E1**

(7g Brylin Boyz-Dream Invasion, by Armbro Invasion)

Owners: Mrs D M Heenan, M G Heenan, A Gorman Driver: M G Heenan Trainer: Michael Heenan.

(27 starts: 5-3-0, \$34,305) Best mile rate: 1-59.2 (2nd, 1609m)

NEVELE R FILLIES SERIES FINAL (MOBILE PACE) (Gr1)

\$100,000, 4YO MARES, 1980m

Michael Guerin	Greg O'Connor	Matt Cross	Jonny Turner	Joshua Smith
9 Amazing Dream	9 Amazing Dream	9 Amazing Dream	9 Amazing Dream	9 Amazing Dream
5 Need You Now	6 Stylish Memphis	6 Stylish Memphis	6 Stylish Memphis	6 Stylish Memphis
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1 221412 A Delightful Act

(fr)

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

Owner: A Few Good Men Syndicate

Driver: B N Orange Trainer: Mitchell Kerr.

(18 starts: 4-5-1, \$33,010) Best mile rate: 1-54.4 (2nd, 1609m)



2 110X16 Pearl Harbour

(fr)

(4m Somebeachsomewhere-Arden Caviar, by Rocknroll Hanover)

Owners: F J Price, Mrs K V Price Driver: N P Williamson

Trainers: Katrina & John Price.

(16 starts: 5-1-0, \$49,260) Best mile rate: 1-54.3 (2nd, 1609m)



3 626015 Sugar Loaf

(fr)

(4m Bettor's Delight-Sue Dreamer, by Dream Away(USA))
Owners: M R Cummings, Mrs S L Cummings, Lynnex Holdings

Ltd. **Driver:** K T Newman **Trainer:** Robert Dunn.

(14 starts: 4-2-0, \$47,545) Best mile rate: 1-54.0 (1st, 1609m)



4 670304 Lulu Le Mans

(fr)

(4m Bettor's Delight-Elusive Chick, by McArdle)

Owners: Mrs A C S Jones, D N Jones, G T Tomes,

Mrs K M Tomes, G J McConchie.

Driver: S J Tomlinson **Trainer:** Derek Jones.

(30 starts: 6-2-3, \$75,346) Best mile rate: 1-56.5 (4th, 1980m)



5 311122 Need You Now

(fr)

(4m Bettor's Delight-Lady Antebellum, by Badlands Hanover)

Owner: Woodlands Partnership No.3 Syndicate **Driver:** John Dunn **Trainer:** Robert Dunn.

(17 starts: 7-5-1, \$84,570) Best mile rate: 1-55.0 (1st, 1609m)



6 1X4321 Stylish Memphis

(fr)

(4m Bettor's Delight-Memphis Melody, by Badlands Hanover)

Owner: W E Higgs

Driver: R T May **Trainer:** Mark Jones.

(17 starts: 8-6-1, \$264,868) Best mile rate: 1-56.1 (2nd, 2200m)



7 112435 Plutonium Lady

(fr)

(4m Bettor's Delight-Timeless Perfection, by Christian Cullen)

Owners: Sir Loins Limited, Starmark Limited

Driver: S J Ottley **Trainer:** Mark Jones. (20 starts: 4-3-2, \$87,509) Best mile rate: 1-56.7 (2nd, 1980m)



8 35X715 On A Roll

(fr)

(4m Bettor's Delight-Onlyforyou, by Art Major)
Owner: Breckon Farms-The Savvy Six Syndicate

Driver: Z E Butcher **Trainer:** Jeremy Young. (17 starts: 4-4-2, \$59,235) Best mile rate: 1-55.4 (1st, 1700m)

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9 1X2111 Amazing Dream

(fr)

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

Owner: Mrs J L Feiss Driver: N C Rasmussen

Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.

(22 starts: 14-4-3, \$651,075) Best mile rate: 1-54.9 (1st, 1980m)

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



10 147334 Spellbound

(fr)

(4m Art Major-Return To Gold, by Armbro Operative)

Owners: Westview Racing No.19 Syndicate, The Witches Of Westview No.2 Syndicate.

Driver: Tim Williams Trainer: Robert Dunn.

(19 starts: 4-4-4, \$101,620) Best mile rate: 1-54.6 (4th, 1609m)



Dunn keen to be aggressive on **Need You Now**

By Michael Guerin

John Dunn says he will be taking no prisoners with Need You Now in the \$100,000 Nevele R Mares Final on Tuesday.

And while he isn't declaring she will be good enough to beat Oaks winners Amazing Dream (\$1.30) and Stylish Memphis, Dunn says there is only one way to find out.

Need You Now has drawn inside her two main rivals in the delayed three-year-old final from last season and he has nothing but respect for both of them but that doesn't mean any concessions.

Dunn has only spasmodically driven Need You Now, including at Invercargill last week when she was again a brave second to Stylish Memphis in the Southland Oaks.

"My filly went great but she just had a tougher run," says Dunn, whose father Robert trains the mare.

"So if I think we are going to beat Stylish Memphis and Amazing Dream we are going to have to stay in front of the them.

"I am pretty sure we have the gate speed to get there and if we concede to them I don't think we can win."

Need You Now has looked a stronger mare this season and was good enough to actually beat Amazing Dream at Alexandra Park last season, with Dunn suggesting

she has surpassed stablemate Spellbound, who is now likely to be driven by Need You Now's usual driver Tim Williams.

The obvious other chance in the race is last-start Southland Oaks winner Stylish Memphis, who trainer Mark Jones even entertained putting in the New Zealand Cup.

She has been a steady improver this campaign and would love to get the back of Amazing Dream at some stage to try and divebomb her late.

The clash of the pair adds another level of rarity to this race, which is already the first Nevele R Mares Final rather than Fillies final as of course usually it would have been run in May.

It is a pretty safe bet that never before have two Oaks winners from the previous season clashed in a race on NZ Cup day, even more remarkable considering there was no NZ Oaks last season.

And yet, after all the weirdness of the last six months, we have last season's Northern Oaks winner Amazing Dream against last season's NSW Oaks winner in Stylish Memphis, confirming that even run in November this Nevele R Final is a case of better late than never.

DUNSTAN HORSEFEEDS JUNIOR FREE-FOR-ALL (MOBILE PACE) (Gr3)

\$33,500 FFA, 2600m

Michael Guerin	Greg O'Connor	Matt Cross	Jonny Turner	Joshua Smith
6 Pembrook Playboy	3 Burnham Boy	9 On The Cards	6 Pembrook Playboy	9 On The Cards
3 Burnham Boy	6 Pembrook Playboy	14 Wild Excuse	10 Jazzy Star	3 Burnham Boy
1 Fabrizio	14 Wild Excuse	3 Burnham Boy	3 Burnham Boy	8 Vintage Cheddar
9 On The Cards	9 On The Cards	1 Fabrizio	14 Wild Excuse	14 Wild Excuse



110008 Fabrizio

(fr)

(4g Sweet Lou-Zagami, by Christian Cullen)

Owners: Mrs C M Dalgety, A Zame, D Zame Driver: B N Orange Trainers: Nathan Purdon & Chrissie Dalgety.

(17 starts: 6-1-0, \$48,850) Best mile rate: 1-55.4 (1st, 1609m)



6X5702 A Bettor Act

(fr)

(5g Bettor's Delight-A Christian Act, by Christian Cullen) Owner: A Few Good Men Syndicate Driver: R J Butt

Trainer: Mitchell Kerr.

(31 starts: 6-6-2, \$122,531) Best mile rate: 1-55.7 (3rd, 1950m)



243321 Burnham Boy

(fr)

(4g Bettor's Delight-Tinisha Franco, by Holmes Hanover)

Owners: K T Watson, Mrs B J Fraser Driver: S J Ottley Trainer: Mark Jones.

(22 starts: 5-4-5, \$55,860) Best mile rate: 1-58.1 (4th, 1980m)



08X760 Mikey Maguire

(fr)

(7g Mach Three-Miss Jubilee, by In The Pocket) Owners: W F Fletcher, Mrs F P Fletcher

Driver: C J DeFilippi Trainer: Fred Fletcher.

(62 starts: 7-11-9, \$100,306) Best mile rate: 1-54.3 (2nd, 1950m)



094890 Mongolian Cavalry

(fr)

(5h Mach Three-Rosie Brogden, by Western Terror) Owner: Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry(NZ)

Driver: S J Tomlinson Trainer: Graham Court.

(35 starts: 7-2-5, \$72,745) Best mile rate: 1-56.0 (1st, 1980m)



13X112 Pembrook Playboy

(fr)

(4h Bettor's Delight-Dudinka's Star, by Christian Cullen)

Owner: C C Alcock Driver: N P Williamson

Trainer: Nathan Williamson.

(12 starts: 6-1-3, \$51,800) Best mile rate: 1-58.6 (3rd, 2400m)



321845 Franco Niven

(fr)

(5g Christian Cullen-Nigella Franco, by Artiscape) Owner: Cullen Breeding Limited Driver: K T Newman

Trainer: Robert Dunn.

(29 starts: 7-6-4, \$75,023) Best mile rate: 1-55.9 (3rd, 1980m)



927536 Vintage Cheddar

(fr)

(6g Betterthancheddar-Howfarnow, by Grinfromeartoear) Owners: L F Thomson, I G Thomson Driver: Brad Williamson Trainer: Alister Black.

