

AGRA WILD CARD INTEREST TAKES SHAPE

Sweet It Is and **Buckle Up Wes** are both off to Perth after winning their respective heats of their state Nationals in the last week. Firstly **Sweet It Is** was again impressive in come from behind to win at Sandown Park last Thursday night in her heat of the Victorian National Distance Championship. First up since May 22nd she appreciated the hit out and will strip a fitter prospect in this week's state final and only has to compete to take her place in Perth's National final. As the top ranked stayer at number four overall she holds the wild card and a spot in the final.

However if she wins the State final and although it's a very tough assignment she has a great chance, the wild card will come down the line. Next on the list is multi group winning Victorian stayer **Dyna Willow** she has made the Victorian final after finishing second to fastest qualifier Zipping Rory at Sandown last Thursday night.

Buckle Up Wes was at his best at Launceston on Monday night starting \$1.30 he raced away for one of his fastest wins on his home track, a best of the night 29.59 he won by ten and half lengths. That booked his spot in Perth however he will again start a very short priced favourite to win the Tasmanian State final next Monday night, which could see the Wild Card move down the line. Next best ranked sprinter in Queenslander **Flash Reality** the Group 1 Winter Cup winner and the dog that relegated **Buckle Up Wes** into second place in that final. He was an impressive winner of his heat at Albion Park last Thursday and will start favourite from box one this Thursday night in the Queensland State final.

Next highest ranked sprinter is West Australian star **Zelemar Fever** at number nine she starts from box two in her heat Saturday night and would be well fancied to make the State final on August 16. If she did and then won we then may have the scenario that if **Buckle Up Wes** and **Flash Reality** also both win their respective State finals the Wild Card could move down the line to the next sprinter on the list New South Wales State finalist **Bessy Boo**. He has drawn box four Saturday night after finishing fourth to Chica Destacada.

Should he also win his State final next in the Rankings is Evil Punk equal with **Bessy Boo** but he is only a second reserve and he would have to secure a start in the New South Wales State final to be eligible for the Wild Card. If he didn't get a start the next highest ranked State finalist is New South Wales heat winner **Queen Esther**, she is the number 51 ranked greyhound.

Remembering the conditions for the Wild Card are the highest ranked Sprinter and Stayer on the AGRA Rankings for the end of July that competes in a State final without winning.

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