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HILL HAPPY AS HE HEADS TO HAROLD PARK FOR THE **WATPAC** INTER DOMINION

KIWI GIANT KILLING TRAINER BRENDON HILL WILL ARRIVE IN SYDNEY A HAPPY MAN TOMORROW WITH HIS SIGHTS SET ON THE WATPAC INTER DOMINION CROWN.

The Canterbury trainer brings SEW Eurodrive Miracle Mile winner Monkey King and stablemate Baileys Dream to the Watpac Inter Dominion which start at Harold Park in Sydney on Friday and couldn't be happier with how their final preparations have gone.

And that includes their barrier draws, with the pair both starting from four on the front line in their 2160m heats.

"The draws are almost ideal," says Hill.

"They mean we should be able to settle handy to the pace, which as we all know at Harold Park is crucial.

"The main objective this week is to get as many points as possible because we think the bigger tracks later in the series will suit our horses more.

"And from these draws we shouldn't risk getting shuffled back, which is important."

Particularly so for Baileys Dream, who is a long-striding pacer who can on occasions hang in his races.

"I have actually campaigned Bailey at Harold Park before when Reidman (Steven Reid) trained him and he handled the track all right.

"But being close to the speed will suit him a lot more than having to get back and come wide."

Baileys Dream returned to racing after a year-long layoff with a fighting third to Monkey King in the \$60,000 Summer Cup over 2600m mobile at Addington on February 6.

He since led his more illustrious stablemate Monkey King in a workout between races at Ashburton last Saturday.

"They worked over 2400m in 3:12 and came their last 400m in 27.1 seconds which should have opened them up nicely."

Hill says Baileys Dream needed that run more heading into the series than Monkey King, who had such a great fitness base after his stunning November.

His wins in the New Zealand Cup, Free-For-All and Miracle Mile that month have seen him installed as \$4 favourite for the Inter Dominion.

"It is exciting to be going into the series with the favourite but we also have great hopes for Bailey because he is a great horse too."

Hill says both pacers will go into Friday night at around 95 per cent, with that extra five per cent of fitness to be gained in the next two weeks.

"Monkey is great and exactly where he needs to be," said Hill.

Friday night's four heats of the Watpac Inter Dominion 2010 will run in consecutive races from race four, at 8pm on Friday night.

THE FIRST OF NINE RACES WILL BE AT 6.30PM THIS FRIDAY WHILST THE WATPAC INTER DOMINION HEATS WILL COMMENCE AT 8PM.



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



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