(29 starts: 8-4-6, \$100,870) Best mile rate: 1-53.9 (3rd, 1980m)



155439 On The Cards

(fr)

(6g Bettor's Delight-Funontherun, by In The Pocket) Owner: D L Thompson Driver: Z E Butcher Trainers: Barry Purdon & Scott Phelan.

(46 starts: 11-8-6, \$215,878) Best mile rate: 1-51.6 (2nd, 1700m)

---- Second Line --

10 X37167 Jazzy Star

(fr)

(6g Auckland Reactor-Shikaka, by Village Jasper) Owners: D J Luke, Mrs E G Luke Driver: R T May Trainer: Brent White.

(24 starts: 7-4-1, \$67,628) Best mile rate: 1-55.8 (1st, 1950m)



464611 That Alexander Guy

(fr)

(6g Somebeachsomewhere-Tidal Franco, by Live Or Die) Owners: Mrs D M Gillies, Mrs J A McPherson, Mrs L V Warr, Mrs M R Bailey. Driver: R D Close Trainer: Regan Todd. (61 starts: 7-8-7, \$68,780) Best mile rate: 1-55.9 (2nd, 1980m)



340709 Stars Tonight

(fr)

(5g Bettor's Delight-Lady Antebellum, by Badlands Hanover) Owners: A D Neumann, I M Neumann, J A Slack, S Langdon Driver: T M Williams Trainer: Robert Dunn.

(39 starts: 8-5-6, \$105,328) Best mile rate: 1-54.1 (4th, 1980m)



13 7X52X5 Matt Damon

(5g Bettor's Delight-Angelina Jolie, by Art Major)

Owners: A Kershaw, Rebel One Syndicate, S Carnochan, M Henry. Driver: Trainer: Mitchell Kerr.

(12 starts: 6-3-0, \$41,168) Best mile rate: 1-57.6 (2nd, 1980m)



14 X22131 Wild Excuse

(fr)

(5m A Rocknroll Dance-Smooth Maker, by Make A Deal) Owners: R J Dawe, Mrs T Dawe Driver: G D Smith

Trainer: Phil Burrows.

(16 starts: 7-4-1, \$75,295) Best mile rate: 1-54.3 (1st, 1609m)



Group glory On The Cards for Auckland raiders

By Joshua Smith, Harness News Desk

Missing the cut for the Group 1 IRT New Zealand Trotting Cup (3200m) at Addington Raceway on Tuesday could be a blessing in disguise for On The Cards.

The Barry Purdon and Scott Phelan-trained six-year-old is the second emergency for the feature race but will get an ideal opportunity to record his first stakes victory in the Group 3 Dunstan Horsefeeds Junior Free-For-All Mobile Pace (2600m) earlier on the card.

The son of Bettor's Delight has placed at Group level on five occasions and he will be looking to rectify that on Tuesday.

On The Cards will head into the race off the back of a ninthplacing in the Group 2 Kaikoura Cup (2400m), however, his trainers weren't disappointed in his run.

"We were hoping for a good draw at Kaikoura because we thought it would be a good race for him around the tight track," Phelan said.

"But he couldn't get into it at Kaikoura. He didn't begin as quick as some others and it was a quick last lap and Zac (Butcher, driver) just looked after him at the back.

"They weren't disappointed with the run so we will see how we go on Cup day.

"He won't be without a chance in the Junior Free For All."

On the Cards was at a \$9 quote in the lead-up to Tuesday in what appears to be a very open race. Trainer-driver Nathan Williamson has the favourite in Pembrook Playboy after two wins and a second in his last three starts in the south, while Wild Excuse and Cheddar were, like On The Cards, on the cusp of making the New Zealand Cup field. Matt Damon (Blair Orange),

Jazzy Star (Ricky May) and Burnham Boy (Samantha Ottley) are also at single figure odds.

On The Cards' trainers are looking forward to lining up stablemate Mach Shard in the big race.

The six-year-old gelding won the 2020 Spring Cup (2200m) and placed in the Holmes DG Handicap Pace (2700m) at Auckland before finishing seventh in the Group 2 Ashburton Flying Stakes (2400m).

He subsequently finished fifth in the IRT NZ Trotting Cup Trial (2600m) at Addington on Wednesday and his trainers believe he is primed for his Tuesday assignment.

"Barry is down there and is rapt with him," Phelan said.

"We have been pretty happy with him. He has gone through without a hiccup. His last start might not look good on paper but I was reasonably happy with him and the times they went.

"We couldn't make any ground. I don't think it will be that type of race come Cup Day and I think we are in with a chance."

Mach Shard has drawn eight for the Cup, but will likely start from six with the two emergencies drawn inside him.

"He needs a quick, clean getaway and hopefully he can get to the fence behind a couple of good ones, that will be the perfect spot," Phelan said.

"I am looking forward to the Cup."

Earlier on the card, Phelan will also line-up Bad To The Bone and Some Do in the Hornby Liquor Centre Mobile Pace (1980m).

"That will be a pretty good race for Bad To The Bone and Some Do's main race is on Show Day, the mares race (Listed Nevele R Sires' Stakes Southern Mares Classic, 1980m)."

