



MEDIA RELEASE



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BRING ON THE NATIONALS

The Nationals is Australia's most prestigious Greyhound racing event on the Annual Calendar, attracting the very best chasers from around the Nation. State pride is always on the line and participants love nothing more than to represent their state in the National finals. Master trainer Tony Brett will be looking to add yet another major trophy to his amazing list of achievements after gun sprinter Flash Reality drew box three in Saturday night's Group 1 National Sprint Championship.

The son of Premier Fantasy and Orara Flash qualified for next week's final with a very impressive State victory in a fast 29.86, winning by seven and a half lengths. This followed his heat win and a win in July, of the Group 1 Winter Cup. The National state final victory was his tenth at Albion Park and he made it 10 from his last 11 starts there.

An interesting scenario unfolded with the AGRA wildcard for the Sprint final as the three top ranked sprinters to make their State finals all won. This meant the card fell to number 18 on the list NSW sprinter Bessy Boo. Connections took the chance and made the trip to Perth hoping for some luck and put their faith in local champ Zelemar Fever finishing one-two in the WA final. She did just that, making the trip to the West to trial and prepare for the final paid off and black chaser gets his chance from box seven.

Last year's Sprint final winner Superstar Xylia Allen who incidentally gained entry via the Wildcard, will be attempting to be the second greyhound in history to win both the National Sprint and National Distance finals. She will emulate the mighty Dashing Corsair, he won the Sprint title at Cannington in 2009 coming back to win the Distance final in a hometown victory at Albion Park in 2011. The fairy tale win was celebrated by the locals in no uncertain terms.

Xylia Allen will also set another record if she can win the National final, she will over-take local Superstar Miata's Australian prizemoney record set at \$715,508. With the \$75,000 to the winner first prize, it will take Xylia Allen's mark to an unprecedented \$776,375. The runners up prize of \$21,000 will also see her take the number one position.

What we do know is two more stars will entry the honour roles after the finals are decided next Saturday night August 23th.

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AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

GROUP ONE – AGRA NATIONAL SPRINT \$75,000 to the winner



Dominator Girl (TAS)

29 starts 9-5-5 (\$17,780)

High Earner – Bit Sweet

Black Bitch May '11

Owner: **Launnie's Boy Syndicate**

Trainer: **Paul Hili**

Cannington best: NBT

Got the start in the final when state star sprinter Buckle Up Wes broke down after winning the local Tassie final easily. Dominator Girl is a consistent type without setting the world on fire she might struggle in this company. Big thrill for connections to make the trip and race in Group 1 company will need some luck, but has box one always an advantage. Place chance best.



Chica Destacada (NSW)

28 starts 12-5-3 (\$52,715)

Cosmic Rumble – Eluthra

Black Bitch May '12

Owner: **Dee and Pee Syndicate**

Trainer: **Doreen Drynan**

Cannington best: NBT (2 starts 0-1-0)

Star New South Wales sprinter with plenty to offer. She was a very impressive state final winner with a blistering 29.60 at Wentworth Park, backing it up from the week before when she recorded the same time. Comes out running most starts and this is a nice draw in two, she is in it with a big chance, extremely talented type. Will enjoy plenty of support and looks like starting favourite.



Flash Reality (QLD)

18 starts 12-2-3 (\$158,460)

Premier Fantasy – Orara Flash

Black Dog September '11

Owner: **Marlene Ellis**

Trainer: **Tony Brett**

Cannington best: NBT (FSH)

Very smart type with a big motor far and away the best sprinter in Queensland beat a top class field to win the Winter Cup at Group 1 level in July and has a stack of ability. Perhaps better drawn outside he showed he could use the red in the state final when he raced away for a hollow win in fast time. Trainer Tony Brett is no stranger to the big stage and will have this fellow cherry ripe to run a giant race. Will enjoy plenty of support per medium of what has been on display.



