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Finals a Sell Out Before They Begin

THE WEEK has only just begun but tickets for Friday and Saturday's shearing and woolhandling heats and finals have already sold out.

The popularity of Golden Shears shearing and woolhandling events, which are widely recognised as the world's top such competitions, combined with this year's 50th anniversary celebrations, mean tickets have been in hot demand.

Around 1500 people, not including competitors and volunteers, will fill the seats at Masterton's War Memorial Stadium on both nights. Friday evening's fans are in not only for a grand display of shearing and woolhandling prowess but also a Variety Show including performances from the Topp Twins and Avidiva.

This is followed by a plethora of fun and entertainment over the whole of Saturday, building up to the coveted Golden Shears Open Shearing Final in the evening. The big names in shearing from across New Zealand and the globe will be vying for the title and the crowds are guaranteed a fantastic show whatever the outcome.

Speaking from the Shear Discovery Museum in Masterton, Golden Shears secretary Angeline Colquhoun said ticket sales had been fairly steady since they were first on sale in December but were suddenly in hot demand last week as people realised they didn't have any time to lose. And while they have all sold out for now, she said there is still hope for those who missed out.

"People may still get (tickets) if they turn up on the day, say if someone doesn't show up. But for now they have definitely sold out."

For those who are keen to watch the action but missed out on tickets, events will be streamed live and available on: www.goldenshears.co.nz

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