CUP DAY FIELDS | RACES 6, 9, 10

Race 9: 4:20pm Race 6: 2:30pm **HORNBY LIQUOR CENTRE MOBILE PACE MITRE 10 MOBILE PACE** (fr) 20X524 Bundoran (fr) **Doc Holliday** (4g Sir Lincoln-Mullaghmore, by Christian Cullen) (4g Bettor's Delight-First Western, by Western Terror) Owners: J D Lethaby, D E Bennett, M Herewini, R M Johnston, Mrs L Wells. Owner: Doc Holliday Syndicate Driver: D J Butcher Driver: A L Lethaby Trainers: Jason & Amber Lethaby. Trainers: Steve & Amanda Telfer. (10 starts: 2-2-0, \$17,428) Best mile rate: 1-55.4 (2nd, 1700m) (17 starts: 3-3-3, \$26,078) Best mile rate: 1-56.8 (1st, 2200m) Johnny Eyre (fr) X37324 Tyron's Bit Of Lemon (fr) (10g Christian Cullen-Wai Eyre Lady, by New York Motoring) (4g Sportswriter-Tyron's Alive, by Live Or Die) Owners: M J Brown, Mrs P Brown Driver: K G Cameron Trainer: Mike Brown. (146 starts: 12-7-22, \$135,181) Best mile rate: 1-57.1 (3rd, 1950m) Owners: A D Neumann, I M Neumann Driver: John Dunn Trainer: Robert Dunn. (13 starts: 3-2-3, \$29,895) Best mile rate: 1-55.8 (1st, 1980m) 886261 Mossman (fr) (4h Terror To Love-Christian Star, by Christian Cullen) X21284 **Belmont Major** (fr) Owners: C P Reynolds, Mrs M D Reynolds, Ms W Rogers, Mrs A Stapley, (4g Art Major-Belmont Fire, by Courage Under Fire) W D Stapley, Mrs V M Dickson, M. **Driver:** S J Tomlinson **Trainer:** Graham Court. Owners: T D Bagrie, N T Smith, C B McPherson, R J Mather, P W Borlase, (18 starts: 2-2-3, \$17,295) Best mile rate: 1-58.3 (1st, 1900m) Mrs M L Borlase, M J Borlase,. **Driver:** R J Butt **Trainer:** Tom Bagrie. (12 starts: 4-3-1, \$45,953) Best mile rate: 1-58.1 (2nd, 1980m) 734352 Anamajor (fr) (5m Art Major-Mary Anastasia, by Courage Under Fire) 311260 **Rocknroll Rod** (fr) Owners: W H Fleming, Mrs M R Fleming, D L Hopkins Driver: Tim Williams (5g A Rocknroll Dance-Emmy Jones, by Christian Cullen) Trainer: Robert Dunn. Owner: K J Austin Driver: J W Cox Trainer: Kyle Austin. (53 starts: 5-8-9, \$73,476) Best mile rate: 1-55.4 (4th, 1609m) (27 starts: 6-5-2, \$52,661) Best mile rate: 1-55.4 (1st, 1980m) 673410 **Buckskin** (fr) (5g American Ideal-Got Milk, by Badlands Hanover) Somekindawonderful (fr) Owners: R G Davis, Mrs C I Davis Driver: S E O'Reilly Trainer: Robert Davis. (4g Somebeachsomewhere-Redheadedwildflower, by Falcon Seelster) (21 starts: 2-4-4, \$18,120) Best mile rate: 1-59.8 (3rd, 1980m) Owners: Mrs S K Courtney, R C Courtney, T L Jones, Mrs N L C Jones Mrs V M C Hassall, K R Gardner,. Driver: Ricky May Trainer: Robert Dunn. **Wyatt Waller** (fr) 385X63 (12 starts: 4-0-1, \$21,813) Best mile rate: 1-57.3 (1st, 2400m) (4g Bettor's Delight-Surfin Swift, by Christian Cullen) Owners: R J Dunn, Mrs J A Dunn, Mrs M D Taylor, Dr M J Evans. 65X132 **Bad To The Bone** (fr) Driver: Gavin Smith Trainer: Robert Dunn. (9 starts: 2-1-3, \$12,380) Best mile rate: 1-56.1 (2nd, 2000m) (4g Bettor's Delight-Beaudiene Bad Babe, by Badlands Hanover) Owners: Mrs K J Purdon, C J Ryder, R Cole, Mrs T L Whittaker, X46336 Above N Beyond (fr) Mrs A V Whittaker. (4g Art Major-Kabet, by Bettor's Delight) Driver: Z E Butcher Trainers: Barry Purdon & Scott Phelan. Owners: R K Gordon, Mrs A L Gordon Driver: John Dunn Trainer: Robert Dunn. (19 starts: 4-2-3, \$113,377) Best mile rate: 1-54.8 (2nd, 2200m) (20 starts: 3-0-3, \$62,114) Best mile rate: 1-57.0 (1st, 1980m) 573030 Burlington (fr) 362015 **Under Wraps** (fr) (5g American Ideal-Last Port Of Call, by Live Or Die) (4h Terror To Love-Diamond Dancer, by Presidential Ball) Owners: R K McCutcheon, K F Schmack, Miss A M Henson, M D Newman, Owners: R Cole, G T Court Driver: B N Orange Trainer: Graham Court. Mrs B E Newman, Ms J McKenzie, Mrs. Driver: S R McNally (19 starts: 3-3-4, \$24,306) Best mile rate: 1-56.8 (1st, 1980m) Trainer: Brent White. (25 starts: 6-3-4, \$53,632) Best mile rate: 1-56.7 (2nd, 1980m) 511326 Jake (fr) (4g Bettor's Delight-Oursue, by Falcon Seelster) Owner: G J Scurr Driver: K M Barron Trainer: Dean Taylor. 380516 (fr) Some Do (18 starts: 2-3-2, \$16,258) Best mile rate: 2-02.7 (2nd, 2400m) (5m Bettor's Delight-Dream Offer, by Dream Away(USA)) Owner: Woodlands Partnership No.3 Syndicate Driver: S D T Phelan ---- Second Line -----Trainers: Barry Purdon & Scott Phelan. (20 starts: 6-1-3, \$60,960) Best mile rate: 1-56.2 (3rd, 2200m) 10 4700X4 **Chiller Bay** (fr) (5g Changeover-Freezer Bay, by Courage Under Fire) Owners: P D Newton, D A Newton, Mrs M A Robertson, M J Robertson. 830953 **Dance Time** (fr) Driver: D J Butcher Trainers: Peter & Mitchell Robertson. (6g Rock N Roll Heaven-Time To Fly, by Sands A Flyin) (26 starts: 4-1-3, \$42,342) Best mile rate: 1-56.5 (2nd, 1980m) Owners: Plant Racing Ltd, Stonewall Stud Ltd Driver: B D Butcher Trainers: Steve & Amanda Telfer. 816806 (fr) Pav Me Visa (61 starts: 11-6-12, \$123,819) Best mile rate: 1-53.2 (4th, 1700m) (9g McArdle-Pay Me Girl, by D M Dilinger) Owner: A D Stuart Driver: R D Close Trainer: Andrew Stuart. ----- Second Line -----(114 starts: 14-6-8, \$100,938) Best mile rate: 1-55.1 (4th, 1950m) 212215 **Cardinal Sin** (fr) (fr) 10 371412 Square Dealer (6g Auckland Reactor-Shop Til You Drop, by Washington VC) (4g Bettor's Delight-Opulent, by Christian Cullen) Owners: O W O'Connor, B Bailey, P E Reid, J Reid, H Cunningham. Owners: Mrs C M Dalgety, T Inwood, G E Dickey, A R Galbraith QC, Driver: C T Jones Trainer: Jesse Alford. M P Hanning, B A Smith. Driver: B N Orange (33 starts: 3-2-3, \$23,965) Best mile rate: 1-57.7 (2nd, 1900m) Trainers: Nathan Purdon & Chrissie Dalgety. (13 starts: 4-3-0, \$32,655) Best mile rate: 1-57.5 (1st, 1980m) 4X6315 **Better Fly** (fr) (5m Bettor's Delight-Flyover, by Live Or Die) 102312 Koenigsegg (fr) Owners: J B McDermott, M P McDermott Driver: Trainer: Mitchell Kerr. (4g Mach Three-Desire Mhe, by Real Desire) (8 starts: 2-1-2, \$19,973) Best mile rate: 1-56.2 (1st, 1980m) Owners: J D Peck, R J Paterson, D R Kennedy, G W Kime, A Kershaw, S

(fr)

Carnochan, D Piebenga, D Prebble. Driver: Trainer: Mitchell Kerr.

(11 starts: 4-3-1, \$29,000) Best mile rate: 1-56.9 (3rd, 1980m)

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Mighty Looee

Owner: Mrs R C Hellaby Driver: Korbyn Newman Trainer: Robert Dunn. (19 starts: 4-1-5, \$54,375) Best mile rate: 1-54.6 (1st, 1609m)

(4g Sweet Lou-My Little Princess, by Mach Three)

12 774113 Aqua Sancta

(4h Bettor's Delight-Sossusvlei, by Art Major)

Owners: Allstars Racing Stables Limited, P I Baken, T L Titcomb, Mrs M McKay, D J Tonks, Hardwood Br. Driver: Tim Williams

Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.

(17 starts: 5-3-3, \$48,348) Best mile rate: 1-56.2 (1st, 1980m)

13 3212X1 Steel The Show

(fr)

(fr)

(4g Bettor's Delight-Steel The Light, by Falcon Seelster)

Owners: G S Eynon, C M Eynon Driver: Sheree Tomlinson Trainer: Robert Dunn.
(8 starts: 4-2-2, \$32,610) Best mile rate: 1-55.4 (2nd, 1980m)

14 414694 Jay Tee Tyron

(fr)

(5g Bettor's Delight-Tyron's Falcon Ella, by Falcon Seelster)

Owners: A D Neumann, I M Neumann, Mrs J A Neumann, Mrs C M Neumann.

Driver: Korbyn Newman Trainer: Robert Dunn.

(30 starts: 6-3-5, \$58,503) Best mile rate: 1-56.0 (3rd, 1980m)

Race 10: 4:54pm

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AVON CITY FORD MOBILE PACE

(fr)

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

Owners: Patterson Bros Racing Syndicate, M J Ward, Est P J Bradley,
S J Bradley, Mrs L A E Bradley, Driver: Tim Williams Trainer: Robert Dunn.
(20 starts: 3-2-5, \$25,998) Best mile rate: 1-56.9 (3rd, 1980m)

Carlos Bromac

2 346887 Cheezel

(fr)

(6m Betterthancheddar-Shesachristian, by Christian Cullen)

Owners: T G Casey, Any Excuse Syndicate, The Dumpster Syndicate, R W Todd. Driver: Ricky May Trainer: Regan Todd.

(66 starts: 6-5-12, \$67,828) Best mile rate: 1-55.2 (1st, 1609m)

3 381078 Overarm

(fr)

(6g Changeover-Key Operator, by Armbro Operative)

Owners: T K Piercy, Mrs A A Piercy Driver: T S Chmiel Trainer: Terry Chmiel.

(59 starts: 7-5-7, \$58,680) Best mile rate: 1-57.9 (1st, 2000m)

4 7X14X2 A Taste Of Honey

(4m Art Major-Give Peace A Chance, by Christian Cullen)

Owners: D O Bates, M Henry, G J Bills, S J Woodsford, M A Walters, C S Walters, Honey Badgers Syndic. Driver: B N Orange Trainer: Mitchell Kerr. (8 starts: 3-1-1, \$23,630) Best mile rate: 1-55.9 (2nd, 1900m)

5 122201 Down The Hatch

(fr)

(4m Mach Three-Slangevar, by Cameleon)

Owners: S R Plant, Stonewall Stud Ltd, M McGlynn, J A MacKinnon.

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

(19 starts: 4-3-3, \$36,443) Best mile rate: 1-55.7 (4th, 1700m)

6 1X1 Alterior Motif

(fr)

(4g Sportswriter-West End(USA), by Western Hanover(USA))
Owner: A P Neal Driver: D J Butcher Trainers: Andrew & Lyn Neal.

(2 starts: 2-0-0, \$8,525) Best mile rate: 1-58.2 (1st, 2200m)

174900 Tom Martin

(fr)

(4h Mach Three-Raindowne, by Life Sign)

Owner: Harcourt Lodge No.1 Syndicate Driver: S J Tomlinson

Trainer: Graham Court.

(17 starts: 4-0-1, \$22,513) Best mile rate: 1-58.5 (4th, 2200m)

8 16X011 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.

(10 starts: 4-0-1, \$36,096) Best mile rate: 1-55.3 (1st, 1700m)

9 51050P Invaluable

(fr)

(4g Art Major-Memorable, by Bettor's Delight)
Owners: T A Beaton QSM, R B McKerchar Driver:
Trainers: Nathan Purdon & Chrissie Dalgety.

(24 starts: 3-6-3, \$28,328) Best mile rate: 1-56.7 (3rd, 1609m)

--- Second Line --

10 0X9971 Arden's Reality

(fr)

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

Owner: The Slice Of Heaven Syndicate **Driver:** C J DeFilippi

Trainer: Grant Payne.

