



ROAD TO THE CUP

2013 Christchurch Casino NZ Trotting Cup - Final Field

New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club Inc. - Addington Raceway - Tuesday 12th November

Christchurch Casino New Zealand Trotting Cup - Stakes \$650,000 (Including \$300,000 subsidy from HRNZ)

Distance 3200 Metres - Standing Start - No Handicaps Apply - Maximum of 15 horses to start, with provision of 3 horses as Right of Re-Entrys - A Group 1 Grand Circuit Race open to all approved Standardbred Racehorses

After months of preparation and build up, the final field to take part in the 2013 Christchurch Casino NZ Trotting Cup has been named. In just seven days time one of our elite harness racers will be crowned NZ Cup champion for 2013; bringing with it riches and the adoration of the harness racing public.

This year's edition of the Christchurch Casino NZ Trotting Cup promises to be another classic. A quality field and several sub-plots within the contest will ensure the racing public is captivated once again by our greatest race.

Next week Terror To Love will bid to become just the third horse to win three consecutive NZ Cups. The first was Indianapolis in 1934, 1935, 1936. Then came False Step in 1958, 1959 and 1960. Given the NZ Cup has been run since 1904 this will truly be one of harness racing's great modern achievements, should Terror To Love, trainer Graham Court and his team associated with the star stallion make history.

As a driver, Ricky May will bid to create his own piece of history. While not on board for Terror To Love's first of two NZ Cups to date, five other NZ Cup driving wins has him alone at the top the Cup leaderboard with Cup great Cecil Devine who trained and drove six wins. May's six wins to date are Inky Lord in 1989, Iraklis 1997, Mainland Banner 2005, Monkey King 2009 and 2010, Terror To Love 2012.

Two Aussie invaders threaten sanctity of the local grip on our greatest harness race. Both horses come with women drivers. Suave Stuey Lombo has had two starts in his New Zealand campaign for mixed results. Though his efforts have been strong with driver Lauren Penella, his standing start manners have cost him dearly.

A resurgent Caribbean Blaster is back for another attempt at the Cup this year after a luckless 2012 campaign. Fighting back from a setback last month, Caribbean Blaster stormed home in the second fastest mile ever record last week in Sydney and looks to be peaking again. With gun driver Kate Gath in the sulky Caribbean Blaster has the Group One record, the class and chops to take it to the star New Zealand pairing of Terror To Love and Christen Me. Despite his bad, uncharacteristic gallop in last week's Flying Stakes at Ashburton, boom gelding Christen Me is still rated the horse to beat by many experts.

Despite losing such great horses as Themightyquinn and Bitobliss in the Cup build-up, the strength and depth of this year's field is evidenced by the fact that a form horse such as Besotted could not make the top 18.

There will be many talking points emerging regarding the race in the coming days. It is a race of dreams for many and at 5.15pm next Tuesday afternoon at Addington Raceway, someones dream will become reality.

CHRISTCHURCH CASINO NEW ZEALAND TROTting CUP - FINAL FIELD

1	Choise Achiever	(E3)
2	Easy On The Eye	
3	Christen Me	
4	Jimmy Johnstone	
5	Four Starzzz Flash	
6	Mah Sish	
7	Terror To Love	
8	Fly Like An Eagle	
9	Jason Rulz	
10	Pembrook Benny	
11	Highview Tommy	
12	Phantom Grin	(E2)
13	Pass Them By	(E1)
14	Caribbean Blaster	
15	Franco Ledger	
16	Suave Stuey Lombo	UR1
17	Sleepy Tripp	UR2
18	Mach Banner	UR3