Zelemar Fever (WA)

71 starts 29-10-9 (\$274,700)

Bombastic Shiraz – Noaki Pace

Black Bitch February '11

Owner: **Weston Syndicate**

Trainer: **Linda Britton**

Cannington best: 29.90(1) (32 starts 17-4-5)

Top class local sprinter she won the Temlee against the best in the land at the Meadows in March has being lightly raced due to injury since but was back to almost her best in the local final here Saturday night. Very impressive effort came out running from the red and pushed up down the back to run on late and win well. Not without a big chance has shown her best on the National stage before, can do it again.



Crackerjack Dak (VIC)

40 starts 17-10-3 (\$52,975)

Mogambo – Lil's Memory

Black Dog December '11

Owners: **Jordean Syndicate**

Trainer: **Andrea Dailly**

Cannington best: 530 trial 16/08 30.34

Up and comer from Victoria he used box one to full advantage leading all the way in handy time. Probably a shock winner in some quarters but he won on his merits and deserved the trip to the final. Trialled well solo on Saturday night with fast sections stands him in good stead but it's a horror box draw with a heap of early pace either side of him. Place chance best.



Star Recall (WA)

30 starts 16-5-4 (\$96,430)

High Earner – No Recall

Black Bitch April '12

Owners: **Kevin Dover**

Trainer: **Linda Britton**

Cannington best: 30.45 (8) (26 starts 8-4-7)

Local speedster with a stack of early pace and good box manners. The six is not ideal but she can come out and if she found the lead could pinch a break. She will need to have plenty go her way but she is on home soil with a strong record here of 8 and 11 from 26. A big start on some of the other finalists. Don't leave her out of the trifectas.



Bessy Boo (NSW)

43 Starts 14-9-8 (\$127,715)

Bekim Bale – My Black Bess

Black Dog March '12

Owner: **Ashley Wilson**

Trainer: **Christine Proctor**

Cannington best: 530 trial 16/08 30.52

Won the Wild Card entry after a roller-coaster ride not knowing if he would make the final until Saturday night. Connections in a bold move decided to bring him to Perth anyway and he trialed 30.52 before getting the well-deserved nod into the big one. A group winner in NSW he is well performed at the top level. A noted slow beginner he'll need some luck in the final but he has already found luck in making the final, perhaps it can continue.



Wild Soul (SA)

49 starts 21-10-6 (\$47,545)

Mogambo – Velocity Thunder

Black Dog November '11

Owners: **Group Qld 31569 Syndicate**

Trainer: **Kim Johnson**

Cannington best: 30.63 trial 16/08

Somewhat of a surprize state final winner when he proved too good for Sporting Tears. Not the best of draws here in eight and he'll have to come out running to cross the speed on his inside. Has won 20 of 49 in South Australia but this is a big ask, great thrill for connections to make the National final but he'll need some luck in running to feature here.



Jump The Queue (WA)

42 starts 11-12-7 (\$46,972)

High Earner – Delaque

Local top class sprinter he has won 11 races and almost \$46,000 in stakes. If he gained a start could make his presence felt.



Luba Monelli (WA)

47 starts 18-7-10 (\$92,355)

Mogambo – Foolish Monelli

Finished four in the state final has won 8 on the track from 26 starts would be an outsider if he gained a start.

National expert's selections for the Sprint final are as follows.

Ron Arnold

1st Bessy Boo

2nd Chica Destacada

3rd Flash Reality

John Brash

1st Flash Reality

2nd Chica Destacada

3rd Zelemar Fever

Peter O'Neill

1st Flash Reality

2nd Chica Destacada

3rd Star Recall

Matt Corby

1st Chica Destacada

2nd Zelemar Fever

3rd Flash Reality

Greg Fahey

1st Flash Reality

2nd Zelemar Fever

3rd Chica Destacada

Ron Hawkswell

1st Flash Reality

2nd Chica Destacada

3rd Zelemar Fever

Local Market for the National Sprint Final:

