



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **RECORD-BREAKING SENOR ONE TO BEAT IN GROUP 1**

#### **Hudson Pacific Maturity Classic Semi Finals**

The flying El Grand Senor looks the greyhound to beat in next Saturday night's Group 1 Hudson Pacific Maturity Classic after drawing box one in the \$50,000-to-the-winner final.

The son of Where's Pedro and Elgrando Gold was the fastest of the four semi final winners, running 30.08 over the 525-metre trip, including a new second sectional record of 17.52 (previous record held by Closing Argument, Whippy's Image and Gardam Prince at 17.53). A winner of 14 races from just 19 starts, El Grand Senor has been regarded as one of the country's most promising sprinters, and gets his first chance at Group-race glory next Saturday night The Meadows. Other leading chances in the black type final include the Jeff Britton-trained Iceman Raikkonen, who took out the last of the four semi finals in 30.19 after running down the very speedy Mid Levels. Iceman Raikkonen – a son of Solve The Puzzle and Shirl The Girl - will start from box two, a draw that has yielded three wins from four starts during his 28-start career.

The in-form Cosmic Planet will start from box four after a strong win in the first semi final of the night, defeating Carcour Kurt by one and a quarter lengths in 30.16. The son of Brett Lee and Cosmic Goddess will be trying to emulate his Group-winning brother Cosmic Chief, who took out the Warmambool Classic in May.

Arsonist, who finished unplaced after starting favourite in the Group 1 Laurels in June, gets her chance to her atone after finishing second behind Red Lesta in the second semi final. The daughter of Elite State and Flickering Lady was the fastest of the Maturity Classic heat winners a fortnight ago, and will start from box seven.

# AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

## GROUP ONE – HUDSON PACIFIC MATURITY CLASSIC

\$50,000 to the winner



### El Grand Senior

19 starts 14-3-0 (\$44,355)

**Where's Pedro – Elgrando Gold**

Black Dog April '08

Owner / Trainer: **Caroline Jones**

Meadows best: 29.99 (1) (3 Starts 2-1-0)

**Very smart young sprinter he has won 14 from 19 including two on the track at the Meadows. Recorded the fastest semi final win in 30.08 setting a new sectional record down the back in 17.52 from box five. However, importantly he ran quicker over all from box one in his other win here. Will start favourite from the preferable draw and be very hard to beat.**



### Iceman Raikkonen

28 starts 14-5-0 (\$39,570)

**Solve The Puzzle – Shirl The Girl**

White & Black Dog May '08

Owner: **Allen Lie**

Trainer: **Jeff Britton**

Meadows best: 30.19 (2) (5 Starts 3-0-0)

**Another very smart youngster, he has also won 14 of 28 and races well here with three wins. Well drawn from the inside and has claims if he can match it with the favourite early and put himself in the race may need to find some time but is certainly a place chance.**



### Le Fox

22 starts 6-6-2 (\$19,795)

**Brett Lee – Ceejay's Vixen**

White & Black Dog January '08

Owners: **Peejay Syndicate**

Trainer: **Paul Hili**

Meadows best: NBT (6 Starts 0-4-0)

**Nice type of youngster who gets back in his races but runs on hard. Has yet to win here and that doesn't help his cause. Might find it difficult to give this quality field a start, place chance best.**



### Cosmic Planet

36 starts 13-9-4 (\$48,015)

**Brett Lee – Cosmic Goddess**

Black Dog January '08

Owner: **Brian Parkinson**

Trainer: **Darren Brown**

Meadows best: 29.91 (4) (17 Starts 5-5-0)

**Really solid record in his short career and he races extremely well here with five and five from 17 starts. Has won in 29.91 from this box but he will need luck in this company has some claims but would have preferred him from an inside draw where he has done his best work.**



### Mid Levels

37 starts 13-11-5 (\$35,765)

**Pure Octane – Black Chantilly**

White & Fawn Dog March '08

Owner: **Arthur Cooper**

Trainer: **Peter Giles**

Meadows best: 30.10 (8) (5 Starts 2-2-1)

**Honest type with early pace to burn if anything he might feel the pinch over 500 but he has proven that to be a false claim in wins here and at Sandown. One would have to think he could get up the front the way he races and that gives him a chance but he can't make a mistake from this draw, place chance looks best.**



## Arsonist

24 starts 12-3-2 (\$73,820)

**Big Daddy Cool – Ess Bee Minnow**

Fawn Bitch April '08

Owner: **Nathan Rooney**

Trainer: **Heather Collins**

**Meadows best:** 29.95 (3) (5 Starts 3-1-0)

**Top bitch and the only one to make the final has already won a Group race at Sandown and proved her talent when runner up in the Warrnambool Cup. Only three bitches have won this race in it's history, so she will have to do everything right from the tough draw. However she is a bitch with a heap of ability and a win would not surprise, one of the main chances.**



## Red Lesta

17 starts 7-2-0 (\$20,960)

