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Battle Lines Drawn For Egg Finale

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The battle lines are well and truly drawn for Saturday night's Group 1 Macro Meats Golden Easter Egg Final following the highly anticipated box draw being conducted at The Mint in Sydney on Monday morning.

Fastest qualifier Don't Knocka Him (pictured) was dealt a huge leg-up for the world's richest greyhound event, landing the prized rails alley, the same draw he had when registering his slashing 29.57s semi-final win on Saturday.

Whilst his opponents won't concede the \$250,000 to-the-winner decider, there's no doubt the Jason Thompson-trained sprinter is clearly the one to beat and is certain to start rock bottom odds for what will be the 23rd running of the 'Egg'.

Oddly enough, things could have been infinitely different for the son of Knocka Norris, with he and Dyna Bert the final two greyhounds to be drawn out with only boxes one and eight still available.

As history has it, in front of a tense setting, Don't Knocka Him landed the inside draw, whilst 29.71s semi-final winner Dyna Bert drew box eight for trainer Andrea Dailly.

Connections of fairytale story Time And Money had first right of way with box draw proceedings, unfortunately coming up with box five, making the task all the more difficult for the daughter of Slater.

29.78s semi-final winner Desalle Bale will exit trap four for trainer Brendan Wheeler, with the daughter of Go Wild Teddy and Princess Bale looking to cap off what's been a terrific couple of months for the hot litter.

Llandilo trainer Doreen Drynan, still shaking off the disappointment of Catcha Grenade's exclusion from the Magic Maiden series, will be hoping her charge El Caballo can use box two to advantage in the Egg final.

Runner-up to Dyna Bert in his semi-final, the son of El Galo looks a big chance of tracking Don't Knocka Him through the early stages.

Improving with every start in town, don't be surprised if he runs a bottler come Saturday night.

Western Australian-trained bitch Hot Irish was the remaining semi-final winner on Saturday, showing plenty of grit to outlast her opponents in 30.18s.

Whilst the time wasn't there, her run was full of merit, getting up off the canvas a number of times to defeat perennial big race finalist Fancy Dean by half a head on the line.

It was a thrilling end to proceedings, with last year's Golden Easter Egg placegetter Adam Meway and track record holder Noble Pedro, less than a neck away in third and fourth respectively.

Hot Irish will exit trap six, whilst Fancy Dean leaves box three.

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Remaining qualifier, Wez Da Risk, in the final by virtue of her second to Don't Knocka Him, will leave trap seven for trainers Steve and Pauline Moran.

Rewarded for some terrific form over the past 3-4 months, expect the daughter of Run The Risk to perhaps shape the final, with her early pace sure to play a big part in proceedings.

On the Group 1 Association Cup front, star stayer Miata drew box eight for the \$75,000 to-the-winner final. Watching her race in the flesh on Saturday night will be worth the price of admission alone.

The GBOTA's night of nights has taken shape perfectly, with a champagne night of racing greeting patrons at Sydney's Wentworth Park this Saturday night.

GROUP ONE – Macro Meats Golden Easter Egg

\$250,000 to the winner



Don't Knocka Him (VIC)

29 starts 13-6-6 (\$36,278)

Knocka Norris – Surf Queen

Blue Brindle Dog

November '09

Owner: **Reg Kay**

Trainer: **Jason Thompson**

Wentworth Park best: 29.57 (1) (3 Starts 1-0-1)

Went super in the semi recording the fastest time of the night 29.57. Led all the way from box one and he couldn't of draw better again in the final coming up with the red. He recorded fast sections of 5.38 and 13.68 using the rails alley to full advantage. He will prove hard to beat should and will start the popular elect. Trainer Jason Thompson has been to the big time on many occasions appears a solid chance to win his first Egg.