(11 starts: 3-1-1, \$20,010) Best mile rate: 1-57.2 (1st, 1980m)

.1 557251 Laver

(fr)

(4g Art Major-Venus Serena, by Mach Three)

Owners: R L Sandford, Mrs J A Sandford, G R Dunn Driver: S E O'Reilly

Trainers: Geoff & James Dunn.

(26 starts: 3-6-4, \$31,533) Best mile rate: 1-54.3 (4th, 1609m)

12 P58454 Down To The Bone (fr)

(4g Bettor's Delight-Sirius Flight, by The Big Dog)

Owners: A D Neumann, I M Neumann, B W Clarke, S R Leadley, G M Fechney, G R Evans, S M McDonnell, R. Driver: John Dunn Trainer: Robert Dunn. (20 starts: 4-1-2, \$43,293) Best mile rate: 1-56.7 (2nd, 1980m)

13 665948 Glenledi Chief

(4g Well Said-Forever Now, by Presidential Ball)

Owners: Claymore Girls Syndicate, Glenledi Syndicate Driver: Z E Butcher

Trainer: Sam Smolenski.

(20 starts: 3-0-5, \$38,281) Best mile rate: 1-54.0 (1st, 1609m)

14 468870 Kruizr (fr)

(6g Rocknroll Hanover-Black Maire, by Falcon Seelster)

Owners: Mentally Stable Limited, A N Rich Driver: J F Curtin Trainer: Michael House.

(28 starts: 5-2-4, \$41,840) Best mile rate: 1-56.5 (4th, 1980m)



LIVAMOL NZ TROTTING FREE-FOR-ALL (MOBILE TROT) (Gr1)

\$95,000 FFA, 1980m

Michael Guerin	Greg O'Connor	Matt Cross	Jonny Turner	Joshua Smith
2 Majestic Man	5 Muscle Mountain	12 Cracker Hill	12 Cracker Hill	5 Muscle Mountain
12 Cracker Hill	2 Majestic Man	5 Muscle Mountain	2 Majestic Man	2 Majestic Man
5 Muscle Mountain	3 Heavyweight Hero	2 Majestic Man	5 Muscle Mountain	12 Cracker Hill
3 Heavyweight Hero	12 Cracker Hill	3 Heavyweight Hero	3 Heavyweight Hero	9 Tough Monarch



396847 The Dominator (7g The Pres-Domination, by Sundon)

(fr)

Owners: S G Bell, D L Williamson, Miss K J Bell, A S Bell, Mrs K Bell. Driver: Craig D Thornley Trainer: Donna Williamson.

(63 starts: 9-9-7, \$105,684) Best mile rate: 1-58.7 (3rd, 1980m)



122251 Majestic Man

(6g Majestic Son-Love Hate Revenge, by Holdonmyheart) Owner: Griffins Syndicate Driver: N P Williamson

Trainer: Phil Williamson.

(43 starts: 13-15-6, \$303,292) Best mile rate: 1-54.1 (1st, 1609m)



102222 Heavyweight Hero

(fr)

(7g Muscle Mass-Successor, by Sundon)

Owners: A S Lowe, Mrs M L Wong, T A Macfarlane, Ms S M L Macfarlane, N F Macfarlane, Mrs L M Macfarlane, The Banana Syndicate Driver: R J Butt Trainer: Bob Butt.

(35 starts: 9-12-1, \$150,397) Best mile rate: 1-55.0 (2nd, 1609m)



345376 Woodstone

(fr)

(7g The Pres-Gemstone, by Monarchy)

Owners: C W Hair, Mrs N L Hair

Driver: John R Dunn Trainer: Robert Dunn.

(48 starts: 10-4-4, \$140,812) Best mile rate: 1-58.6 (1st, 1609m)



0X1121 Muscle Mountain

(fr)

(4g Muscle Hill-Paramount Faith, by Pegasus Spur) Owner: Cullen Breeding Limited Driver: B T Hope

Trainers: Greg & Nina Hope.

(12 starts: 8-1-0, \$69,728) Best mile rate: 1-59.3 (1st, 1980m)



6 X33487 Pres The Belle

(fr)

(7m The Pres-Daisy Belle, by Sundon)

Owners: S M Campbell, D G Minehan, S B Heal, D J Nind

Driver: T M Williams Trainer: Robert Dunn.

(49 starts: 13-4-10, \$138,880) Best mile rate: 1-57.1 (3rd, 1609m)



X92313 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.

(31 starts: 8-6-3, \$143,918) Best mile rate: 1-55.5 (3rd, 1609m)



X11134 Ultimate Stride

(fr)

(4h Love You-One Over Kenny, by Sundon)

Owner: E & M Stride Corp. Driver: M J Williamson

Trainer: Phil Williamson.

(15 starts: 9-1-2, \$178,368) Best mile rate: 1-57.4 (3rd, 2200m)



7X3134 Tough Monarch

(fr)

(9g Monarchy-Tough Tussle, by Wrestle)

Owners: A P Kay, Est M J Van Rens, P G Gadsby, C Montebello, V A McDonald, R J Kay. Driver: J I Dickie Trainer: Rickie Alchin. (69 starts: 22-3-10, \$338,681) Best mile rate: 1-57.6 (1st, 1980m)

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



10 477530 Splash Cola

(fr)

(10m Sundon-Delcola, by Chiola Cola)

Owner: I W Hunter Driver: R D Close Trainer: Regan Todd. (77 starts: 11-7-6, \$104,537) Best mile rate: 1-57.9 (1st, 1980m)



80X009 Valmagne

(fr)

(13g Sundon-Rock On Abby, by Caprock)

Owners: C L E Kennett, S P McGirr, J L E Kennett Driver: G D O'Reilly Trainer: Josh Kennett.

(180 starts: 15-20-24, \$253,987) Best mile rate: 1-55.8 (1st, 1609m)



12 121122 Cracker Hill

(fr)

(4g Muscle Hill-Juneamy Castleton, by Majestic Son)

Owners: G J Preston, Ms S J Preston, Wayne Morris, R L P Scott, Mrs P J Scott, L E Williams, Mrs J M Rhodes

Driver: Brad Williamson Trainer: Brad Williamson.

(14 starts: 7-5-1, \$113,105) Best mile rate: 1-56.8 (2nd, 2200m)



386574 Winterfell

(fr)

(6g Majestic Son-Una Bromac, by Live Or Die)

Owner: T G Casey Driver: Mark Purdon Trainer: Regan Todd. (34 starts: 13-5-3, \$427,667) Best mile rate: 1-55.5 (4th, 1609m)





Williamson's Cracker finally gets **Group 1 shot**

By Jonny Turner

Dad's done it, his brothers have done it and now Brad Williamson's turn to bag a Group 1 victory awaits in the New Zealand Trotting Free-For-All.

The Oamaru trainer-driver has Cracker Hill primed and ready for the 1980m feature after his return from Auckland where he took on Bolt For Brilliance in two epic clashes.

It's a long road back to Oamaru, but that journey pales in significance compared to horse and driver's path to the New Zealand Trotting Free-For-All.

It has been 17 months since Cracker Hill was able to start in a Group 1 race.

Then, he was narrowly beaten at the Harness Jewels by Bolt For Brilliance, who would go on to become his age-group nemesis.

From that day on Williamson has been itching for a chance at Group 1 redemption.

But he has had to wait in frustration, knowing for much of that time he had the most in-form trotter of his year waiting for another well-earned opportunity.

"We are still getting over that, but we are going to forget about it now and move on," Williamson said.

"It was good that the races in Auckland were reprogrammed and we had our chance to win them."

"But it is just exciting to be in a Group 1 with a horse that is a realistic chance if things go right for him on the day."

There is a little irony in Williamson having to beat the horse that has taken him within inches of a Group 1 victory in the past.

The reinsman will hop out of the sulky of short-course specialist Majestic Man, following his brilliant win in the Group 3 Ashburton Trotters Flying Mile to drive Cracker Hill.

"I have just about been driving for ten years and I am still searching for a Group 1 and haven't got one."

"I have had some nice drives in races, Majestic Man is the one I have driven in the most Group 1s and he has managed a lot of placings."

"But he hasn't quite managed to grab one."

"Hopefully with Cracker Hill we can go one better than we have in the past."

Williamson has the right horsepower to win the New Zealand Trotting Free-For-All.

The trotter only needs to repeat the staggering 54.9sec last 800m of his last start in Bolt For Brilliance's Sires Stakes Final to go close to winning.

But Williamson knows most of his chances of joining his father Phil and brothers, Nathan and Matthew, as Group 1 winning reinsman, will rely on Cracker Hill getting a decent run.

The chances of the trainer-driver getting the trip he wants plummeted when Cracker Hill drew barrier 3 on the second line.

On the positive side, the four-year-old should get a good run through at the start when he follows through Heavyweight Hero.

Heavyweight Hero (3) can leave the arm quickly but looks at long odds to cross Majestic Man (2), who is on his inside.

Williamson knows exactly how quickly Majestic Man can begin and how he will almost certainly lead the New Zealand Free-For-

And he also knows how hard it will be for Cracker Hill to reel the Phil Williamson trained trotter in.

"Majestic Man would be the fastest trotter out of the gate in the country," Williamson said.

