

Bishopdale & Bush Inn TAB Mobile Pace (\$1000)			1950m
	Auckland/ Canterbury Challenge - Race 1		
	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1st	Cullens Mercy	Ray Reekie (Cant)	R A Reekie
2nd	Presidential Lover	Rick Burnett(Cant)	G Cook
3rd	Hudson Sully	Jeff Darby (Auck)	B R Negus
4th	From The First	Stewart Ashworth (Auck)	J Knox
5th	Smokin Hot Salma	Mirandah Hallett (Cant)	V Burnett & R Burnett
6th	Chiller	Sally Yoakley (Auck)	G Cook
7th	Gingerwyn	Sue Blake (Cant)	B R Negus
8th	Better Odds	Richard Yoakley (Auck)	P McClelland

Time: 2.33.2, 60.6, 30.9

Margins: Neck, 1/2L, 1.5L, 1/2L

On a cool and blustery day the annual Auckland vs Canterbury challenge participants lined up for their first race of the day.

A good charge from the gate with SMOKIN HOT SALMA holding the inside running into the first bend. HUDSON SULLY had a good early dig for the lead but pulled back for the trail before the first bend. CULLENS CRUISER who had been three wide into the first bend pressed on to find the lead after 400m.

Left out facing the breeze was CHILLER which was tracked up by FROM THE FIRST and PRESIDENTIAL LOVER. GINGERWYN was four back the markers and BETTER ODDS was struggling to stay in contact with the field.

PRESIDENTIAL LOVER began a three wide run with 400m to run and continued to take ground off CULLENS MERCY into the strong wind. HUDSON SULLY finished on well along the passing lane and FROM THE FIRST finished fast once clear.

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	Auckland/ Canterbury Challenge - Race 2		
	Horse	Driver	Trainer
1st	Mornings Calling	Jeff Darby (Auck)	T Grant

2nd	Mullaghmore	Richard Sissons (Cant)	M Stratford
3rd	Bowenvale	Murray Ward (Cant)	M Stratford
4th	Talkative High	Wendy Beale (Cant)	L Prendergast
5th	Tallulah Belle	Stewart Ashworth (Auck)	P Young
6th	Nora The Pianist	Richard Yoakley (Auck)	B R Negus
7th	McFreebee	Sally Yoakley (Auck)	B Weaver
8th	Colleen Patricia	Mike Stratford (Cant)	B R Negus

Time: 2:34.2, 61.2, 30.1

Margins: 1.5L, 2.25L, 2L, 2.25L

COLLEEN PATRICIA sped from the gate to head off MCFREEBEE who tried to hold her out. Left out facing the breeze was NORA THE PIANIST with MULLAGHMORE in the one/one and BOWENVALE bringing up the rear of the two wide line.

With 1200m to run MORNINGS CALLING popped off from four back the markers to claim the death seat from NORA THE PIANIST. This left TALLULAH BELLE three back on the markers and TALKATIVE HIGH four back.

With 500m to run Richard Sissons launched MULLAGHMORE three wide and was tracked up in every stride by BOWENVALE. MORNINGS CALLING hit the front upon straightening and held on easily from MULLAGHMORE AND BOWENVALE who finished on well.

THE CHALLENGE SHIELD

Even though the winning honours were shared equally between the two teams, Canterbury came out on top with 48pts to 36pts for the Aucks. Regardless of the result it was a enjoyable experience for those drivers having their first hoop around Addington.