



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Smooth Fancy Leads Paws Charge

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The final make-up of the Group One Rock Energy Drinks NCA Paws Of Thunder has been determined, following four action packed semi-finals under lights at Wentworth Park on Saturday night.

With \$100,000 the ultimate prize for next Saturday night's winner, the stars of the series didn't fail to deliver, with all four semi-final victors comfortably eclipsing the magical 30 second barrier.

In the opening run-off, Anthony Azzopardi's Smooth Fancy showed his upward spiral isn't going to peak anytime soon, with the reigning National Sprint Champion leading all the way to record a breathtaking 29.48s.

Starting a raging \$2.10 favourite, Smooth Fancy ran a remarkable 5.37s for the first split, a section that is a glowing recommendation for his Paws Of Thunder final prospects this week.

His bid to win back-to-back Group One finals was further aided at the box draw, with the son of Collision and Flash Fancy drawing a suitable box three.

Victorian Enry Walt finished stoutly behind Smooth Fancy, nabbing second on the line to qualify for the final. The Group One Silver Chief winner from earlier in the year has drawn box two for this week's final.

Emerging talent Greywind's Doll kept on her winning way in the second semi-final, carving out a strong 29.74s heat victory – posting sections of 5.48s and 13.89s.

Trained by Tina Womann, the daughter of Trewly Special has taken a distinct liking to Wentworth Park in the past fortnight, but will need to contend with a horrid box six draw if she is to go through the series undefeated.

Kristy Sultana's Supreme Odessa finished like a train along the rails to claim second and a final berth in the latter stages.

The Robert Smith prepared Lochinvar Marlow brought his A-game in semi-final three, disposing of his opposition in relentless fashion, running a career best 29.71s.

The son of Bombastic Shiraz is hitting his straps at the right time, and after drawing box one, connections are in the mix for a \$100,000 pay day next Saturday evening.

Cosmic Planet finished second, giving trainer Darren Brown a two pronged attack in next Saturday's final.

# AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

All eyes were on Victorian Cosmic Chief in the final run-off following his all-the-way 29.70s heat win last Saturday.

The son of Brett Lee and Cosmic Goddess didn't disappoint, handling box eight to perfection, recording 29.66s with sections of 5.47s and 13.84s.

Darren Brown's charge has taken a real liking to Wentworth Park, seemingly beginning better than what we have become accustomed too in his home state.

To win the Paws Of Thunder, he will need to contend with box five, the same draw he landed his 29.70s heat win from.

Proven Jett made it a Victorian quinella, trailing the winner throughout to qualify for another Group One final.

The final field comprises five Victorians and three NSW-trained greyhounds which is sure to add to the theatre of the lead-up to the Group One finale.

There is sure to be plenty of opinion on how the race will pan-out, but no matter what the theory, you would imagine most pundits will have likely favourites Smooth Fancy and Cosmic Chief high in calculations.

Bring on Saturday night!

## GROUP ONE – Rock Energy Paws Of Thunder \$100,000 to the winner



### Lochinvar Marlow

31 starts 16-3-4 (\$67,845)

**Bombastic Shiraz – Sensation Lee**

Black Dog July'07

Owner: **Clare Gordon**

Trainer: **Robert Smith**

**Wentworth Park best: 29.71 (4) (9 Starts 5-1-0)**

**Excellent win last week in a personal best of 29.71 his fifth at Wentworth Park. Nice type and box one will help in this classy field. Needs to begin flawless and put himself in the race early. Place chance best.**



### Enry Walt (VIC)

31 starts 11-8-2 (\$108,645)

**Primo Uno – Awesome Saint**

Black Dog January'08

Owner/Trainer: **Garry Ennis**

**Wentworth Park best: NBT (3 Starts 0-1-0)**

**Lucky to make the final after coming into the semis from the reserve bench. Silverchief winner at the Meadows and he has been in great form at Sandown of recent months, named after the St.Kilda Captain he might be an omen if the right thing happens at the MCG Saturday afternoon. Hasn't won on the track which is a worry in this elite company, place chance best.**



### Smooth Fancy

28 starts 15-4-3 (\$106,640)

**Collision – Flash Fancy**

Black Dog November '07

Owners: **Terry Kingcott**

Trainer: **Anthony Azzopardi**

**Wentworth Park best: 29.48 (6) (14 Starts 8-4-1)**

**The favourite and quite rightly so was awesome last week when he recorded scintillating sections before running 29.48 a PB and just outside the Wentworth Park record. Won the National Sprint Championship in August and he has brought his A game to Wentworth Park a track he has performed so well on with eight wins. The one to beat**