Group 1 AGRA National Sprint Championship (525m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
 1	<i>Dominator Girl (TAS)</i>	<i>Paul Hili</i>	\$33.00
 2	<i>Chica Destacada (NSW)</i>	<i>Doreen Drynan</i>	\$2.50
 3	<i>Flash Reality (QLD)</i>	<i>Tony Brett</i>	\$2.75
 4	<i>Zelemar Fever (WA)</i>	<i>Linda Britton</i>	\$6.00
 5	<i>Crackerjack Dak (VIC)</i>	<i>Andrea Dailly</i>	\$8.00
 6	<i>Star Recall (WA)</i>	<i>Linda Britton</i>	\$15.00
 7	<i>Bessy Boo (NSW)</i>	<i>Christine Proctor</i>	\$21.00
 8	<i>Wild Soul (SA)</i>	<i>Kim Johnson</i>	\$18.00
 9	<i>Jump The Queue (WA)</i>	<i>Peter Hepple</i>	RES
 10	<i>Luba Monelli (WA)</i>	<i>David Hobby</i>	RES

What's happening on race night?



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National Sprint Honour Roll

1965	HAROLDPARK	BEST SUN (NSW)	500 yds.	26.6/10
1966	OLYMPIC PARK	KINTA'S SON (VIC)	560 yds.	30.9/16
1967	WENTWORTH PARK	METEOR PASO (NSW)	580 yds	31.8/16
1968	SANDOWN PARK	PRINCESS KERRY (VIC)	555 yds.	31.2/16
1969	HAROLD PARK	RED ZERO (NSW)	500 yds.	26.71
1970	OLYMPIC PARK	REGAL HERMES (VIC)	560 yds.	30.7/16
1971	WENTWORTH PARK	KING MILLER (NSW)	580 yds	31.1/16
1972	SANDOWN PARK	LORD GALAXY (NSW)	555 yds.	30.91
1973	HAROLD PARK	NEW MARINER (VIC)	457 mts.	26.28
1974	OLYMPIC PARK	TEMLEE (VIC)	511 mts.	29.71
1975	WENTWORTH PARK	COOPERROO FLYER (NSW)	530 mts	31.36
1976	SANDOWN PARK	CLOVER DUKE (NSW)	513 mts.	30.65
1977	GABBA	BOWETZEL (VIC)	558 mts.	32.70
1978	ANGLEPARK	MR TOEWHYTE (WA)	512 mts.	30.69
1979	CANNINGTON	ACCLAIM STAR (NSW)	530 mts.	30.95
1980	HAROLD PARK	FAST SAPPHIRE (NSW)	457 mts.	26.72
1981	OLYMPIC PARK	KATE'S A SCANDAL (SA)	511 mts.	30.70
1982	GABBA	MADONNA LEE (QLD)	558 mts.	32.73
1983	HAROLD PARK	WINIFRED BALE (NSW)	457 mts.	26.13
1984	HAROLD PARK	BUSY VINTAGE (TAS)	457 mts.	26.38
1985	SANDOWN PARK	SCENIC SPA (SA)	513 mts.	30.70
1986	ANGLEPARK	STETSON (SA)	512 mts.	29.98
1987	HOBART	FREMANTLE ECHO (WA)	457 mts.	26.39
1988	GABBA	DANCING GAMBLE (QLD)	558 mts.	32.89
1989	CANNINGTON	SANDI'S ME MUM (WA)	530 mts.	31.78
1990	SANDOWN	SANDI'S ME MUM (WA)	511 mts.	30.70
1991	WENTWORTH PARK	JESSICA CASEY (NSW)	520 mts.	30.66
1992	OLYMPIC PARK	MR. SLICK (VIC)	511 mts.	30.02
1993	ANGLE PARK	CASINO TOM (SA)	512 mts.	29.98
1994	WENTWORTH PARK	GALLANT RULER (NSW)	520 mts.	30.38
1995	SANDOWN PARK	FLYING AMY (QLD)	511 mts.	30.08
1996	ALBION PARK	SHAYNE'S CHAMP (VIC)	520 mts.	30.23
1997	ANGLEPARK	PRINCE OF TIGERS (WA)	512 mts.	29.68
1998	CANNINGTON	RAPID JOURNEY (NSW)	530 mts	31.22
1999	WENTWORTH PARK	HARRY HAND (NSW)	520 mts	30.31
2000	LAUNCESTON	PLACARD (NSW)	522 mts	30.76
2001	MGRA (MEADOWS)	HENERIK BALE (VIC)	518 mts	29.82
2002	ALBION PARK	IN THE FRAME (VIC)	520 mts	30.26
2003	ANGLE PARK	ELITE STATE (QLD)	515 mts	29.33
2004	CANNINGTON	IN FOR LIFE (NSW)	530 mts	30.78
2005	WENTWORTH PARK	PURE OCTANE (VIC)	520 mts	29.91
2006	LAUNCESTON	IMMORTAL LOVE (NSW)	515 mts	29.52 (Rec)
2007	SANDOWN PARK	BIT CHILLI (NSW)	515 mts.	29.88
2008	WENTWORTH PARK	KNOCKA NORRIS (QLD)	520 mts.	29.83
2009	CANNINGTON	DASHING CORSAIR(QLD)	530 mts.	30.29
2010	ANGLE PARK	SMOOTH FANCY (NSW)	515 mts	29.49
2011	ALBION PARK	METZ MAGIC (QLD)	520 mts.	30.04