El Caballo

36 starts 8-8-9 (\$30,205)

El Galo – Eluthra

Black Dog

November '09

Owners: **Kerry Drynan**

Trainer: **Doreen Drynan**

Wentworth Park best: 30.36 (5) (21 Starts 2-4-6)

Chased home Dyna Bert in last week's semi for a solid effort to make the final not the quickest of beginners but has a good record here in FFA company. Would need to fine a bit to trouble the more fancied, however it's a good draw and he looks a solid place chance with a bit of luck in running.



Fancy Dean

56 starts 23-18-7 (\$128,995)

Where's Pedro – Sweet Fancy

Blue Dog

January '09

Owners: **C Hansimkau & T Cahill**

Trainer: **Walter Lutiger**

Wentworth Park best: 29.68 (5) (30 Starts 16-7-2)

Has performed well at the top level with an outstanding record here at Wentworth Park. Finished second behind West Aussie Hot Irish in last week semi, it was a blanket finish that could have a number of ways. Good big race performer he is not without a chance if he had a few brakes go his way. His track experience makes him a place chance for sure.



Desalle Bale

20 starts 10-3-1 (\$25,700)

Go Wild Teddy – Princess Bale

Black Bitch

March '10

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Brendan Wheeler**

Wentworth Park: 29.78 (2) (7 Starts 3-2-1)

Young up and coming star from a crack litter she has made a Group 1 at the Gardens already this year in the National Futurity. Not the best of draws in four but she did look excellent in last week's semi win of 29.78. Showed plenty of chase to hold out Time And Money by a head. She'll need some luck from this draw but has plenty of talent best is in front of her. Place chance.



Time And Money

48 starts 10-12-10 (\$35,515)

Slater – Black Sea

Red Brindle Bitch October '08

Owner/ Trainer: **Anthony Bragg**

Wentworth Park best: 30.01 (4) (16 Starts 5-3-3)

Horror box-draw for this chaser, he is a great story given the circumstances what a thrill it is for his owners to make a race like the Egg. He'll start a sentimental favourite but will need to heap of luck to feature from five. Who knows the dream may continue. Place chance best.



Hot Irish (WA)

30 starts 17-8-2 (\$78,465)

Premier Fantasy – Lovey Craves It

Black Bitch October '09

Owner: **Damon Fardig**

Trainer: **Ben Abercrombie**

Wentworth Park best: 30.18 (8) (2 Starts 1-0-1)

Talented West Australian sprinter she did a great job to win her semi last week. Not the best of draws for this visitor and she'll need a lot to go her way to upset the more fancied. Big thrill for connections to make the trip for a three week series and finish up in the final eight. Place chance with a bit of luck.



Wez Da Risk

39 starts 13-8-6 (\$44,480)

Run the Risk – Wez Da Picnic

Black Bitch December '08

Owner: **Suzanne Colubriale**

Trainer : **Pauline Moran**

Wentworth Park best: 30.01 (6) (18 Starts 5-4-1)

Very talented chaser and another fairy tale story a natural leader she has a heap of early and is a big chance to cross the field and challenge at the first turn. A fair bit of experience in FFA class here at Wenty won't do her chances any harm. A win would be popular for owners who are long-time supporters of the sport. She'll need a bit luck but is sure to be near the front early.



Dyna Bert (VIC)

50 starts 15-13-9 (\$101,427)

Collision – Gold Rush Bale

Red Brindle Dog February '09

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer : **Andrea Dailly**

Wentworth Park best: 29.71 (2) (4 Starts 2-0-0)

Impressive semi winner in 29.71 he's a talented sprinter for the Dailly camp. Made the Hobart 1000 at Group 1 level but would have preferred to see him from an inside draw. Drew perfectly last week in box two and was never headed he has to go around the bitch on his inside here which might not prove an easy task. Lots of talent, place chance for sure.



Ritza Ryder

26 starts 10-4-6 (\$26,180)

Where's Pedro – Midnight Flare

Finished third in his semi behind Desalle Bale only beaten a length and a half. Will start big odds if he got a start.



Wandy Neg

26 starts 8-5-4 (\$20,550)

El Galo – Sophia's Destiny

Well beaten last week behind Don't Knocka Him would have to find a bit to trouble these if he gained a start

Local expert's selections for the final are as follows.