"I don't think there would be one faster."

"He hasn't really been asked to leave the gate this season and he has been leading in his races easy."

"He crossed them from five at Ashburton under a hold."

Nathan Williamson will fill in for his brother and take the reins behind Majestic Man.

The oldest of the Williamson brothers will be out to notch his third Group 1 win in New Zealand.

Matthew Williamson will seek his fourth Group 1 win behind the Phil Williamson trained Ultimate Stride in the New Zealand Trotting Free-For-All.

WOODLANDS STUD SIRES STAKES FINAL (MOBILE PACE) (Gr1)

\$150,000 3YO COLTS & GELDINGS, 1980m

Michael Guerin	Greg O'Connor	Matt Cross	Jonny Turner	Joshua Smith
1 It's All About Faith	11 Krug	11 Krug	1 It's All About Faith	11 Krug
11 Krug	1 It's All About Faith	1 It's All About Faith	4 B D Joe	1 It's All About Faith
12 American Dealer	4 B D Joe	12 American Dealer	11 Krug	12 American Dealer
4 B D Joe	12 American Dealer	9 Shan Noble	12 American Dealer	10 Got You Covered



213222 It's All About Faith

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(3c Captaintreacherous-Veste, by Christian Cullen) Owners: D M Dunford, M D Dunford Driver: Mark Purdon

Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.

(11 starts: 4-6-1, \$102,104) Best mile rate: 1-53.4 (2nd, 1609m)



175034 Aladdin

(fr)

(3c Sweet Lou-Pacing Delight, by Bettor's Delight) Owners: Mrs J L Feiss, W R Feiss Driver: Tim Williams

Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen. (8 starts: 1-1-2, \$19,494) Best mile rate: 1-53.8 (4th, 1609m)



X11118 American Lightning

(fr)

(3g American Ideal-Zest Philly, by Christian Cullen)

Owners: E K Corby, K J Corby, A D Gow, G J Anderson, R Chalklin, S R Pulley, B Masson, Mrs V G Duncu. Driver: M J Williamson

Trainers: Graeme Anderson & Mike Love.

(7 starts: 5-0-1, \$26,725) Best mile rate: 1-57.1 (3rd, 1609m)



9X1431 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.

(5 starts: 2-0-1, \$38,302) Best mile rate: 1-54.6 (1st, 1700m)



611553 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:** R T May

Trainer: Regan Todd.

(7 starts: 2-0-1, \$16,625) Best mile rate: 1-57.4 (1st, 1980m)



531067 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.

(9 starts: 1-0-2, \$7,710) Best mile rate: 2-03.5 (3rd, 2600m)



00174 Wavethebill

(fr)

(3c Net Ten EOM-Wave Runner, by Live Or Die) Owners: M B Atkins, G M Adlam Driver: J I Dickie

Trainer: Derek Balle.

(5 starts: 1-0-0, \$8,640) Best mile rate: 1-56.8 (4th, 1700m)



361 **Dashing Major**

(fr)

(3g Art Major-Inspiring Dash, by Falcon Seelster) Owners: G W Deakins, Pembrook Park Ltd, Mrs P P Gillan,

K N Spicer, M L Edwards, Dash For Cash Syndicate. Driver: John Dunn Trainer: Robert Dunn.

(3 starts: 1-0-1, \$18,600) Best mile rate: 1-58.2 (3rd, 1980m)



52112 **Shan Noble**

(fr)

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

Owner: G A Shand Driver: Olivia Thornley Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.

(5 starts: 2-2-0, \$18,975) Best mile rate: 1-57.1 (2nd, 1980m)

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



10 431271 Got You Covered

(fr)

(3g Art Major-Cartier, by Holmes Hanover) Owner: W R Nordqvist Driver: R J Butt Trainer: Robert Dunn. (13 starts: 2-3-3, \$21,200) Best mile rate: 1-57.5 (3rd, 1980m)

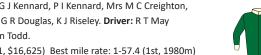


112113 Krug

(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: Nathan Purdon & Chrissie Dalgety. (13 starts: 9-2-1, \$247,900) Best mile rate: 1-53.6 (3rd, 1609m)



12 214521 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.

(12 starts: 5-2-2, \$121,105) Best mile rate: 1-53.3 (1st, 1609m)



373509 Ned Kelly

(3q Art Major-Kelly Maguire, by Christian Cullen) Owners: R K Gordon, Mrs A L Gordon Driver: Trainer: Robert Dunn. (6 starts: 0-0-2, \$2,960) Best mile rate: 1-57.7 (3rd, 1980m)



14 22421 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 Gi Gibbs MNZM,

Mrs A Gibbs Driver: Natalie Rasmussen Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.

(5 starts: 1-3-0, \$12,555) Best mile rate: 1-57.6 (2nd, 1980m)



The pros and cons around Krug

By Michael Guerin

Two facts give co-trainer Nathan Purdon comfort heading into the Sires' Stakes Final with Krug on Tuesday.

One is Krug's big race record. The other is his sire.

And Purdon, who trains the wonderful three-year-old in partnership with Chrissie Dalgety, hopes the second factor helps Krug add to the first.

While nobody doubts Krug is the best three-year-old in the country he faces possibly his greatest career challenge on Tuesday, facing a second line draw and coming off a last-start defeat in a heat of this series at Ashburton.

And that complicated matters heading into the Cup trials on Wednesday when he was a touch below his best only finishing fifth after racing parked in the heat won by Amazing Dream.

Purdon drove Krug himself because he wasn't totally happy with how Krug travelled when beaten by American Dealer and It's All About Faith at Ashburton and he was hardly beaming after Wednesday's trial either.

"He hung on the bend at Ashburton but he also wasn't really screwed down fitness wise because it has been such a busy spring," explains Purdon.

"But I still wasn't happy with the way he travelled so I took the pole off him for the trial on Wednesday and put a rein burr on him but he hung in again on the last bend."

Purdon says more importantly Krug blew badly after the trial suggesting being easy on the colt had seen him left well short of peak fitness.

"We have had to be easy on him a bit because these horses have been so busy," admits Purdon.

"Ideally after he got home from Auckland (late September) we would have given him a spell but with the three-year-old series starting straight away we couldn't.

"So we eased off him and now we have to bring him back up and that means working him every day between now and the final," Purdon said late Wednesday night.

That is a little akin to what he did with Krug after he was beaten by American Dealer in the Sales Series Pace at Alexandra Park in September, and he came out the next week and blew Its All About Faith away in the two-year-old Sires' Stakes Final.

"That is where that Bettors Delight breeding really helps, when you have to get into them to reach peak fitness and to see how they handle that." The big difference between Krug's previous major wins and what he faces on Tuesday is that he will has won almost all of his races when able to get to the marker pegs in front or trailing and that looks very unlikely on Tuesday.

He has drawn two on the second line over the 1980m, with It's All About Faith likely to lead from the ace.

A roughie might drop three back the fence and try for luck but that isn't really an option for a horse like Krug so he is likely to have to move at some stage, as is American Dealer who has also drawn the second line.

While that pair are working at some stage Purdon believes It's All About Faith could well be getting an easy time in front and be awfully hard to catch.

"He is going to get his chance on Tuesday and they all, including our horse, are going to need to go super to catch him."

IRT NEW ZEALAND TROTTING CUP (STAND PACE) (Gr1)

\$540,000, FFA, 3200m

Michael Guerin	Greg O'Connor	Matt Cross	Jonny Turner	Joshua Smith
1 Copy That	1 Copy That	1 Copy That	15 Spankem	1 Copy That
11 Self Assured	15 Spankem	15 Spankem	11 Self Assured	18 Classie Brigade
15 Spankem	11 Self Assured	3 Thefixer	1 Copy That	15 Spankem
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(4h American Ideal-Lively Nights, by Live Or Die) Owners: M W Butterworth, Mrs M T Butterworth

(26 starts: 14-4-2, \$258,062) Best mile rate: 1-52.0 (1st, 1700m)



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Driver: B N Orange Trainer: Ray Green.

(5g Art Major-Just A Dream, by Christian Cullen) Owners: R K Gordon, Mrs A L Gordon Driver: R T May

Trainer: Robert Dunn.

(42 starts: 7-10-5, \$173,841) Best mile rate: 1-53.6 (3rd, 1980m)



57XP44 Thefixer

(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. (40 starts: 12-7-4, \$995,555) Best mile rate: 1-52.3 (4th, 1609m)



542774 Triple Eight

(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. (52 starts: 11-8-14, \$271,360) Best mile rate: 1-53.2 (3rd, 1700m)



927536 Vintage Cheddar E1

(6g Betterthancheddar-Howfarnow, by Grinfromeartoear)

Owners: L F Thomson, I G Thomson Driver: Brad Williamson Trainer: Alister Black.

(29 starts: 8-4-6, \$100,870) Best mile rate: 1-53.9 (3rd, 1980m)



155439 On The Cards E2

(6g Bettor's Delight-Funontherun, by In The Pocket)

Owner: D L Thompson Driver: Z E Butcher

Trainers: Barry Purdon & Scott Phelan.

