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INTER DOMINION CONCEPT PROVES A WINNER

THIS SUNDAY'S WATPAC INTER DOMINION GRAND FINAL HAS ARGUABLY THE BEST 10 HORSES OF THE SERIES ENGAGED.

To be conducted over 2300 metres of the Tabcorp Park Menangle circuit, the \$1million race has brought together what is without doubt an exceptional field.

Some detractors suggested that the two heats and a final concept may have disadvantaged certain horses when it came to qualifying for the final.

"What has been delivered with the Watpac ID10 concept is a field of champions perfectly fit to contest the \$1million final," NSW Harness Racing Club Chief Executive John Dumesny stated.

"In the past, after three rounds of heats, half the field were spent forces by Final time – this is not the case with Watpac ID10.

"Connections are relieved that their horses are suffering no ill effects of an arduous campaign whilst punters can bet with confidence.

"I'm sure future Inter Dominion administrators will follow the two heats into a Final concept."

Sunday's field is evidence that the best horses have indeed progressed through to the Grand Circuit gem.

Mr Feelgood is the defending champion and he will begin the race from barrier nine, while three-time winner Blacks A Fake is shooting for a record fourth title and he will start from three.

Washakie, a three-time Grand Circuit winner has drawn the pole with Group One regular Our Awesome Armbro drawn beside him in two and the very honest Atomic Ark in four.

Powerhouse pacer Monkey King, leader of the Barastoc Grand Circuit table this season, will commence from five with his stablemate Baileys Dream in six.

Multiple Group One winner Changeover will start from barrier seven while Bondy, unbeaten throughout the Inter series and on Australian soil in four runs to date, has come up with gate eight.

Smoken Up, on the verge of becoming the sport's latest millionaire, has drawn the outside of the front line and as he has displayed in previous Grand Circuit races, can never be underestimated.

Each runner is a more than worthy finalist.



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