

SALES DRAFT GRADUATE LEAVES RIVALS IN HIS WAKE

Last season's **Southland two-year-old pacer of the year Dustin Bromac**, looked in superb order when he cleared out to win at the Southland trials yesterday.

The **Live Or Die** gelding started from the six hole over the 2400m mobile but was not extended in leading home his six rivals by a generous three lengths.

The time for the 2400m was 3:09.2 with the last 800m in 60.3 and quarter in 29.0.

Although he didn't win a race in his juvenile season, **Dustin Bromac** added black type to his name when he finished second in 1:58 to the very smart **Hone Heke** at Winton in late December. That mile event saw a last half in 56.5 and quarter in 27.9 and **Dustin Bromac** after setting a quick pace early, finished well from the trail for a clear second placing.

His first five starts saw draws of 8, 8, 8, 9 and 12. His draw of 12 came in a heat of the NZ Sires Stakes series and he finished a close up 4th to the smart **Hone Heke** (4 starts – 3 wins/1 place), **El Padrino** and **Eric's Legend**. That good fourth followed consecutive placings of third, second, fourth and second.

Dustin Bromac's luck in his next four starts didn't change either when he drew 10 twice in a row and then moved up the country to race in the **Listed \$214,500 NZ Yearling Sales Series Final**. He had a change of luck by drawing five but saw little luck in the race itself, finishing not far from the major stakes in 6th position.

The story of his life – bad draws – continued in his final start of the season when he drew 15 in the **Group One NZ Sires Stakes Final**.

He ended his first season with 9 starts, 6 first four finishes and stakes of \$13,319 – 8 draws of 8 or wider and the promise of better to come, if only lady luck was to visit a little more.

He is a son of the unraced **Holmes Hanover** mare **Diana Bromac** who has had 2 winners to date from her first four foals.

She is a daughter of the good broodmare **Desrain** and rates as a half sister to former **NZ 4YO Pacer of the Year** and **NZ record holder Abdias p, 1:55 NZ** (30 wins \$260,771) and full sister to the Inter Dominion heat placegetter **Linford Christie p, 1:59.7**.

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This is a family chock full of black type and numerous pacing award winners. With just a little luck this season **Dustin Bromac** should not have much trouble in adding his mark to the family tree.

It should be noted that **Dustin Bromac** was a member of **Bromac Lodge**'s yearling sales draft of 2007. With just one full season of racing under their belt, the draft has provided 11 qualifiers to date – 10 of them as 2YO's. Five of these won as two year olds in the 2007-08 season including heats of the Australian 2YO Breeders Crown in both the pacing and trotting series (another placed in a BCrown heat), while smart WA 2YO **Crown Bromac** (p2, 1:59.6 3 starts, 2 wins) won a heat of the Western Crown series before being turned out.

To date, this draft has already won 12 races, almost \$110,000 in stakes and 4 with 2:00 records – all as 2YO's.