(46 starts: 11-8-6, \$215,878) Best mile rate: 1-51.6 (2nd, 1700m)



511251 Robyns Playboy

(fr) (5g Shadow Play-Robyn Maree, by Holmes Hanover)

Owner: S R Wilson Driver: C R Ferguson Trainers: Ross & Chris Wilson. (36 starts: 12-4-4, \$124,962) Best mile rate: 1-56.0 (1st, 2400m)



446137 Mach Shard

(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. (45 starts: 9-8-7, \$356,344) Best mile rate: 1-52.8 (3rd, 1700m)



273628 Henry Hubert

(6g Bettor's Delight-Queen Camille, by Christian Cullen) Owners: R K Gordon, Mrs A L Gordon Driver: Gavin Smith

Trainer: Robert Dunn.

(47 starts: 8-9-3, \$237,756) Best mile rate: 1-54.8 (1st, 1980m)



X22131 Wild Excuse

(5m A Rocknroll Dance-Smooth Maker, by Make A Deal) Owners: R J Dawe, Mrs T Dawe Driver: Trainer: Phil Burrows. (16 starts: 7-4-1, \$75,295) Best mile rate: 1-54.3 (1st, 1609m)

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119122 Self Assured

(5g Bettor's Delight-Star Of Venus, by Christian Cullen)

Owner: Mrs J L Feiss Driver: Mark Purdon Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen.

(21 starts: 13-6-1, \$439,419) Best mile rate: 1-56.6 (1st, 2200m)



121353 Ashley Locaz

(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.

(45 starts: 12-13-5, \$328,095) Best mile rate: 1-51.9 (1st, 1609m)



833827 Tango Tara

(5g A Rocknroll Dance-Tara Delight, by Bettor's Delight)

Owner: R E Nieper Driver: J F Curtin Trainer: Jim Curtin. (23 starts: 5-8-3, \$66,535) Best mile rate: 1-55.0 (2nd, 1900m)



X64276 Di Caprio

(6h Shadow Play-Pay Me Girl, by D M Dilinger)

Owners: B A O'Meara, G K Hutchison, Mrs P A Hutchison, M J Skelton, Mrs A M Newman, K J Moore. Driver: J C Morrison Trainer: Brian O'Meara.

(22 starts: 6-4-2, \$50,525) Best mile rate: 1-58.6 (2nd, 2600m)



24X213 Spankem

(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. (42 starts: 17-8-11, \$1,324,584) Best mile rate: 1-52.0 (3rd, 1609m)



200562 Check In

(7g Mach Three-Time To Fly, by Sands A Flyin) Owners: Stonewall Stud Ltd, S R Plant, B D Cameron. Driver: B D Butcher Trainers: Steve & Amanda Telfer.

(82 starts: 10-13-12, \$196,514) Best mile rate: 1-53.9 (3rd, 1609m)



386566 Nandolo

(6g Betterthancheddar-Midnight In Paris, by Christian Cullen) Owners: Mrs C L Smith, P F Smith, C Smith, Miss L Smith.

Driver: J W Cox Trainer: John Howe.

(45 starts: 9-7-8, \$143,191) Best mile rate: 1-53.8 (2nd, 1980m)



18 211411 Classie Brigade

(fr)

(8g Bettor's Delight-Trigirl Brigade, by Mach Three) Owners: G S Eynon, C M Eynon, M R McKinnon Driver: John R Dunn Trainer: Robert Dunn.

(66 starts: 19-14-8, \$467,267) Best mile rate: 1-53.1 (4th, 1700m)



O'Meara to make NZ Cup return

By Joshua Smith, Harness News Desk

Christian Cullen immortalised himself in the chronicles of harness racing with his 1998 Group 1 New Zealand Trotting Cup (3200m) victory and 22 years later trainer Brian O'Meara is delighted to be competing in the great race once more.

The revered horseman will line-up Di Caprio on the second Tuesday in November and while he doesn't believe he is a horse of the same ilk as Christian Cullen, he said Di Caprio has the staying prowess to be more than competitive in The Cup.

"He is a very good stayer, so over the two miles he will show up," O'Meara said. "He has always been finishing the best in those races and I think he is the best he has been all year, so we will see what happens."

While Christian Cullen had a faultless lead-in to the New Zealand Cup, winning all four of his starts including the Group 2 DB Draught Superstar Four-Year-Old Championship (2600m) and Group 2 Ashburton Flying Stakes (2400m), Di Caprio hasn't been so fortunate.

The six-year-old entire was unknowingly struck down with an infection prior to his sub-par seventh-placing in the Group 3 Methven Cup (3000m), for which he was thirdfavourite.

"Cullen was especially well that year," O'Meara said. "He had won all of his lead-up races. I didn't have any setbacks with him, everything just went to plan.

"We have been a bit unlucky with Di Caprio because he got a bit crook going into Methven and I didn't realise until afterwards when I took a blood off him that he had an infection.

"That's why he got beaten there, Mark Purdon even thought he would be hard to beat at Methven. But that is

O'Meara has been pleased with the way Di Caprio has bounced back and he thinks the entire is in better condition than he was when runner-up in the Group 3 New Brighton Cup (2600m) in September.

"I thought he went tremendous in the New Brighton Cup, I think he went the fastest sectionals," O'Meara said. "You can't do much more than that, you just need the right run.

"I think he has come back better than what he was before, so I am pretty happy with him."

O'Meara said it will be rewarding to get Di Caprio to the start line of New Zealand's biggest race after a yearlong process of rehabilitation as a result of breaking a sesamoid 18-months ago.

"He was starting to get to his feet when he got knocked down and broke his sesamoid," O'Meara said.

"I know John (Morrison, driver) said he was by far and away the best he had felt, he was just jogging, so that was a bit of a shame.

"It will be great to have him in The Cup."

Di Caprio was 15th in order of entry for the Cup, just making the field. He has drawn 14 but will come in three places after the emergencies come out.

Coincidentally, the New Zealand Cup will take place on November 10, the exact date of Christian Cullen's victory in the great race 22 years ago.