Adam Dobbin

1st Don't Knock Him

2nd El Caballo

3rd Fancy Dean

Ron Arnold

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Gerard Guthrie











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Tab Sportsbet Fixed Odds Market for the Macro Meats Golden Easter Egg:

\$250,000 to the winner Group 1 Macro Meats Golden Easter Egg (520m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	Don't Knocka Him	Jason Thompson	\$2.10
	El Caballo	Doreen Dryan	\$31
	Fancy Dean	Walter Lutiger	\$6.50
	Desalle Bale	Brendan Wheeler	\$7
	Time And Money	Anthony Bragg	\$21
	Hot Irish	Ben Abercromie	\$6.50
	Wez Da Risk	Pauline Moran	\$21
	Dyna Bert	Andrea Dailly	\$3
	Ritza Ryder	Mark Gatt	\$14
	Wandy Neg	Frank Hardman	\$14

What's happening on race night?

Macro Meats Golden Easter Egg Trainers' Parade.

Free .. for all the kids

Easter Bunny

Easter eggs give away and Face Painting

Frizzy The Clown

Extra catering and bars for your convenience

SKY Racing Live Broadcast

Big screen with full event Preview and Review

Live Entertainment

First Floor Dinner

The NSW GBOTA will be conducting a Final night dinner on the first floor of the Grandstand. At this stage seats are available to trainers as we are almost at capacity.

The Easter Egg Final night features a jam packed night of entertainment for the whole family. Popular media personality and club MC Ron Arnold will conduct interviews with participating trainers.

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Listed below is the Golden Easter Egg honour roll it has been won by some superstar sprinters over the years including five Hall of Famers. First conducted in 1990 when won by the Jim Coleman trained Ultra Sense the race quickly took pride of place in the Harbour city. It is one of most sought after on the AGRA Group racing calendar and each year attracts the best sprinters racing in the country, all vying for not only the outstanding first prize but also the glory and their place in history as winners of the Egg.

Year	Place	Greyhound	S.P.	Trainer	Margins & Time
1990	1st	5 Ultra Sense	12/1	C M Coleman	.75 x .75. 30.39
	2nd	3 Acacia Ablaze	13/4	B J McEvoy	
	3rd	7 Valley Mail	9/2	D John	
1991	1st	4 Highly Blessed (V)	5/4	L Ferremi	5 x 2. 29.98
	2nd	5 Cool Marvel (Q)	7/1	A Zammit	
	3rd	6 Silver Rocket	14/1	S Swain	
1992	1st	1 Jessica Casey	9/10	J Finn	3 x HH. 30.32
	2nd	4 South Road Sid (V)	6/1	R Cunnen	
	3rd	2 Call Me Casey	12/1	J Finn	
1993	1st	7 Billy Binjang	9/2	P Seymour	2.5 x 4. 30.70
	2nd	2 Star Title	11/4	D J Irwin	
	3rd	8 Bomber Gleeson (V)	2/1	G Bate	
1994	1st	1 Mancunian Girl (V)	2/1	P S Wardle	4 x 2. 30.20
	2nd	2 Swibo	9/2	C S Hughes	
	3rd	3 Silver Cassie	4/1	R A Sculy	
1995	1st	1 Malawi Law (V)	6/4	G Bate	3 x Nk. 30.44
	2nd	5 Railway Rocket	50/1	W D Hodge	
	3rd	3 Rocking Romero	20/1	B J Howe	
1996	1st	4 Tenthill Doll	4/5	H P Sarkis	.75 x .5. 30.51
	2nd	8 Magic Slippers	16/1	C M Coleman	Splits 5.52, 14.00
	3rd	7 Proper Tears	7/2	J Corte	
1997	1st	4 Bahama Image (V)	12/1	W McNally	.75 x 1.25. 30.59
	2nd	6 Kedo's Millie	7/2	R Matic	Splits 5.54, 14.18
	3rd	1 Kid Keroma	10/1	S M Pitstock	

