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### “Newcastle Herald Derby & Nexia Court Futurity Classic’s at The Gardens this Friday Night”

Reg Kay’s Elite Blue Size looks to have Friday’s Group One Newcastle Herald National Derby at his mercy after a sensational semi-final victory was followed by a perfect box draw.

After winning his Derby heat in a best of meeting 29.76s, Elite Blue Size set The Gardens alight last Friday when securing his semi in a blistering 29.42s, just .17s outside the 29.25 track record held by Kay’s 2008 National Sprint champion Knocka Norris.

Elite Blue Size, a son of Kay’s 2003 National Sprint hero Elite State, completely dominated a quality semi-final field despite being drawn in box six and his stranglehold on the \$50,000-to-the-winner Derby tightened even further when he was allocated the coveted red rug for the decider.

Elite Blue Size was clearly the quicker of the two semi winners with Chris Nutt’s St Pierre replicating his win in the St Leger in December when leading all-the-way from box one to claim the second semi in 29.73s.

The latest star to emerge from Kay’s seemingly endless production line will be chasing his second Group win for 2010 in Friday’s Derby after winning the Group Two Gosford Gold Cup in January.

He also had box one in the Gosford Cup and has enjoyed a dream run of inside alleys of late, with the Derby Final his fourth rails draw in his last five starts.

After his scintillating five length semi victory over classy Victorian Silent Guardian, Elite Blue Size didn’t need the ‘leg up’ provided by box one to be the testing material in the Derby and from the perfect draw he’ll start a dominant favourite.

Two semis of the Group One Nexia National Futurity, which Reg Kay won in 2008 with Elite Oriental, were also held on Friday with Brett May’s Daydream the fastest qualifier after securing the opening run-off in 29.71s.

Nicole Donovan’s Pink Surprise won the second Futurity semi in 29.79s.

The two semi winners have drawn alongside each other in boxes two (Daydream) and three (Pink Surprise) for Friday’s decider.

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# AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

## GROUP ONE – Newcastle Herald National Derby Classic \$50,000 to the winner



### Elite Blue Size (Qld)

16 starts 12-1-1 (\$47,100)

Elite State – Size 'Em Up

Blue Dog February '08

Owners: Julie Edmondson Trainer: Reg Kay

The Gardens best: 29.42 (6) (5 starts 4-0-0)

Smart Queensland sprinter with a heap of ability and the perfect draw. Hit the front early last week and gave nothing else a chance came into the race after winning the Group 2 Gosford Cup. Certainly the one to beat will start popular elect and short odds.



### Gnarley Boy

31 starts 8-11-4 (\$36,830)

Where's Pedro – Suna Silence

Black Dog July '07

Owners: K Dawson Trainer: Peter Cohen

The Gardens best: 29.94 (3) (3 Starts 1-2-0)

Has plenty of ability ran second last week behind St. Pierre has won on the track in 29.94 not a bad draw but will have to go early with the favourite to be a winning chance. Place chance best.



### Tyson Magic

18 starts 9-1-5 (\$27,230)

Surf Lorian – Dance Habit

Blue Fawn Dog July '07

Owner: A Mottershead & A McCulloch Trainer: Michael Abbott

The Gardens best: NBT (2 Starts 0-0-1)

Well bred pup he has some nice wins in his short career finished third in both his heat and semi but yet to win here. Will need some luck in running nice type place chance might be best here.



### St. Pierre

20 starts 8-4-2 (\$34,585)

Surf Lorian – Paris St German

Blue Brindle Dog December '07

Owner / Trainer: Christopher Nutt

The Gardens best: 29.73 (1) (3 Starts 2-1-0)

Good all the way winning effort in the semi in solid time of 29.73. Didn't match the early sections of Elite Blue Size and from box four needs to do quite a bit right to win. However he is not without a chance and with some luck could feature in the placings.



### Jedd Lion

33 starts 11-8-11 (\$90,575)

Bombastic Shiraz – Magic Grove

Black Dog August '07

Owners: L Urqhart, S Webster & J Raksts Trainer: Raymond Webster

The Gardens best: NBT (2 Starts 0-1-1)

Smart young dog he has performed well in his career up to date. Horror draw in five and he will need plenty to go his way to feature. Finished third last week and is yet to win here place chance looks best.