CUP DAY FIELDS | RACES 12, 13

Race 12: 6:10pm		14 0X0002 Crazy N Love (fr (4m Love You-The Earth Moved, by Monarchy)	r)
GARRARDS HORSE & HOUND TROT		Owners: G P Hope, Mrs N M Hope Driver: Ben Hope Trainers: Greg & N (9 starts: 1-1-1, \$8,555) Best mile rate: 2-06.0 (2nd, 2400m)	Nina Hop
1 7095X7 Show Me The Gray (5g Monkey Bones-Journey Without Maps, by Gee Whiz II) Owners: Mrs C L Smith, P F Smith Driver: J W Cox Trainer: John How (10 starts: 2-0-0, \$12,515) Best mile rate: 2-02.5 (4th, 1980m) 2 224371 Royal Pride	(fr) ve. (fr)	15 503565 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. (47 starts: 5-1-2, \$37,988) Best mile rate: 2-05.1 (3rd, 2600m)	•
(3c Royal Aspirations-Diedrez Pearl, by Brylin Boyz) Owners: W F Fletcher, Mrs F P Fletcher Driver: C J DeFilippi Trainer: Fred Fletcher. (11 starts: 1-2-2, \$12,975) Best mile rate: 2-02.7 (2nd, 1980m)	(11)	16 002612 I Dream Of Jeannie (fr (4m Pegasus Spur-Countessa Galleon, by Earl) Owners: K W Sturgeon, G V Lilley, Mrs D M Keith, D M Currie, A B McKinlay, D W Neal, D J Donaldson, A J Donaldson	r)
3 12 Bryan Boru (3g Bettor's Delight-Hyde Park Royal, by Holmes Hanover) Owners: Patterson Bros Racing Syndicate, M J Ward, Est P J Ward, M T Wojtas, A R Barry, N C Taylor. Driver: John R Dunn Trainer: Robert Dunn.	(fr)	Driver: T M Williams Trainer: Sam Smolenski. (14 starts: 2-2-1, \$14,008) Best mile rate: 2-04.2 (1st, 2000m) 17 863170 Gold Chain (from Muscle Hill-Gold Card, by Love You)	r)
(2 starts: 1-1-0, \$6,500) Best mile rate: 2-04.3 (2nd, 2400m) 4 821X Miss Crazed	(5-1)	Owners: R D Butt, Mrs Jackie R Butt Driver: R J Butt Trainer: Bob Butt. 12. december 3.4.3.614.480) Best mile rate: 3.05.8.(2rd 3600m)	
(4m Crazed-Miss Pegasus, by Pegasus Spur) Owner: Woodlands Partnership No.3 Syndicate Driver: M J Williamson Trainer: Phil Williamson. (3 starts: 1-1-0, \$7,220) Best mile rate: 2-04.4 (1st, 2200m)	(fr)	(12 starts: 2-1-2, \$14,480) Best mile rate: 2-05.8 (3rd, 2600m) 18 14 Isla Elsie (fr (5m Majestic Son-Minnie Jane, by Sundon) Owners: Miss J Richardson, N Brown, C K Hutchison, C McLeish,	
5 905026 She's Allthe Craze E1 (8m Crazed-Kylie Ree, by Monarchy) Owners: B R Negus, G R J Anderson Driver: J J A Young-Grant Trainer: Bruce Negus. (79 starts: 7-9-7, \$71,660) Best mile rate: 2-00.5 (4th, 1980m)	(fr)	R J Mills, M P Beaudoin, M R Bendall,. Driver: Robbie Close Trainer: Reg (2 starts: 1-0-0, \$5,125) Best mile rate: 2-04.4 (4th, 2400m)	gan Tod
6 30PP92 Take After Me E2 (10g Holmes Hanover-Give Or Take, by Live Or Die) Owners: F J Scott, Mrs J M Scott Driver: G D Smith Trainer: Glenn Scott.	(fr)	Race 13: 6:45pm FIRST DIRECT TAXIS MOBILE PACE	
(80 starts: 6-6-10, \$63,008) Best mile rate: 1-56.6 (3rd, 1950m) 7 463233 Idle Stuartia (5m Superfast Stuart-Idle Invasion, by Armbro Invasion) Owners: Mrs J M Austin, R M Austin Driver: B N Orange Trainer: Rol	(fr) dger Austin.	1 10922 B K Swy (fr (4m Big Jim(USA)-Tact Aunty, by Christian Cullen) Owner: W D Borlase Driver: S R McNally Trainer: Brent White. (5 starts: 1-2-0, \$7,795) Best mile rate: 1-58.7 (2nd, 2000m)	r)
8 X77721 Grand Princess (7m The Pres-Baby Grand, by Continentalman) Owner: Miss N A Harris Driver: J C Morrison Trainer: John Morrison (47 starts: 4-4-5, \$34,422) Best mile rate: 2-03.6 (2nd, 2000m)	(fr)	2 654185 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: O G Thornley Trainers: Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen. (7 starts: 1-0-0, \$6,375) Best mile rate: 1-56.8 (1st, 2000m)	r)
9 031707 My Eyre (7g The Pres-Viola Chiola, by Chiola Hanover) Owners: Miss A D Gilbert, Mrs V M Hutton Driver: P J Davis Trainer: Margo Nyhan. (63 starts: 4-7-11, \$44,096) Best mile rate: 2-03.9 (1st, 2400m)	(fr)	3 418404 Beaudiene Hustler (fr (4g A Rocknroll Dance-Beaudiene Beaut Babe, by Art Major) Owner: Alabar Racing Syndicate Driver: T M Williams Trainers: Nathan Purdon & Chrissie Dalgety. (15 starts: 1-2-1, \$11,365) Best mile rate: 1-58.5 (3rd, 1980m)	r)
10 084030 Don't Look Back (9m The Pres-Funky Girl, by Armbro Invasion) Owner: D J Gillespie Driver: Brad Williamson Trainer: Doug Gillespie (100 starts: 5-10-13, \$53,205) Best mile rate: 2-03.6 (2nd, 2400m)	(fr) e.	4 320340 Sweet Loress (fr (9m McArdle-Uroc Amy, by Badlands Hanover) Owners: Freedom Ridge Ltd, M A Heads Driver: K A Butt Trainer: Phil Anderson. (99 starts: 8-7-13, \$75,167) Best mile rate: 1-55.2 (4th, 1609m)	r)
11 558242 Bright Glow (7m Muscle Mass-Ginas Brightest, by Britewell) Owners: I R Cameron, Mrs J A Cameron Driver: K G Cameron Trainer: Ian Cameron. (83 starts: 4-12-7, \$56,885) Best mile rate: 1-59.9 (4th, 1980m)	(fr)	5 208555 Bossmaro (fr (5g Auckland Reactor-Ritamaro, by Badlands Hanover) Owners: H A Roberts, R M Austin Driver: Craig D Thornley Trainer: Rodger Austin. (25 starts: 2-4-2, \$21,780) Best mile rate: 1-58.4 (2nd, 1980m)	r)
12 70X311 Willangus Lad (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: S J Ottley Trainer: Robert Wilson. (9 starts: 2-1-3, \$14,800) Best mile rate: 2-05.3 (1st, 2200m)	(fr)	6 0X0158 Bettor Believe It (fr (5g Bettor's Delight-Christian Seel, by Falcon Seelster) Owners: Mrs S M Donnelly, R R Donnelly Driver: C J DeFilippi Trainers: Colin & Julie DeFilippi. (5 starts: 1-0-0, \$4,955) Best mile rate: 2-06.1 (1st, 2170m)	r)
13 1X7053 Silver Surfer (5g Monkey Bones-Black Onyx, by Gee Whiz II) Owners: Mrs K M Weaver, A R Marshall, Mrs Y M Grant, G D Neill, Mrs M H Undrill, Est Mrs C M Weaver, H G Weaver, S J Corps Driver: B Weaver Trainer: Brent Weaver. (9 starts: 1-0-1, \$7,825) Best mile rate: 2-04.4 (3rd, 2400m)	(fr)	7 510X Itz Alldown To Luck (fr (4g Auckland Reactor-Itz Fatima Kiwi, by P-Forty-Seven) Owners: Mrs E M Higgs, B W Stewart, W E Higgs Driver: Brad Williamsc Trainer: Mark Jones. (3 starts: 1-0-0, \$6,000) Best mile rate: 2-01.3 (1st, 2000m)	-

Skippys Delight (4g Art Major-All Delight, by Bettor's Delight) Owner: Allswell Syndicate Driver: R T May Trainer: Brendon Hill. (21 starts: 3-4-6, \$41,467) Best mile rate: 1-57.4 (2nd, 1980m) **Gliding Away** 220X28 (fr) (4g Betterthancheddar-Gliding Charm, by McArdle) Owners: J H Mullins, T Inwood Driver: Trainer: Ken Barron. (9 starts: 2-4-0, \$26,488) Best mile rate: 1-56.6 (2nd, 2200m) -- Second Line -10 458X1 Admirable (fr) (3g Rock N Roll Heaven-Memorable, by Bettor's Delight) Owner: T A Beaton QSM Driver: Trainers: Nathan Purdon & Chrissie Dalgety. (4 starts: 1-0-0, \$6,278) Best mile rate: 1-59.3 (4th, 1980m) 642142 Kusanova (fr) (5m Changeover-Kusadasi, by Presidential Ball) Owner: Kabello Bloodstock Syndicate Driver: G D Smith Trainer: Trent Yesberg. (7 starts: 1-2-0, \$8,143) Best mile rate: 2-05.1 (2nd, 1609m) 12 806723 Standout (fr) (5g Stunin Cullen-Midfrew Boulevard, by Mach Three) Owners: I A Munro, C J Munro, Mrs V T H Munro, A K Wall. Driver: J C Morrison Trainer: John Morrison. (21 starts: 2-4-2, \$17,460) Best mile rate: 1-59.8 (3rd, 2200m) 13 31 **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: John R Dunn Trainer: Peter Bagrie. (2 starts: 1-0-1, \$6,300) Best mile rate: 1-58.3 (1st, 1980m) 530190 Crackabrie (fr) (5m Betterthancheddar-Caps Off, by Caprock) Owners: A D Stuart, M R Shepherd, Miss T Rae, Ms R A Sutorius. Driver: R D Close Trainer: Andrew Stuart. (12 starts: 2-1-2, \$14,233) Best mile rate: 1-58.7 (2nd, 1980m)

What the stats say ahead of the **New Zealand Cup**

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No matter what happens at the New Zealand Cup no horse will be able to emulate Lazarus' unique clean sweep in

Then the superstar pacer was unbeatable taking out the "four peat" – the Canterbury Classic, the Ashburton Flying Stakes, the Kaikoura Cup and the New Zealand Cup in the same year.

It was Lazarus' second win in the great race. He would have done the four peat twice but didn't start in the Kaikoura Cup in 2016, won by Franco Nelson.

Plenty of horses have won some of the classic New Zealand Cup lead-up races. Arden Rooney won the Kaikoura Cup in 2015 and then went to make history for Kerryn Manning in the Cup, while II Vicolo did the Kaikoura – New Zealand double twice in 1995 and 1996.

Chokin (1993), Monkey King (2009 and 2010), Terror To Love (2011) and Lazarus (2016 and 2017) all won the Canterbury Classic on their way to Cup glory with Lazarus, Adore Me (2014), Terror To Love (twice), Flashing Red (2006), Yulestar (2000), Christian Cullen (1998) and Iraklis (1997) did the Ashburton Flying Stakes - NZ Cup double.

Statistically the Ashburton Flying Stakes is the best form guide for the Cup. As well as providing nine winners since 1990, it has had eight place-getters. That total of 17 from 30 is better than the Canterbury Classic (11/31) and the Kaikoura Cup (10/30).

This year there are three contenders to do a winning double - Copy That after his win in the Ashburton Flying Stakes, Self Assured in the Canterbury Classic and Classie Brigade after his second straight victory in the Kaikoura Cup.

Or will it be Spankem who won the 2019 Canterbury Classic and Ashburton Flying Stakes before finishing second to Cruz Bromac in the New Zealand Cup?

That's the \$540,000 question.





Wilson out to repeat surprise win

By Jonny Turner

Trainer Ross Wilson will head to the New Zealand Cup with Robyns Playboy with much the same feeling he had when trekking to Addington with an unproven filly more than 25 years ago.

Wilson, who now trains in partnership with son Chris, admitted he gave Robyns Treasure little hope of winning the Group 1 New Zealand Oaks when he set off for from his Eastern Southland base in 1994.

