

AGRA WILD CARD INTEREST TAKES SHAPE

Miata and **Oaks Road** are both off to Hobart after winning their respective heats of their state Nationals in the last week. Firstly **Miata** was super impressive in her 17 length win at Cannington last Saturday night in her heat of the Western Australian National Distance Championship. The dual Group One winning stayer only has to compete in next week's state final to take her place in Hobart's National final. As the top ranked stayer at number two overall she holds the wild card and a spot in the final.

However if she wins the State final and she will more than likely start a very warm favourite the wild card will come down the line. Next on the list is prolific multi group winning Victorian stayer **Irma Bale** she has made the Victorian final after an all- the- way win at the Meadows last Saturday night. Irma Bale will also more than likely start favourite and if she wins the card may fall to the next on the list, Victorian finalist **Lektra Jay**.

Oaks Road returned to his very best with a top class performance at Bulli on Monday night giving a start to the in-form **Desalle Bale** he raced past her in the home straight to record an impressive win in heat four and book a place for Hobart's sprint final. As the highest ranked performer with 180 points he only has to compete in next week's final and what a final it is with brilliant youngsters **Barcia Bale** and **Exclusive One** also making their presence felt both winning their heats with authority.

However should **Oaks Road** win next Monday's final the wild card will come down the line with next on the list multi group winning Queenslander **Glen Gallon** taking his place in the state final at Albion Park on Thursday night. The outstanding sprinter looks an excellent chance of winning the final from box number eight. Should the card continue to come down the list next is Easter Egg winner **Don't Knocka Him**, he recorded the fastest heat winning time of 29.30 at Sandown last Thursday night and is sure to make his presence felt in the final. Next listed is **Ritza Ryder**, he also takes his place in the New South Wales state final after finishing second in his heat to **Hoover Boy**.

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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