## **Outa Credit (QLD)**

11 starts 7-0-2 (\$11,720)

**Bond – Secret Tears**

Red Fawn Dog November '07

Owner / Trainer: **Reg Kay**

**The Gardens best:** 29.89 (3) (7 Starts 3-1-1)

**Very smart youngster and kennel mate to the favourite lightly raced he has shown a heap of ability in his home state of Queensland managed to make the final with a fourth last week and he has won here in 29.89. Not the best of draws in six and he will need some luck in running another who is a place chance.**



## **All Magic**

33 Starts 8-10-5 (16,020)

**Surf Lorian – Mystique Magic**

Black Dog July '07

Owner: **W Davidson Conf** Trainer: **Mark Dawson**

**The Gardens best:** 29.86 (3) (13 Starts 4-3-2)

**A local with a lot of experience on the track 13 starts for four wins and five placings. Had the red in last week's semi finishing fourth to make the final. Nice type and is not without a chance if he has a bit go his way. Local track sense is an advantage at the Gardens, place chance best.**



## **Silent Guardian (VIC)**

21 starts 12-6-0 (\$44,635)

**Pure Octane – Black Chantilly**

White & Fawn Dog November '07

Owner: **Dare To Dream Syndicate** Trainer: **Darren McDonald**

**Wentworth Park best:** NBT (2 Starts 0-2-0)

**Very smart Victorian he made the Group 1 Hobart 1000 in December but had no luck. No wins on the track, he would need some luck to win but will be fancied in some quarters to run a big race has the McDonald polish always worth something in a final.**



## **Kevin Oh Seven**

12 starts 2-4-3 (\$3,570)

**Addis Boy – Punk Rock Rebel**

**Local that finished fifth last week to Elite Blue Size well beaten has won twice here with a best of 29.89 might run a drum if he gains a start.**



## **Hot Size**

12 starts 7-1-0 (\$6,235)

**Elite State – Size 'Em Up**

**Will start sizable odds if he gains a start has won here in 29.90, finished fifth last week behind St. Pierre.**

**Local expert's selections for the Newcastle Herald Derby final are as follows.**

### **Mick Radley**

**1<sup>st</sup> Elite Blue Size**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Silent Guardian**

**3<sup>rd</sup> All Magic**

### **Adam Dobbin**

**1<sup>st</sup> Elite Blue Size**

**2<sup>nd</sup> St. Pierre**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Silent Guardian**

### **Ron Arnold**

**1<sup>st</sup> Elite Blue Size**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Silent Guardian**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Outa Credit**



Local Market for the Newcastle Herald Derby Final:

<b>\$50,000 to the winner Group 1 Newcastle Herald Derby Final (515m)</b>			
<b>Box</b>	<b>Greyhound</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Price</b>
	Elite Blue Size	Reg Kay	\$1.50
	Gnarley Boy	Peter Cohen	\$16
	Tyson Magic	Michael Abbott	\$20
	St. Pierre	Christopher Nutt	\$4
	Jedd Lion	Raymond Webster	\$7.50
	Outa Credit	Reg Kay	\$6.50
	All Magic	Mark Dawson	\$8.50
	Silent Guardian	Darren McDonald	\$3.00
	Kevin Oh Seven	Glen Quirk	\$21
	Hot Size	Phillip Cini	\$33

**GROUP ONE – Nexia Court National Futurity Classic**  
**\$50,000 to the winner**



**Jaydo's Neglect**

40 starts 6-9-12 (\$8,280)

Watch The Web – Fair Hazard

Black Bitch July '07

Owner: Troy Carter

Trainer: Reg Gardoll

The Gardens best: NBT (2 Starts 0-0-1)

Plenty of experience with 40 starts to her name has only managed a third on the track. Nice draw in an open final would need to improve but with some luck could feature. Place chance best



**Daydream**

16 starts 9-1-2 (\$16,080)

Bit Chili – Stresa

Brindle Bitch March '08

Owner: Deborah May

Trainer: Brett May

The Gardens best: 29.56 (5) (10 Starts 6-0-1)

Won her heat from box one so she has drawn well again, good performance to record 29.71 in her semi and ran a best of the night 29.56 back in late December. Six wins at the Gardens from 10 starts one of the main chances from box two expect a forward showing. Big hope for early group success.



