

THE NEW ZEALAND Trotting Cup, which has been held every year since 1904, has been the scene for some of the most dramatic moments in harness racing history. On Tuesday, November 11, 2003, the Centennial Cup will be staged at Addington Raceway. What spectacular racing the capacity crowds at Addington have seen over the past 99 years.

In *The Cup*, lifelong trotting enthusiast Bernie Wood offers up a juicy mixture of sensational moments and unforgettable triumphs and disasters in this well-researched and entertainingly-written celebration of the Cup centenary.

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