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## SCRATCHING AIDS BAILEY'S INTER DREAM

**THE WITHDRAWAL OF ONE OF THE OUTSIDERS IN THE WATPAC ID10 SERIES COULD PROVE A HUGE BOOST TO BAILEYS DREAM'S CHANCES IN THE SERIES.**

And it could also be a key pointer for punters betting on the best heat of the night at Newcastle on Saturday.

The annual trans-tasman grudge match moves to the Newcastle track on Saturday night for the second and final round of heats after which the 10 finalists for the \$1million final at Menangle on Sunday week will be known.

Baileys Dream has been the biggest mover in the market for the final after his mammoth third behind Bondy in his first round heat at Harold Park last Friday.

On that occasion he cost himself valuable track position at the start because he was reluctant to score up directly behind the cage which contains the mobile gate operator, an old and often costly trait for the veteran pacer.

Which is why the scratching of huge outsider Notaswethort, who had drawn barrier one, from the strong last heat on Saturday night is so crucial to Baileys Dream's chance.

That moves him into barrier three, a starting position trainer Brendon Hill is

adamant the giant pacer will be a lot more comfortable from.

"He has always been funny about scoring up behind the starter's cage but with that scratching he comes into three and should have a clearer view in front of him," says Hill.

And the New Zealand trainer believes that could even see Baileys Dream go forward and try for an all the way win.

"He has always had really good gate speed when his mind is on the job and now we come into barrier three I can see Ricky (May) going for the front.

"If he gets there I expect Blacks A Fake to be around at some stage but we would be keen to stay in front and if he can sit parked outside us and beat us then so be it."

Hill has no concerns about Baileys Dream being flattened by his first round third, in which he sat three wide for two laps.

"In fact I think it will bring him on and I am sure he will be better this week.

"He has eaten up well and looks great so I think last Friday hasn't hurt at all."

With that heat containing Blacks A Fake and Mr Feelgood, who have won the last four Interdominion Finals between them, as well as Pembroke Benny, who

was slightly luckless on night one, it will be the highlight of the series' return to Newcastle.

While Hill continues to grow in confidence with Baileys Dream, he admits to be totally relaxed about the chances of his series favourite Monkey King.

The \$2.50 quote for the final will start deep into the red on Saturday night after drawing barrier three in the third heat of the night, with everybody expecting him to lead and win.

"And to be honest that is what I expect too," said Hill.

"He just jogged his win last week and is thriving."

So is Hill feeling the pressure of having two serious Interdominion hopes?

"Not yet. Maybe if they both make it to the final, next week will start to get interesting but we have been there before this season with Monkey and he did the job for us in the New Zealand Cup and Miracle Mile.

"After all, he doesn't know how big a race it is."

The first of the four heats to be run consecutively on Saturday night starts at 8.30pm.



**Newcastle - Saturday 27th February**  
**Tabcorp Park Menangle - Sunday 7th March**



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