1998	1st	3 Rapid Journey	11/8	J Carruthers	2.5 x 1.75. 30.17)
	2nd	8 Cerin Bale (V)	8/1	G Bate	Splits 5.55, 14.08
	3rd	7 World Title (V)	5/2	G Rounds	
1999	1st	2 Faithful Hawk (Q)	7/2	P Rayner	1.75 x 3. 29.93
	2nd	6 Brookside Red (V)	13/2	P S Wardle	Splits 5.40, 13.81
	3rd	5 Star of Mine (V)	5/2	T Dailly	
2000	1st	5 Stately Bird	7/2	K Paull	1.25 x .5. 30.35
	2nd	1 Mystical Gem (V)	8/1	T Dailly	Splits 5.52, 14.40
	3rd	6 Mabilis Babe	40/1	P Giles	
2001	1st	8 Brett Lee (V)	9/10	D McDonald	4.75 x 2. 30.04
	2nd	1 Creative Whisky	16/1	T Provost	Splits 5.43, 13.90
	3rd	3 Banner Park	13/2	J Mackay	
2002	1st	4 Carlisle Jack (V)	11/4	R Douglas	4.5 x 1.5. 30.09
	2nd	8 Mint Mojo	11/4	J Watson	Splits 5.32, 13.90
	3rd	6 Molly's Osti	20/1	E. Doss	
2003	1st	8 Cyrus The Virus	13/4	S Swain	4.25 x 6.25. 30.21
	2nd	5 Jimmy Neutron (V)	5/2	S McKenna	Splits 5.44, 14.07
	3rd	6 November Fury	5/1	C Oldfield	
2004	1st	5 Bogie Leigh (Q)	1/1	T Brett	4.75 x 1.25. 30.07
	2nd	6 Spring Secret	8/1	C Oldfield	Splits 5.40, 13.85
	3rd	3 Aussie Country	25/1	D Harrison	
2005	1st	6 Paua To Burn	7/4	S White	0.75 x 1.5. 29.98
	2nd	1 Eiffella	5/2	M Wright	Splits 5.46, 13.98
	3rd	5 Trewly Special (V)	16/1	T Womann	
2006	1st	8 Edie Beauchamp	5/2	M Wright	6.25 x 1.75 (29.80 race record)
	2nd	4 Berella Electra (Q)	16/1	R Ball	Splits 5.38, 13.75
	3rd	1 Go Wild Bean	15/4	D McMillan	
2007	1st	8 Slater (V)	7/4	D Murray	5.5 x 3.5 30.09
	2nd	2 Jinderra Flame	9/2	W Vanderburg	Splits 5.30, 13.90
	3rd	1 Delta White Boy	14/1	J Jaeger	
2008	1st	3 Blazing Token	9/1	M.Burdekin	1.5 x 1. 30.16
	2nd	1 Winoki (V)	5/2	P.Giles	Splits 5.50, 14.04
	3rd	8 One Tree Hill (V)	3/1	R.Britton	
2009	1st	2 Dana Beatrice	15/1	R. McDonald	5.5 x 0.75. 29.70 R/R

	2nd	1 Miss Elly Mint	7/4	R. Smith	Splits 5.33, 13.85
	3rd	4 El Galo (Vic)	5/4	J. Thompson	
2010	1st	6 Cosmic Rumble	7/1	D.McDonald	1.5 x .05 30.12
	2nd	1 Banger Harvey (V)	16/1	R.Britton	Splits 5.44, 13.90
	3rd	2 Fancy Mandy	10/9	T.Hurst	
2011	1st	7 Radley Bale (V)	7/4	G.Bate	8 x 2.25 29.67 (R/R)
		1 He Knows Uno	7/1	M Patterson	
		4 Adam Meway	12/1	A Azzaparti	



Last Year's Easter Egg Winner Radley Bale (Pic Craig Youll)



GROUP ONE – Hotham Body Repairs Association Cup \$75,000 to the Winner



Hot Buzzard

38 starts 12-8-6 (\$40,880)

Hallucinate – Cawbourne Fraz

Black Bitch May '09

Owner: **T Dresser & P Vipen**

Trainer: **Ron Bell**

Wentworth Park best: 42.53 (19 Starts 6-3-4)

Solid record on the track with three wins over this distance all recently, she is a chance to fill a place but would need to improve on her fastest winning time.