**Bombastic Shiraz – Bar Crusher**

Fawn Dog June '08

Owners: **Southern Bar Boys Syndicate**

Trainer: **Graeme Bate**

**Meadows best:** 30.03 (1) (9 Starts 6-1-0)

**Honest youngster from the G Bate kennel his semi-win was unexpected. Has a great record on the track with six wins and a best of 30.03. Graeme has already won the race three times and will be looking for a fourth. Will need some luck early to overcome the wide draw. Could run a place if things went his way.**



## Curcoar Kurt

15 starts 4-5-3 (\$13,840)

**Brett Lee – Bright Blitz**

Black Dog March '08

Owner: **Tanya Nieuwendyk**

Trainer: **Darren McDonald**

**Meadows best:** 30.22 (7) (7 Starts 1-3-2)

**A lightly raced youngster for Darren McDonald he has got the one win on the track. Wide draw will make it tough to compete with this classy field. Would have to improve on his best winning time of 30.22, a place might be best.**



## Chief Relief

25 starts 13-4-3 (\$27,440)

**Bombastic Shiraz – Hollow Promise**

**Finished third last week to El Grand Senor has won here in 30.46 so it's hard to see him trouble this lot if he gains a start.**



## Fantasy Phoenix

28 starts 5-7-3 (\$16,665)

**Premier Fantasy – Kikiku**

**Finished third behind Red Lesta last week and he would need luck in the final should he gain a start.**

### Local Market for the Hudson Pacific Maturity Classic:

<b>\$50,000 to the winner Group 1 Hudson Pacific Maturity Classic (525m)</b>			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	El Grand Senor	Caroline Jones	\$2.50
	Iceman Raikkonen	Jeff Britton	\$5.00
	Le Fox	Paul Hili	\$8.00
	Cosmic Planet	Darren Brown	\$6.00
	Mid Levels	Peter Giles	\$7.50
	Arsonist	Heather Collins	\$3.50
	Red Lesta	Graeme Bate	\$14.00
	Carcoar Kurt	Darren McDonald	\$16.00
	Chief Relief	Luke Azzopardi	1 <sup>st</sup> Reserve
	Fantasy Phoenix	Andrea Dailly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reserve

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

**Ron Hawkswell**

1<sup>st</sup> Arsonist  
2<sup>nd</sup> El Grand Senor  
3<sup>rd</sup> Iceman Raikkonen

**Rob Testa**

1<sup>st</sup> El Grand Senor  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cosmic Planet  
3<sup>rd</sup> Arsonist

**Marg Long**

1<sup>st</sup> El Grand Senor  
2<sup>nd</sup> Arsonist  
3<sup>rd</sup> Cosmic Planet

## What's happening on race night?

On Course, Robbie Testa is MC and will conduct interviews in the lead up to the Silver Chief final. There will be entertainment for the kids, all free.

There will be plenty of Mystery Bet Combos on sale. (i.e) \$10 worth of bets with bonuses attached, they have proved very popular on other big nights.

There are still some fabulous dining packages still available on one of The Meadows' biggest nights. Contact The Meadows on **9355 5222** for more information.

## Some Maturity fact and figures

Fifteen favourites have won the Maturity Classic since it was first staged in 1970. Of those ten have started odds on.

The race record at Olympic Park was 29.80 held by Storm Glade, since the race transferred to the Meadows the fastest winner is Brett Lee at 29.75.

The longest priced winner is Poetic Magic at \$27.40 he won in 2005.

Graeme Bate has won the race on three occasions with Storm Glade (1985), Hay Dinney (88) and Northern Legend (95)

The only other trainers to produce more than one winner is Darren McDonald with Brett Lee (2001) and Hallucinate (2004).

Some of the most famous winners and most noted start with Temlee (74), Satan's Legend (78), Pharaoh's Mask (86), New Tears (87), Hay Dinny (88), Best Of Blue (89), Eureka Man (90), Northern Legend (95), Coriole (99), Brett Lee (2001) & Hallucinate (2004)

Winners that have produced winners:- Temlee produced Satan's Legend & Murchison Champ, New Tears produced Northern Legend and Brett Lee produced Hallucinate.

Only three bitches have won the Maturity Warrenwood Girl (75), Overflow Love (77) and Coriole (99).

In the last decade six of the 10 winners started favourite.



The Maturity Classic was first held at Olympic Park in 1970 when won by talented sprinter Phantom's Heir first prize at that time was \$1250. The prizemoney increased marginally until 1975 when it went to \$3,500. In 77 it was \$5,600 and jumped to \$7000 in 79 before going to \$10,000 from 1980 until 1987 the year the mighty New Tears won the race. First prize went to \$15,000 for seven years then to \$20,000 for two years and reached \$30,000 in the year 2000. In 2001 it was worth \$40,000 and the Classic was won by AGRA Hall Of Famer Brett Lee. It was elevated the next year to the current amount of \$50,000. Listed below is the Maturity Classic Honour roll highlighted by some of the many stars that enjoyed outstanding careers after winning the feature. The full Honour Roll is listed below.