2012	HOBART	FABREGAS (VIC)	461 mts.	25.85
2013	MEADOWS	XYLIA ALLEN (VIC)	525 mts.	29.63

GROUP ONE – AGRA NATIONAL DISTANCE \$75,000 to the winner



Painted Dotty (TAS)

38 starts 14-8-6 (\$34,395)

Mogambo – Painted Shaza

Black Bitch July '11

Owner / Trainer: **Mick Stringer**

Cannington best: NBT

Tassie stayer with ability she is in good form coming into the final with wins at Wentworth Park, Richmond and Launceston for five on the trot. This is a big class step up but she is clearly going the best of the Tassie stayers at the moment. More than capable of running a place if she can find the front early.



Wag Tail (QLD)

48 starts 18-11-5 (\$93,540)

Velocette – Bacardi Cruiser

Black Bitch February '11

Owner: **A Team Partnership**

Trainer: **Christina Harman**

Cannington best: 41.76 trial 16/08

Making her second appearance in the National final she finished fifth last year at the Meadows. Did a good job to win the Queensland final coming from well back with a nicely timed run. Hard to see her trouble the top two but she did trial well running fast sections and finished her work off in good shape. Well fancied to run a drum. Honest type she can lead and will run on. Place chance for sure.



Ash Flash (WA)

41 starts 17-6-5 (\$90,685)

Velocette – Bacardi Cruiser

White Bitch October '11

Owner: **Trevor Rhodes**

Trainer: **Paul Stuart**

Cannington best: 41.75 (6) (15 starts 9-3-1)

Impressive local stayer and former Victorian from the successful Paul Stuart kennel she has raced well since arriving in the West in January. With nine wins on the track she knows her way around and is very consistent. Big ask here stepping up in class but she looks a capable type and can run a forward race if she has a bit of luck in running. Chance to find the front from this draw and might be an outsider with some hope. Place chance looks best.



Bingle Monelli (WA)

36 starts 15-11-6 (\$68,185)

Collision – Joanne Monelli

Black Bitch November '11

Owners: **Quinsee Syndicate**

Trainer: **David Hobby**

Cannington best: 42.08 (5) (9 starts 4-4-1)

Local stayer she upstaged a few of the more fancied in the State final Saturday night. It was her fourth win over the distance and she just kept finding the line. Has the polish of leading trainer David Hobby but this looks a big ask here. Place chance best.



Token McLaren (SA)

51 starts 23-9-9 (\$191,795)

Big Daddy Cool – Abbadale Gold

Blue Dog February '11

Owner: **Foster Syndicate**

Trainer: **Don Foster**

Cannington best: NBT

Did a good job to win the South Australian state final and has a lot of experience over the distance. First start here should not worry him too much he has the advantage of veteran mentor Don Foster. Don has been around as a top trainer-breeder for 40 years and he is no stranger to big races success. Place chance best here for this fellow.