The thought of her winning the classic event and coming out a week later and winning the Group 1 DB Draught Fillies Final now the Nevele R Fillies Final – would have been laughable to the Whiterig (near Gore) horseman.

But, she did it.

And that means that when Wilson says something similar about Robyns Playboy before he lines up in the New Zealand Cup it should be taken with a large grain of salt.

After all, the retired technical agricultural rep and business owner is a two-time Group 1 winning trainer.

"With Robyn's Treasure we really didn't think we had any show and it was just unbelievable that she won."

t is a bit like that fellow [Denis Pagan] winning the Victoria Derby [with Johnny Get Angry]."

"I sort of knew how he felt – you sort of turn up and think it's just for a bit of an experiment and it all came off."

"In reality, we really haven't got a lot of show [with Robyns Playboy], but it would be nice if he steps and does everything right to see how much of a show he really has got."

"You never know, you have got to be there to find out."

There are clear similarities between Pagan's and Wilson's Group 1 experiences.

Even before his win in one of Melbourne Cup week's biggest features, Pagan was quoted as saying "I didn't think in my wildest dreams it would have happened at all or happened so quickly" when talking about having a Victoria Derby runner.

Robyns Playboy's chances of pulling off a Robyn's Treasure or Johnny Get Angry style victory were boosted when he drew on the New Zealand Cup's front line.

The five-year-old has made brilliant beginnings in his recent standing starts for driver Craig Ferguson and if he makes another one on Tuesday he could grab one of the best spots in the running.

"It is our biggest attribute how quick he can step and get into a good place,'Wilson said.

"Hopefully he can get sucked along and get a nice run."

Robyns Playboy will be having his first attempt at 3200m on Tuesday.

If his effort four starts ago when he smashed the 2700m Ascot Park track record suggests the distance should not be a problem.

"I know when he set the track record at Invercargill he took a lap to pull up - he keeps running."

"And in the Tuapeka Cup he looked like he was struggling, but Craig said when the second horse come up to him he took off and he had trouble pulling him up again."

"So I don't think he will have any trouble running two miles."

Robyns Playboy will not only provide Wilson with his first New Zealand Cup starter.

Two of harness racing's younger generation will get their first experiences in New Zealand's greatest race with the pacer.

The race will be the biggest of Wilson stable reinsman Craig Ferguson's career.

Ferguson's opportunity can be directly linked back to Wilson's policy of giving young drivers a go.

He gave Ferguson a go in 2013 and they have been racing together

"I was just looking for a lad that I could give a chance to," Wilson said.

"I think Craig is under-rated, he knows how to read a race and he very rarely does much wrong."

Wilson's son and co-trainer, Chris, will line up a New Zealand Cup starter in just his second season as a licenced trainer.

Chris has been helping his father work his team for 20 years and admits he still feels like the junior member of their partnership.

But that will not take away any of the thrills from lining up a horse on the country's biggest stage.

If the Wilsons and Fergusons pull off a New Zealand Cup victory it will not just provide them career highlights.

And it will not just cause an eruption from Southland harness racing

It will cause Robyns Playboy's ever-growing popularity and status as something of a cult-hero to grow.

His popularity has already led to the pacer having one thing over his rivals ahead of the big race.

The horse labelled 'The Beast From The East' – a nod to his staying motor and his Eastern Southland Heritage – is the only New Zealand Cup starter with an official nickname and accompanying fan merchandise.



Rare NZ Cup appearance for American Ideal

By Dave Di Somma, Harness News Desk

For a dual hemisphere sire that's estimated to have had career earnings of around \$100million American Ideal has not been a major factor in the New Zealand Cup. But Copy That could change all that, very quickly.

The great northern hope is just the second ever American Ideal progeny to start in the big race. Foaled in 2016, Copy That is by American Ideal out of Lively Nights and was purchased off Woodlands Stud at the 2007 All Aged Sale for \$75,000.

On the back of his impressive win in the Ashburton Flying Stakes Copy That heads into the Cup with a record of 14 wins from 26 starts, and stakemoney of \$258,062.

Tuesday's Cup will be Copy That's first race over 3200 metres and just his third run at Addington. He beat One Change in March's Vero Flying Stakes and was second to the same horse in the 2019 Sires' Stakes Final for the three-year-old colts and geldings.

Tuesday will also represent veteran trainer Ray Green's first starter in the Cup. Training on his own right he's been in the business for over 30 years with star horses such as Auckland Cup winner Sir Lincoln (21 from 57 and \$663,601), Australasian Breeders Crown winner King of Swing and Hard Copy before he headed to Australia in 2012.

Hard Copy, by American ideal out of Readallaboutit, finished with more than a million in the bank and 26 wins.

Other well known and high-achieving American Ideal progeny have included Bling It On and The Orange Agent.

Ideal Scott (American Ideal – Tuapeka Wings) also won 8 from 23 and nearly half a million dollars in New Zealand. He beat

favourite Smolda in the 2012 Woodlands Stud Northern Derby. The race also included the Ray Green trained American Ideal gelding Besotted (15 wins - 59 starts).

American Ideal was sold as a yearling at the Tattersalls Sale in Kentucky, USA in 2003 for \$72,000. As a three-year-old he was at his best winning 10 races and setting a then world record of 1:47.7 at the Red Mile, Lexington.

This year in the USA American Ideal is the fourth highest money-winning sire, behind superstars Bettor's Delight, Somebeachsomewhere and Captaintreacherous.

But for all the sire's success he is yet to be a winning factor at the New Zealand Cup at Addington.

The only other American Ideal progeny to ever start in a New Zealand Cup was Seel The Deal (9 wins 29 starts) in 2017 but it wasn't a brilliant success for seven-time New Zealand Cupwinning driver Ricky May.

The horse, trained by Greg and Nina Hope, reared at the start, tipping May out of the cart. They played no further part in the Cup won comfortably by Lazarus for the second year running.

Lazarus, Thefixer, Arden Rooney, and Adore Me have flown the flag for Bettor's Delight in recent Cups, with Self Assured (Bettor's Delight - Star of Venus) and Spankem (Bettor's Delight - Crushem) continuing their rivalry with Copy That in this year's race.

Cruz Bromac (Falcon's Seelster - Crown Defender) and Blair Orange did it last year, can Copy That do the same for American Ideal, Ray Green and Blair Orange on Tuesday afternoon?

1950 marked the return of the New Zealand Cup to a Tuesday. In the middle of World War II the race had been moved to a Saturday in 1942. Its return to a Tuesday eight years later had many skeptical but it was a rip roaring success with record turnover and a crowd of over 30,000. The race was won by favourite Chamfer (Morrie Holmes) by three lengths.

A national watersiders' strike that gripped the whole country put the 1913 New Zealand Cup in jeopardy. But after a special committee meeting it was decided to proceed and it did without incident though the race itself was considered a bit of a procession with Ravenschild winning in what was described as "a hollow fashion" from the Australian pacer Denver Huon, with Calm, the race favourite and unbeaten in three starts, a fair third.

Only two trotters have actually won what they call the New Zealand Trotting Cup in its 116 year history. Monte Carlo won the very first Cup in 1904 and Reta Peter in 1920 and 1921. Monte Carlo's time was 4.44.4 with Reta Peter winning in 4:29 and 4:30.4.

Lead-up form can mean little heading into a New Zealand Cup. In 1949 Loyal Nurse had finished no higher than fourth in 18 starts before winning the Cup in 4.12.2 – a then world record for a mare. She was trained and driven by Colin Berkett. At the time she was the 10th mare to win the Cup.

Only twice has the New Zealand
Cup been worth seven figures. In
2008 it was the \$1.2 million New
Zealand Cup, and was won by
Changeover in a then record time of
3:56.4. The next year it was a million
dollar race, with Monkey King
securing the first of his two wins.

Ten Fun Facts about the NZ Cup

Mainland Banner was the first fouryear-old mare to win the New Zealand Cup in 2005, though there have been eight other four-year-olds to be crowned champion. They are Lazarus (2016), Terror to Love (2011), Christian Cullen (1998), Il Vicolo (1995), Inky Lord (1989), Stanley Rio (1976), Lordship (1962) and Lookaway (1957).

When Robalan had the first of his five New Zealand Cup appearances in 1971 he was the first free- legged pacer in the race since Lawn Derby in 1939. He finished ninth. He would go on to be a real crowd favourite among harness racing fans and in 1974 he won the Cup ahead of Kotare Legend and his great rival Young Quinn.

The first live coverage of the New Zealand Cup on television was 1971. It drew a massive audience and record turnover. And the raced lived up to the hype with True Averil and Doody Townley getting up in the last few strides to beat Radiant Globe.

If Mark Purdon wins the New Zealand Cup he will join Cecil Devine as the only person to train and drive six Cup winners. Purdon has trained seven so far though he didn't drive two of those winners, Cruz Bromac (Blair Orange) and Thefixer (Natalaie Rasmussen). Devine achieved his six between 1951 and 1979. James "Scotty" Bryce also trained six winners though two of them were driven by his sons James Junior and Andrew.

The slowest ever edition of the New Zealand Cup was held in 1905. It was won by Birchmark, a five year old-year-old bred in America, owned and trained in Melbourne and driven by Dave Price. The gelding began from the front and ploughed through a very muddy track in 5:17 3/5, which will forever remain the slowest time on record.