## Proven Jett (VIC)

33 starts 14-6-3 (\$46,580)

Vapour Whirl – Proven Tops

White & Blue Dog July'07

Owner: McGrath Syndicate

Trainer: Michael Carter

Wentworth Park best: 30.05 (3) (7 Starts 1-2-2)

Another smart Victorian, he has won 14 of his 32 starts and has performed well in this series winning a heat in 30.05 and chasing home the brilliant Cosmic Chief in the semi. Will need some luck from box four and might be stretched to match the top liners here. A place chance with luck.



## Cosmic Chief (VIC)

44 starts 20-7-5 (\$166,110)

Brett Lee – Cosmic Goddess

White & Black Dog January'08

Owner: Brian Parkinson

Trainer: Darren Brown

Wentworth Park best: 29.66 (8) (2 Starts 2-0-0)

Has continued his outstanding form from the National Sprint where he was beating narrowly by Smooth Fancy. Has performed with high speed in his two Wentworth Park wins of 29.66 last week and a best of the night 29.70 in his heat. This talented Victorian looks destined to win a Group 1 at some stage in just might be next week. Big Chance.



## Greywinds Doll (VIC)

24 starts 10-0-5 (\$50,090)

Trewly Special – Greywinds Girl

Fawn Bitch December '07

Owners: Craig Provost

Trainer: Tina Womann

Wentworth Park best: 29.74(3) (3 Starts 2-0-0)

A very honest high class chaser from Victoria she has only had 24 starts for 10 wins. Looked good winning last week's semi in 29.74 leading most of the way. Certainly going to need a bit of luck from box six and maybe her best is in front of her. Place chance best.



## Cosmic Planet (VIC)

42 starts 14-10-5 (\$65,990)

Brett Lee – Cosmic Goddess

Black Dog January'08

Owner: Brian Parkinson

Trainer: Darren Brown

Wentworth Park best: NBT (2 starts 0-1-0)

Litter brother to Cosmic Chief and a wonderful training performance from Victorian Darren Brown to make a Group 1 final with both dogs. Another lucky to make the final coming into the semi's as a reserve he is a very hard chaser, but might be a bit outclassed also hasn't won on the track. Need plenty of luck from the wide draw.



## Supreme Odessa

24 starts 7-4-2 (\$22,045)

Bombastic Shiraz – Viva Odessa

Black Bitch April '08

Owner: J Healey

Trainer: Kristy Sultana

Wentworth Park best: 30.12 (3) (9 Starts 3-2-0)

Handy sprinter she will start the rank outsider of the field, hasn't yet won in the series and had the red last week when she finished second behind Greywinds Doll. Has won here at Wentworth Park in a best of 30.12, but looks to have the job in front of her from box eight. Place chance at very best.



## Snozz

73 starts 27-13-17 (\$162,690)

Bombastic Shiraz – Special Osti

Very smart chaser he has been in super form but hasn't had much luck in this series, could make his presence felt if he made his way into the field.



## New Divide

34 starts 18-3-5 (\$54,366)

Big Daddy Cool – Proper Honey

Has won seven on the track and is a pretty smart sprinter on his night would start big odds to upset this lot if he gained a start.



Local expert's selections for the NCA Paws Of Thunder final are as follows.

**Mick Radley**

1<sup>st</sup> Cosmic Chief  
2<sup>nd</sup> Smooth Fancy  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lochinvar Marlow

**Ron Arnold**

1<sup>st</sup> Cosmic Chief  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lochinvar Marlow  
3<sup>rd</sup> Greywinds Doll

**Gerard Guthrie**

1<sup>st</sup> Smooth Fancy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cosmic Chief  
3<sup>rd</sup> Proven Jett

Local Market for the Rock Energy Group 1 Paws Of Thunder Final:

<b>Group 1 Rock Energy PAWS OF THUNDER (520m)</b>			
<b>Box</b>	<b>Greyhound</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Price</b>
 <b>1</b>	<b>Lochinvar Marlow</b>	<b>Robert Smith</b>	<b>5/2</b>
 <b>2</b>	<b>Enry Walt</b>	<b>Garry Ennis</b>	<b>12/1</b>
 <b>3</b>	<b>Smooth Fancy</b>	<b>Anthony Azzopardi</b>	<b>9/4</b>
 <b>4</b>	<b>Proven Jett</b>	<b>Michael Carter</b>	<b>8/1</b>
 <b>5</b>	<b>Cosmic Chief</b>	<b>Darren Brown</b>	<b>4/1</b>
 <b>6</b>	<b>Greywinds Doll</b>	<b>Tina Womann</b>	<b>7/1</b>
 <b>7</b>	<b>Cosmic Planet</b>	<b>Darren Brown</b>	<b>12/1</b>
 <b>8</b>	<b>Supreme Odessa</b>	<b>Kirsty Sultana</b>	<b>66/1</b>
 <b>9</b>	<b>Snozz</b>	<b>Jason MacKay</b>	<b>RES</b>
 <b>10</b>	<b>New Divide</b>	<b>Ken Cheetham</b>	<b>RES</b>

## What's happening on race night?

The final goes as race 8 at 9.57 pm on Saturday's ten race program. Gates open at 5.30 pm with the first race at 7.28 pm. Entry is \$5.50 for adults with children free.

Patrons, in addition to seeing Australia's best greyhounds in action, will have a chance to meet V8 Supercar driver Jason Bargwanna (member of the Rock Energy Drinks V8 Supercar team) and the Rock Energy Drinks Grid Girls, who will have various promotional giveaways for race goers.

There is also a chance for one lucky patron to win a great prize of a V8 Hot Lap Driving Experience at Eastern Creek. All patrons will receive a lucky draw entry form to complete and put in the entry barrel near the main tote. The winner will be drawn trackside after the presentation ceremony for the final.

Dining packages in the first floor function centre are available for next Saturday's final – at \$60 for a three course meal including seafood plated entrée, it's great value and this cost includes entry to the track and a race book. Bookings deadline is close of business Wednesday next with Chris McKay, NSW GBOTA Racing Department on (02) 8587 1202 or 0412 235 479 (email [chris@gbota.com.au](mailto:chris@gbota.com.au)).



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Final October 2, 2010 – Gates open 5.30pm  
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*Rock Energy Drinks Paws of Thunder*  
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Trackside at Wentworth Park on October 2<sup>nd</sup>

V8 Supercar Driver Jason Bargwanna, Rock Energy Promo Girls, Australia's best greyhounds

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GREYHOUND RACING NSW

Listed below are the past winners of Paws Of Thunder which was formerly known as the St.Leger and first run in 1957. The NSW NCA restructured the prizemoney and the race name in 2001.

1957 **Idle Sign**, 1958 **Ebony Minda**, 1959 **Super Samson**, 1960 **Constant Raider**, 1961 **Elsie Moss**, 1962 **Black Top**, 1963 **Miss Warcroft**, 1964 **Revival King**, 1965 **Daily Tide**, 1966 **Sunset Fire**, 1967 **Another Glitter**, 1968 **Zoom Top**, 1969 **Beau Brin**, 1970 **Size Seven**, 1971 **Romantic Top**, 1972 **Likely Light**, 1973 **Trella Light**, 1974 **Busy's Chief**, 1975 **Mighty Aussie**, 1976 **Palaver**, 1977 **Fine Arama**, 1978 **Oberon Lily**, 1979 **Lord Raleigh**, 1980 **Glider's Son**, 1981 **Promises Free**, 1982 **Winifred Bale**, 1983 **Winston Lass**, 1984 **Beach Rhythm** 1985 **Another Flash**, 1986 **Memories Gate**, 1987 **See Yah**, 1988 **Grizzly Bear**, 1989 **Jessica Kate**, 1990 **Dixie Lass**, 1991 **Little Denver**, 1992 **Iago**, 1993 **Leon Mal**, 1994 **Zazziam**, 1995 **Nine Inch Nails**, 1996 **Tamborine Dancer**, 1997 **Elle's Commando**, 1998 **Waiwera Marika**, 1999 **Stately Bird**, 2000 **Some Secret**, 2001 **Suellen Bale**, 2002 **Modern Assassin**, 2003 **Winsome Shot**, 2004 **Kobble Rock** 2005 **Pure Octane** 2006 **Suave Fella**, 2007 **Leprechaun Pace**, 2008 **One Tree Hill**, and 2009 **Cindeen Shelby**.



*Last year's winner the talented Cindeen Shelby Australian Greyhound of the Year*

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