Xylia Allen (VIC)

75 starts 38-10-11 (\$701,375)

Turanza Bale – Tayah Bale

Black Bitch April '11

Owner: **Janice Wheeler**

Trainer: **Jenny Hunt**

Cannington best: NBT

What hasn't she done Champion sprinter-stayer, leader or come from behind she can do it all. In super form and racing as well as ever. Group 1 winner, over all distances trying to become the first dog in history to win the sprint and distance in consecutive years if any dog can do it she is probable the one. Is always a chance in most races she is in and is the dog to beat in this. Superstar the crowds come to see.



Sweet It Is (VIC)

36 starts 10-6-3 (\$327,910)

Mogambo – Off Springer

Black Bitch November '11

Owners: **Two Bear's Syndicate**

Trainer: **Darren McDonald**

Cannington Best: NBT (2 starts 0-1-0)

Very exciting stayer and Group 1 winner, she has had a wonderful record of big race success since entering the kennel of ace mentor Darren McDonald. Has been here for a couple of starts in February but is better now. She drops out and thunders home only question is, will she get to far back. Hard to answer she will certainly be better for the Sandown starts after an injury lay off. Big chance she will have plenty of support, top bitch, well in this. Wildcard for a reason.



Queen Marina (NSW)

48 starts 8-8-9 (\$29,760)

Lochinvar Marlow – Fascinate Marina

Black Bitch August '11

Owner/Trainer: **Noelene Holloway**

Cannington best: 42.39 trial 16/08

Newcomer to the staying ranks in New South Wales she did a good job to win the state final from box five. It was also her first 720 win. Would need to find a bit on her trial Saturday night to trouble the fancied stayers. Place chance best.



Reverberate (WA)

82 starts 24-23-16 (\$148,080)

Premier Fantasy – Surpassing

Local that finished third in last week's state final behind Bingle Monelli, handy record with 11 wins here, but hard to see her trouble this field if she gains a start.



Wing It Appeal (WA)

33 starts 7-4-7 (\$27,227)

Head Bound – Twinkle Appeal

Lightly raced local stayer she has won here twice with a best winning time of 42.23. Would be a long shot if gained a start.

National expert's selections for the Distance final are as follows.

Peter O'Neill

1st Sweet It Is
2nd Xylia Allen
3rd Wag Tail

John Brasch

1st Wag Tail
2nd Xylia Allen
3rd Sweet It Is

Ron Arnold

1st Sweet It Is
2nd Queen Marina
3rd Xylia Allen

Matt Corby

1st Xylia Allen
2nd Sweet It Is
3rd Wag Tail

Greg Fahey

1st Xylia Allen
2nd Sweet It Is
3rd Wag Tail

Rob Testa

1st Xylia Allen
2nd Sweet It Is
3rd Ash Flash

Local Market for the AGRA National Distance Final:

Group 1 AGRA National Distance Championship (725m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	<i>Painted Dotty (TAS)</i>	<i>Mick Stringer</i>	\$33.00
	<i>Wag Tail (QLD)</i>	<i>Christina Harman</i>	\$7.00
	<i>Ash Flash (WA)</i>	<i>Paul Stuart</i>	\$12.00
	<i>Bingle Monelli (WA)</i>	<i>David Hobby</i>	\$16.00
	<i>Token McLaren (SA)</i>	<i>Don Foster</i>	\$26.00
	<i>Xylia Allen (VIC)</i>	<i>Jenny Hunt</i>	\$2.10
	<i>Sweet It Is (VIC)</i>	<i>Darren McDonald</i>	\$2.50
	<i>Queen Marina (NSW)</i>	<i>Noelene Holloway</i>	\$41.00
	<i>Reverberate (WA)</i>	<i>Linda Britton</i>	RES
	<i>Wing It Appeal (WA)</i>	<i>James Jeffries</i>	RES