He's My Future

34 starts 14-4-2 (\$56,310)

Hallucinate – Just Dazzle Em

Fawn Dog July '09

Owner: **J Mittiga & V Lorusso**

Trainer: **Carolyn Reinke**

Wentworth Park best: 42.32 (4) (15 Starts 7-2-0)

Won his heat well last week recording a handy winning time of 42.55 he has a great record on the track with seven wins. Should be a solid chance for a place from box two.



Lavana

77 starts 12-15-10 (\$53,872)

Collision – Token Whiz

Black Bitch January '09

Owner: **Bigger Than Life Syndicate**

Trainer: **Andy Lord**

Wentworth Park best: 42.33 (1) (45 Starts 7-8-7)

Handy performer looks outclassed here finished fourth last week after getting a run as a reserve she has done well to make the final. Place chance best.



Shimaguni (VIC)

32 starts 20-6-1 (\$181,004)

Primo Uno – Messines

Black Bitch April '09

Owner: **Scg Syndicate**

Trainer: **Andrea Dailly**

Wentworth Park best: 42.06 (6) (3 Starts 2-1-0)

Top class stayer she chased her heart out in the semi only to be beaten eight lengths by Miata. Yet to beat the champion in their races together so far, hard to see her turn the tables here will probable run second again.



Hotwire

29 starts 7-6-7 (\$24,240)

Big Daddy Cool – Ima Stunner

Black Dog September '09

Owner/ Trainer: **Graeme Barnett**

Wentworth Park best: 42.66 (1) (14 Starts 3-2-4)

Handy type has a couple of wins over the distance here finished second behind He's My Future last week beaten a length and a half. Hard to see him trouble the top three in this. Place chance is best.



Thrilling Brat (NZ)

34 starts 20-5-2 (\$154,108)

Hallucinate – Thrilling Faith

Brindle Dog December '08

Owner: **Gary Harding**

Trainer: **Karen Walsh**

Wentworth Park best: 42.15 (8) (5 Starts 2-1-0)

Top class stayer from New Zealand he won the Group 1 Superstayers at the Meadows and did a good job to make this final when he was a fast finishing fourth last week. Can be a bit slow to get going and tends to race wide but has talent as seen in Melbourne. Place chance best.



Gail Allen

48 starts 18-6-6 (\$47,887)

Collision – Olivia Allen

Blue Bitch April '09

Owners: **Janice Wheeler**

Trainer: **Simon Rhodes**

Wentworth Park best: 42.68 (7) (25 Starts 6-4-3)

Honest type from New South Wales she finished third last week behind He's My Future beaten only a length and a half. Has four wins on the track over this distance but looks a little below the class of some of these. Place chance best.



Miata (WA) I

24 starts 21-1-1 (\$104,895)

Bombastic Shiraz – Winsome Bluebird

Red Fawn Bitch October '09

Owner: **P Stuart & N Wheeler - Whye**

Trainer: **Paul Stuart**

Wentworth Park best: 41.81(Rec) (4) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Superstar from the West and Australia's best stayer. Couldn't have been more impressive last week after six weeks off she smashed the track record set in 2008 at 41.93, she ran 41.81. Will be formidable odds and quite rightly so should add another Group 1 to her mantel. Who knows given good weather could break the record again.



Adelle Bale

29 starts 4-5-7 (\$42,195)

Bartrim Bale – Amelia Bale

Local that finished fifth in last week's heat behind He's My Future, hard to see her trouble this field if he gains a start.



