

Friday 30 October, 2020

Racing update

## Metro Festival of Racing to kick off on massive Hume Cup night

Monday 2 November is not just Hume Cup night, it is also the first day of Victorian greyhound racing's Metropolitan Festival of Racing.

The 2020 Metro Festival of Racing brings together fantastic racing across two of Australia's premier racing venues – The Meadows and Sandown Park – with almost \$2 million in prize money to be shared across five incredible nights of action including 10 group races.

***\*Refer to the table below for a detailed list of the 10 group races.***

The Meadows has turned Cup Eve into a wagering stronghold, with the Group 1 Hume Cup (600m) and Group 3 RSN Silver Bullet (525m) providing plenty of betting interest on the night before Victoria's biggest horse race.

Four heats of the Hume Cup were conducted on AFL Grand Final night (24 October), with the winners and second placegetters in each heat qualifying for Monday night's \$108,000 Final, to be run at 8.46pm.

Former NSW greyhound Zipping Zeek was the fastest heat winner in 34.10sec, followed by Last Hurrah, who stretched his winning streak to six when clocking 34.15sec.

Both greyhounds will provide their respective young trainers Ned McDonald, 20, and Brett Nye, 29, with their first group win if successful. First prize is \$75,000.

The \$35,500 RSN Silver Bullet, to be run at 8.06pm, will be a fascinating race with three group winners drawn side by side.

Four-time Group 1 winner Simon Told Helen (6), Group 2 Shepparton Cup champ Hard Style Rico (7) and recent Group 3 TAB Great Chase victor Dr. Tucker (8) are set for a ding-dong battle for the \$25,000 first prize.

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## How to follow Monday night's Hume Cup night action:

- Watch every race LIVE and FREE on The Watchdog app or on [watchdog.grv.org.au](http://watchdog.grv.org.au).
  - Sky Racing & RSN Racing and Sport (927 AM).
  - Live Twitter coverage with 'Watchdog Racing' from 6.00pm.
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### GROUP 1 HUME CUP FINAL (600M)

**The Meadows – Monday, 2 November – 8.46pm**

**Prize money: \$75,000 (1<sup>st</sup>); 22,000 (2<sup>nd</sup>); \$11,000 (3<sup>rd</sup>)**

- 1 ZERO COOL (Michelle Nolan, Devon Meadows)
- 2 FABRIOLA ZAD (Andrea Dailly, Anakie)
- 3 LAST HURRAH (Brett Nye, Little River)
- 4 BIG JO (Kayla Cottrell, Pearcedale) **Scratched**
- 5 MEPUNGA MAGGIE (Jeff Britton, Anakie)
- 6 MALAYAH BALE (Andrea Dailly, Anakie)
- 7 ZIPPING ZEEK (Ned McDonald, Cranbourne South)
- 8 CHRISTO BALE (Mark Delbridge, Balliang)

#### **Reserves**

- 9 HERE'S TEARS (Robert Britton, Lara)
  - 10 WEBLEC ACE (Jeff Britton, Anakie)
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### HUME CUP HEAT WINNERS

Ziping Zeek 34.10sec (Best)  
Last Hurrah 34.15sec  
Zero Cool 34.26sec  
Big Jo 34.57sec

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### GROUP 3 RSN SILVER BULLET (525M)

**The Meadows – Monday, 2 November – 8.06pm**

**Prize money: \$25,000 (1<sup>st</sup>); 7,000 (2<sup>nd</sup>); \$3,500 (3<sup>rd</sup>)**

- 1 FAITHY BALE (Andrea Dailly, Anakie)
- 2 ZIPPING SULLIVAN (Deborah Coleman, Lara)
- 3 YINDI GIRL TURBO (Matthew Lanigan, Anakie)
- 4 WEBLEC ACE (Jeff Britton, Anakie)
- 5 MEPUNGA ISLA (Adam Richardson, Bushfield)
- 6 SIMON TOLD HELEN (David Burnett, Little River)
- 7 HARD STYLE RICO (Luckie Karabitsakos, Pearcedale)
- 8 DR. TUCKER (William McMahon, Darriman)

#### **Reserves**

- 9 WENDALIN BALE (Correy Grenfell, Mount Wallace)
- 10 GO QUANTUM (Paul Cusack, Mount Cottrell)

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## 2020 METROPOLITAN FESTIVAL OF RACING

### Group 1, 2 & 3 Events

Event	Date	Timeslot	Venue	Distance	First prize
G1 Hume Cup Final	Monday 2 November	Night	The Meadows	600m	\$75,000
G3 Silver Bullet				525m	\$25,000
G1 Topgun	Saturday 7 November	Night	The Meadows	525m	\$150,000
G1 Topgun Stayers				725m	\$75,000
G3 Shootout	Thursday 12 November	Night	Sandown Park	515m	\$25,000
G1 Melbourne Cup Heats	Friday 20 November	Night	Sandown Park	515m	\$12,000
G1 Bold Trease Heats				715m	\$8,000
G1 Melbourne Cup Final	Friday 27 November	Night	Sandown Park	515m	\$435,000
G1 Bold Trease Final				715m	\$105,000
G3 Sir John Dillon Memorial				595m	\$25,000

*The Meadows*



*Sandown Park*

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