National Distance Honour Roll

1969	WENTWORTH PARK	AMERIGO LADY (VIC)	790 yds.	43.7/16ths
1970	SANDOWN PARK	SARGOOD (VIC)	785 yds.	44.00
1971	HOBART	SAKI DASHER (VIC)	737 yds.	40.00
1972	HAROLDPARK	BUBBLE'S LUCK (VIC)	732 mts.	43.4
1973	GABBA	HE'S SOME BOY (VIC)	704 mts.	43.09
1974	ANGLEPARK	CORCORAN (VIC)	731 mts.	44.56
1975	GABBA	DOTIE WILSON (NSW)	704 mts.	41.66
1976	ANGLEPARK	BOLTA'S GIFT (VIC)	731 mts.	44.66
1977	HAROLDPARK	WOOLLEY WONG (NSW)	732 mts.	43.58
1978	HOBART	DUSTY GINNY (NSW)	730 mts.	43.30 (Rec)
1979	OLYMPIC PARK	MARY MARELLA (VIC)	732 mts.	44.09
1980	SANDOWN PARK	ALL PROMISE (VIC)	718 mts.	43.92
1981	LAUNCESTON	SHAMROCK JEWEL (VIC)	722 mts.	44.87
1982	ADELAIDE	BAY ROAD QUEEN (SA)	731 mts.	44.03
1983	HOBART	TEN GUITARS (VIC)	725 mts.	43.91
1984	CANNINGTON	PRINCESS BADEN (SA)	740 mts.	44.32
1985	LAUNCESTON	MELMADE GAZZA (SA)	722 mts.	44.06
1986	GABBA	KIRSTY'S FIRST (QLD)	704 mts.	41.65
1987	OLYMPIC PARK	MYSTIC HOPE (VIC)	732 mts.	44.29
1988	WENTWORTH PARK	HIGH INTENSITY (VIC)	732 mts.	42.93
1989	ANGLEPARK	JULEP (SA)	731 mts.	43.79
1990	OLYMPIC PARK	CLEAN MACHINE (VIC)	732 mts.	44.00
1991	GABBA	JUST A CHARM (QLD)	704 mts.	41.45
1992	WENTWORTH PARK	PACE GALORE (VIC)	720 mts.	42.57
1993	CANNINGTON	BILLY'S BLONDIE (QLD)	740 mts.	44.89
1994	WENTWORTH PARK	MISS CRUISE (NSW)	720 mts.	43.59
1995	OLYMPIC PARK	BORONIA BLOSSOM (QLD)	732mts.	43.72
1996	ALBION PARK	BORONIA BLOSSOM (QLD)	710mts.	42.23
1997	ANGLEPARK	IBROX PARK (NSW)	731 mts.	43.17
1998	CANNINGTON	PARADISE STREET (WA)	700 mts.	41.75
1999	WENTWORTH PARK	KOBBLE CREEK (QLD)	720 mts.	42.55

2000	LAUNCESTON	OSTI'S JOKER (VIC)	743 mts.	45.05
2001	SANDOWN PARK	TIP TOP TEARS (VIC)	715 mts.	42.46
2002	ALBION PARK	BOOMEROO (VIC)	710 mts.	41.61 (Rec)
2003	ANGLE PARK	ARVO'S JUNIOR (VIC)	731 mts.	42.66
2004	CANNINGTON	CLASSY CUSTOMER (NSW)	715 mts.	42.31
2005	WENTWORTH PARK	TEXAS GOLD (NSW)	720 mts.	42.07
2006	LAUNCESTON	BOTHING (SA)	720 mts.	42.49 (Rec)
2007	MEADOWS	FLASHING FLOODS (VIC)	725 mts.	42.95
2008	WENTWORTH PARK	MANTRA LAD (VIC)	720 mts.	42.30
2009	CANNINGTON	JAVIS BALE (VIC)	715 mts.	41.93
2010	ANGLE PARK	BLUE LORIAN (NSW)	710 mts.	43.01
2011	ALBION PARK	DASHING CORSAIR (QLD)	710 mts.	42.09
2012	HOBART	MIATA (WA)	709 mts.	41.24
2013	MEADOWS	SMART VALENTNO (NSW)	725 mts.	42.83

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