**Pink Surprise**

15 starts 8-1-0 (\$13,210)

Bond – Smart Assassin

Red Fawn Bitch April '08

Owners: John Staines

Trainer: Nicole Donovan

The Gardens best: 29.79 (6) (3 Starts 1-0-0)

Won the other semi in similar time of 29.79. Another quality bitch with a bright future after only 15 starts for eight wins. Certain to feature here and a big chance from a nice draw in three after winning from six last week. Is capable of running a bold race with a bit of luck, has a big chance.



## Mega Pixel (VIC)

19 starts 2-1-3 (\$2,765)

Texas Gold – Villianous Vixen

Black Bitch October '07

Owner: **Marlene Castle**

Trainer: **Eric Castle**

The Gardens best: NBT (2 Starts 0-0-1)

Victorian that hasn't won on the track, but only lightly raced not the best of draws in four. Would cause a major upset if she found the line first. Later on, an improver.



## Cristalle

31 starts 8-8-5 (\$20,430)

Collision – Tarawi Tess

Blue Brindle Bitch September '07

Owner: **Lorraine Atchison**

Trainer: **Ron Bell**

The Gardens best: 29.82 (3) (9 Starts 3-2-0)

Another honest type that has a solid record on the track three wins with a best of 29.82. Would need to improve on that time to win and has a horror draw in five. Place chance best, no easy assignment to head off the inside brigade.



## Odessa Shiraz

12 starts 7-2-0 (\$14,500)

Bombastic Shiraz – Viva Odessa

Black Bitch April '08

Owner: **J Healey**

Trainer: **Sam Sultana**

The Gardens best: 29.95 (8) (6 Starts 3-1-0)

Talented race bitch she is sure to improve on last week's fourth placing to make the final. Has to improve on the 29.95 best winning time but always runs an honest race. Place chance best in an even final.



## Paua To Erupt

20 starts 4-4-6 (\$10,410)

Spiral Nikita – Paua To Burn

Black Bitch October '07

Owner/Trainer: **Steve White**

The Gardens best: NBT (2 Starts 0-0-1)

A youngster from the mighty Paua To Burn has shown some ability and finished third last week behind Daydream was a handy effort. Hasn't won here and would need to improve a bit to play a hand. Place chance with some luck in running.



## Bit Stressed

16 starts 7-3-3 (\$18,920)

Just The Best – Midnight Amber

Black Bitch March '08

Owner: **Deborah May**

Trainer: **Brett May**

The Gardens best: 29.67 (1) (8 Starts 4-3-1)

Another lightly raced bitch with talent came into last week's semi with three wins on the trot at Wenty. Nice effort last week to finish second behind Pink Surprise in 29.79. Has great form here on the track winning four and three from eight. Would need to begin well and take up a forward position. Not without a solid chance just needs some luck in what is an open final.



## Greta Bale

9 starts 4-2-1 (\$4,960)

Where's Pedro – Gold Rush Bale

Local that finished fifth last week to Daydream has ability, would be some sort of chance if she gains a start.



## Princess Bling

14 starts 2-2-0 (\$2,820)

Collision – Princess Tasha

Finished in fifth last week behind Pink Surprise has won on the track will be long odds if she gains a start.

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

**Mick Radley**

1<sup>st</sup> Daydream  
2<sup>nd</sup> Odessa Shiraz  
3<sup>rd</sup> Pink Surprise











**Adam Dobbin**

1<sup>st</sup> Daydream  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pink Surprise  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bit Stressed

**Ron Arnold**

1<sup>st</sup> Pink Surprise  
2<sup>nd</sup> Paua To Erupt  
3<sup>rd</sup> Daydream

Local Market for the Nexia Court Futurity Final:

<b>\$50,000 to the winner Group 1 Nexia Court Futurity Final (515m)</b>			
<b>Box</b>	<b>Greyhound</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Price</b>
 <b>1</b>	Jaydo's Neglect	Reg Gardoll	\$15
 <b>2</b>	Daydream	Brett May	\$2.70
 <b>3</b>	Pink Surprise	Nicole Donovan	\$3.20
 <b>4</b>	Mega Pixel	Eric Castle	\$18
 <b>5</b>	Cristalle	Ron Bell	\$16
 <b>6</b>	Odessa Shiraz	Sam Sultana	\$6.50
 <b>7</b>	Paua To Erupt	Steve White	\$7.50
 <b>8</b>	Bit Stressed	Brett May	\$5
 <b>9</b>	Greta Bale	Brendan Wheeler	\$20
 <b>10</b>	Princess Bling	Ron Bell	\$25

## What's happening on race night?

Entertainment on the night includes roving bands, Jugglers, a jumping castle and face painting for the kids along with other on course entertainment.

