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Well Earned Enjoyment

THEY'VE got 86 years of competitive woolhandling experience between them but this Friday night, the penultimate night of the 50th anniversary Golden Shears, has been all about entertainment for three sisters Ruth Pike, Kuini Naera and Noeline Smith, and their friend Lily Haeata.

Ruth was a competitor in the Shears for 48 years running, right up until the beginning of her "retirement" last year.

"Coming here last year was the first time I hadn't competed and I was finally able to sit down and watch," she said above the din of this evening's live music.

"It was a great feeling but this year it's even better, being the 50th anniversary and all."

The four women have on several occasions competed with and against each other in the woolhandling stakes over the history of the Shears. Kuini and Lily were in fact one of the very first winners of a pairs event back in 1964.

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