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BLACKIE'S READY

BLACKS A FAKE'S RACING PREPARATION FOR ID10 IS COMPLETE.

Trainer-driver Natalie Rasmussen said the champion nine-year-old would not race again before the opening round of Inter Dominion heats at Harold Park on February 19.

She was thrilled with his win in slick time at the Gold Coast last Friday night.

"He's right on target. I've been so happy with him over the past few weeks," Rasmussen said.

"There's no race for him next weekend, so he'll just have a couple trials before he heads to Sydney on February 11.

"I'll send him around in a trial on Thursday and another one next Tuesday. That'll keep him right up to the mark."

Blacks A Fake is aiming to match the deeds of the mighty Caduceus, who is the only horse to make the final of our greatest race on five occasions.

Rasmussen gave Blacks A Fake a big tick for his latest win over stablemate Western Cam at the Gold Coast.

The champion pacer came with a sustained run from back in the field to win in a slick 1min54.9sec mile rate for 2100m.

His time compares ultra-impressively with the three Gold Coast Inter Dominion heats run over the same trip on March 21, last year.

They were won by Karloo Mick (1min56.1sec), Auckland Reactor (1min56sec) and Changeover (1min57.8sec).

Rasmussen's plan also means she won't have to put a different driver on Blacks A Fake for the first time in his 78-start career, which has not netted 57 wins and more than \$3.6 million stake money.

"I was suspended for two weeks the other night, but I'll certainly be back in time for the start of the Inter Dominion," she said.



Harold Park Friday 19th February
Newcastle Saturday 27th February
Tabcorp Park Sunday 7th March
Menangle