Full Bar and Tote facilities are on course with the first event kicking off at around 7pm. Corporate facilities are also available for final night.

For any information please call Clare or Sean at The Gardens on 02 4951 5842.

The National Derby was first run in 1963 and has long been the NCA's Group 1 flagship, at one time was worth \$100,000 to the winner. The club changed its direction a few years ago making the St Ledger better known as the Paws Of Thunder the richer of the two events settling on \$50,000 to the winner for the Derby. Listed below is the full honour roll.

1963 **Keen Linen**, 1964 **Flying Myobb**, 1965 **Chariot Charm**, 1966 **Roman Earl**, 1967 **Mister Moss**, 1968 **Second Stage**, 1969 **Abbey Road**, 1970 **Arthur's Desire**, 1971 **Bomber's Gift**, 1972 **Young Moss**, 1973 **Rushin' Moss**, 1974 **Steelflex**, 1975 **Steelflex**, 1976 **Baguio**, 1977 **Chief Holly**, 1978 **True Leader**, 1979 **Tegimi**, 1980 **General Jeff**, 1981 **Handicap**, 1982 **Lord Tegimi**, 1983 **World Park Ned**, 1984 **Inch Time**, 1985 **Rapid Supreme**, 1986 **Holstein Boy**, 1987 **Shy Sultan**, 1988 **Clover Chief**, 1989 **Worth Doing**, 1990 **Master Hilo**, 1991 **Pretty Tardy**, 1992 **Little Denver**, 1993 **Major Gossip**, 1994 **Indian Dance**, 1995 **Dallas Man**, 1996 **Cattle Drive**, 1997 **Comrade In Arms**, 1998 **Mepunga Blaze**, 1999 **Hahn Bale**, 2000 **Fond Regards**, 2001 **Mean Bean**, 2002 **Medinah**, 2003 **Greasy Grizzly**, 2004 **Pacific Sky**, 2005 **Eiffella**, 2006 **Brother Knows**, 2007 **Slater**, 2008 **Borat** and 2009 **Fedex**.

The National Futurity is another time honoured flagship event for the NCA first run in 1964 it has been won by some wonderful sprinting bitches' over the years most of which continued to carve out outstanding race careers. Listed below is the full honour roll.

1964 Cultured Girl, 1965 West Opal, 1966 Miss Lane, 1967 Pearl Moss, 1968 Rocket Bridge, 1969 Anne Lewis, 1970 Tidal Mist, 1971 Top Saba, 1972 Spanish Dancer, 1973 Likely Light, 1974 Tintawin, 1975 Night Aim, 1976 Woolley Wong, 1977 Little Fresh, 1978 Tearaway Owl, 1979 Baretop Girl, 1980 Beaumaris Sue, 1981 Zany Zen, 1982 Promises Free, 1983 Winifred Bale, 1984 Turbo Top, 1985 Sophistication, 1986 Flash Jass, 1987 Expensive Lee, 1988 Tiger's Sunset, 1989 Mary Casey, 1990 Gozo Nicoloa, 1991 Just Jedda, 1992 November Sunset, 1993 National Night, 1994 Mystery Idle, 1995 Tar Dinn, 1996 Holiday Belle, 1997 Rare Missile, 1998 Fine Devil, 1999 Crystal Light, 2000 Junoesque, 2001 Queen Muffin, 2002 Hotshow Lil, 2003 Lissiloo, 2004 Nulkaba, 2005 Lukeamy 2006 Jinderra Flame and 2007 Bralyn Maisie, 2008 Elite Oriental and 2009 Digital Magic.



Last year's Derby winner Fedex

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