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BENNY HILL DELIVERS SOME SCARY NEWS FOR WATPAC ID10 OPPOSITION

TRAINER BRENDON HILL HAS SOME SCARY NEWS FOR HIS RIVALS HEADING INTO SUNDAY'S MILLION WATPAC INTERDOMINION FINAL AT TABCORP PARK IN MENANGLE.

Because the New Zealand horseman is adamant his wonder pacer is in the best form of his stellar career.

"Both Ricky (May, driver) and I am sure he is better now than when he won the New Zealand Cup in November," says Hill.

"I never thought I could get a horse better than he was that week but he has absolutely jogged his two wins over here.

"He is so fit and well I haven't even put the hobbles on him this week, all he has done is jog or canter because he doesn't need to get any fitter, all he needs is to stay happy."

Monkey King remains the warm favourite for the final and looks set to settle midfield from barrier five, from where he faces the possibility of getting into traffic problems once the expected mid-race moves start.

"Anything could happen once the mobile goes so I am not even worrying about that. I simply have to hand the reins to by drivers and let them to the job.

"Because my side is all but done and I am thrilled with how it has gone.

"Really, he will returning to Menangle a better horse than when he won the Miracle Mile in November."

Hill will also line-up Baileys Dream in the Final and he too has basically been on holiday this week after a torrid series.

"He lightened up a touch after his run at Newcastle so I have freshened him right up.

"He had a jog on Monday and Tuesday and I gave him a complete day off Wednesday and Thursday. All he did was eat and laze around the paddock.

"Bailey is a very fit horse and doesn't need any more work. I think he could come out and go a boomer on Sunday."

Hill knows key race rival Washakie well, having worked the horse many times when it was trained by is former boss, Steven Reid.

But he still opts for Blacks A Fake as the horse his two stars have to get past on Sunday.

"Washakie is really flying and I am happy to see him go on and do such a great job after we educated him.

"But Blacky is the one who worries me the most.

"He has been awesome during this series and I don't think too many people would begrudge him another win because he has been so great for the Interdominions.

"But our job is to try and beat him and we are ready to do that."

The \$1million Watpac Interdominion Final will be run at 5pm on Sunday night.



Tabcorp Park Menangle Sunday 7th March



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