Cousin Callum

52 starts 13-13-8 (\$54,910)

Hallucinate – Gondola Serenade

Local stayer he finished fifth last week some 15 or so lengths from Miata will start big odds if he gains a start.

Tab Sportsbet Fixed Market for the Hotham Body Repairs Association Cup:

\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Hotham Body Repairs Association Cup 720			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	Hot Buzzard	Ron Bell	\$14
	He's My Future	Carolyn Reinke	\$10
	Lavana	Andy Lord	\$101
	Shimaguni	Andrea Dailly	\$10
	Hotwire	Graeme Burnett	\$101
	Thrilling Brat	Karen Walsh	\$10
	Gail Allen	Simon Rhodes	\$81
	Miata	Paul Stuart	\$1.04
	Adelle Bale (RES)	Andrea Dailly	\$31
	Cousin Callum (RES)	Raymond Webster	\$51

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The History of the Association Cup

The Association Cup over 720 metres is the first Group 1 event of the calendar year for the NSW GBOTA at Wentworth Park. A time honoured event the Association Cup was first run in 1965 the race was first conducted at Harold Park on a grass circuit over 732m. The first event at Wentworth Park over 720m was held in 1988. The Association Cup has been won by the house hold names of the Australian staying ranks. Greyhounds like Rose Moss, Zoom Top, Travel Rev, Ragsie, Ascapella Miss, Bay Road Queen, Quick Pulse, Bold Trease, Whip Tip, Worthy Reward, Northern Legend, Many Tricks and Classy Customer. The Cup has always been the yard stick of the best and listed below is the full honour roll.

The past winners of this great staying race are as follows:

Harold Park – 732m – Grass Track:

1965	BLUE AUTUMN	44.00
1966	ROSE MOSS	44.20
1967	GLOAVON	44.00
1968	ZOOM TOP	43.70
1969	ZOOM TOP	43.80
1970	HEATHER REV	43.80
1971	TRAVEL REV	43.60
1972	RAGSIE (VIC)	43.60
1973	PLUNDEROLA (VIC)	43.26
1974	ASCAPELLA MISS	43.39
1975	DOTIE WILSON	43.33
1976	WOOLLEY WONG	43.51
1977	TE ROPA LEE	43.81
1978	CYCLONE CORSICA	43.44
1979	LITTLE VOGUE	43.50
1980	GINI'S CHOICE	43.57
1981	BLACK AZTEC	43.27
1982	BAYROAD QUEEN	43.47
1983	QUICK PULSE (VIC)	43.40
1984	LEASE OF LIFE	43.21
1985	QUEEN'S CROSS	44.18
1986	CLOVER PARK	43.04
1987	BOLD TREASE (VIC)	43.62

Wentworth Park – 720m – Grass Track:

1988	WHIP TIP	42.97
1989	FROSTY ZULU	44.03
1990	VALLEY MAIL	43.59
1991	FAST APPEAL	42.96
1992	EQUABILITY	42.40

Wentworth Park – 720m – Loam Track:

1993	CALL ME CASEY	43.45	Group 1
1994	WORTHY REWARD	42.67	Group 1

1995	ROB'S REBEL	43.54	Group 1
1996	GROOVEY DANCER	42.89	Group 1
1997	NORTHERN LEGEND	43.22	Group 1
1998	THOMA DI	42.94	Group 2
1999	MOE'S TAVERN	43.17	Group 2
2000	MANY TRICKS	42.55	Group 2
2001	FLASH JOAN	43.11	Group 2
2002	NIMUAY	42.96	Group 1
2003	BIG SAM BANNER	42.77	Group 1
2004	IRINKA BARBIE	42.54	Group 1
2005	CLASSY CUSTOMER	42.65	Group 1
2006	ENDLESS PIT	42.99	Group 1
2007	EXCUSED	42.73	Group 1
2008	MIAGI	42.91	Group 1
2009	LILLEY CRIMINAL	42.24	Group 1
2010	MANTRA LAD	42.14	Group 1
2011	SEEK AND DESTROY	43.00	Group 1

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