DATE	GREYHOUND	SIRE	DAM	ODDS	TIME	BOX	STAKE	TRAINER
1970	PHANTOM'S HEIR	Phantom's Return	Dasher's Flight	1/2F	30.31	1	\$1,250	J.Bushell
1971	LINDEN LAD	Claymose	Ophir Gold	3/1	30.75	7	\$1,250	E. Jacobs
1972	NULLA'S CALL	Nulla View	Bacall	15/1	30.63	8	\$2,200	R.Pyers
1973	SHAN'S TEMPEST	Blue Shan	Thunderella	5/2	30.33	1	\$2,000	R. Jeffrey
1974	TEMLEE	Tivoli Chief	Temora Lee	5/4F	30.45	1	\$2,000	F.Cray
1975	WARRANWOOD GIRL	Plunder Road	Caledonian Gem	4/5F	30.56	1	\$3,500	J Hickson
1976	AARON KING	Newmore King	Here Comes Sue	1/2F	30.50	1	\$3,500	G.E.Bryant
1977	OVERFLOW LOVE	Overflow Eagle	Sudden Love	4/1	31.06	2	\$5,600	Mrs P Haas
1978	SATAN'S LEGEND	Temlee	Cyclone Liz	5/2	30.26	7	\$5,600	D. Gillard
1979	MARAJAX	Agry	Shane Maree	4/7F	30.29	1	\$7,000	A Brearley
1980	WORTHY WESTON	Weston Pete	Furore	4/5F	30.39	6	\$10,000	B Jacobson
1981	MURCHISON CHAMP	Temlee	Top Kewin	4/1	30.46	5	\$10,000	K.Richards
1982	WYNLEE SPIRIT	Dashing Disco	Busy Sadie	6/1	30.28	5	\$10,000	A.Roberts
1982	ROCKY PYRAMID	Bowetzel	Flinders Tiv	9/4F	30.44	3	\$10,000	F Ladd
1984	BROKEN CUP	Go Club	Marungi Idol	9/2	30.03	1	\$10,000	L.Ketelaar
1985	STORM GLADE	Busy's Chief	Supreme Ocean	11/4	29.80	2	\$10,000	G.Bate
1986	PHARAOH'S MASK	Roy Trease	Forever Eaton	4/1	29.92	3	\$10,000	D.Connor
1987	NEW TEARS	Pretty Short	Starfire Lady	5/4	29.94	5	\$10,000	S.Davies
1988	HAY DINNEY	Chariot Supreme	Mary Baxter	7/4F	29.80	1	\$15,000	G.Bate
1989	BEST OF BLUE	Nation Parade	Blue Louise	5/2	29.96	4	\$15,000	A.Evans
1990	EUREKA MAN	Pretty Fearless	Pride Of Quanne	1/2F	29.82	4	\$15,000	K.Patterson
1991	ENFIELD	Pop Gun	That's Lika Flash	3/1	30.15	6	\$15,000	S.Johannesen
1992	EXECUTIVE CLASS	Fremantle Echo	All The Aces	5/2	29.82	1	\$15,000	M.Taylor
1993	KEYSTONE	Chariot Supreme	Clever Sue	6/4	29.98	2	\$15,000	T.Brown
1994	REFUR	Black Pirate	Corrossa Girl	11/2	30.03	3	\$15,000	R.Halliday
1995	NORTHERN LEGEND	New Tears	Swift Laser	2/1F	29.85	1	\$20,000	G.Bate
1996	ROYAL HONCHO	Head Honcho	Wee Sal	10/9F	30.10	8	\$20,000	G.Edwards
1997 (San)	RUNNING GOLD	Golden Mike	Twiglet	2/1	30.33	7	\$30,000	S.Sorbello
1998 (San)	ADRENALIN STORM	Adrenalize	Storm Vixen	6/1	29.94	1	\$30,000	N.Maurer
1999	CORIOLE	Black Shiraz	Idol Storm	5/1	29.97	3	\$30,000	D.Holmes
2000	ACACIA DEE	Acacia Ablaze	DeeBee	9/2	30.28	4	\$30,000	P. Giles
2001	BRETT LEE	Gun Law Osti	Sobbing Sal	1.20F	29.75	8	\$40,000	D. McDonald
2002	ROCKA COCKATOO	Just the Best	Cockatoo Cabin	3.40	30.63	8	\$50,000	P. Chaker
2003	HALL'S NORTHERN	Legs Ahoy	Karalinga	2.40F	29.98	2	\$50,000	K. Hunt
2004	HALLUCINATE	Brett Lee	Elusive Rebel	1.80F	30.15	1	\$50,000	D. McDonald
2005	POETIC MAGIC	Carlisle Jack	Portic Girl	27.40	30.15	5	\$50,000	K. Mugavin
2006	TRAIN A JOURNEY	Primo Uno	Currency Tears	2.90F	30.11	4	\$50,000	J. Galea
2007	RUN'S HOUSE	Awesome Aassassin	Amy's Sonnet	1.50F	29.80	1	\$50,000	J. Thompson
2008	PADDY'S FLAME	Larkhill Jo	Miss Holly	2.60F	30.03	6	\$50,000	P.Giles
2009	ASTON TRIVETT	Bond	Miss Spicy	3.70	29.89	2	\$50,000	J.Thompson



**Last year's Winner Aston Trivett**

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