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VIC PETERS LOOKS A CLASSIC FINAL

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Greyhound fans in Sydney Saturday night enjoyed a smorgasbord of first-class racing with four semi-finals of the Schweppes Vic Peters Classic were conducted at Wentworth Park.

Some outstanding emerging pups took centre stage in the semi-finals of the Group One and \$50,000 awaits the winner of next weeks' time honoured Classic final.

In the opening semi, the Anthony Meredith-trained Mythical Eagle reeled off sections of 5.50s and 13.87s before going onto win in 29.97s, defeating a fast finishing Cipollini by 2¾ lengths. Race favourite Bralyn Midge finished a defiant third after botching up the start.

The Wayne Vanderburg-conditioned Isadoll led all the way in the second semi-final, staving off the late challenge of Bolero Bale in 30.28s.

Taking her winning record to seven wins from 14 starts, the daughter of Surf Lorian and Isadora posted sections of 5.41s and 13.93s, suggesting she's a chance of leading Saturday night's final.

Race favourite Push The Paint ran a strong third after finding bother early.

Tracey Hurst's galloper Ringo's Colt charged through late to snatch the third run-off, running 30.36s, defeating Lizard Man into second, with recent SA Derby winner Walter Bale fading for third.

The fourth and final opportunity to qualify was a hotly contested affair, with Brendan Wheeler's Numero Uno Bale coming with his now trademark finish, storming home to win in 30.24s. The second placing of Red Flame gave trainer Wayne Vanderburg two runners in Saturday's final following Isadoll's win earlier in the evening.

Gates open at 5.30 pm, the first race is scheduled for approx. 7.30 and Sky Channel will be providing a live host on the night.

AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

GROUP ONE – SCHWEPPE'S VIC PETERS CLASSIC

\$50,000 to the winner



Red Flame

26 starts 9-7-4 (\$35,070)

Big Daddy Cool – Jinderra Flame

Red Fawn Dog April '08

Owner: **Roupen Nercessian**

Trainer: **Wayne Vanderburg**

Wentworth Park best: 29.82 (2) (18 Starts 5-6-3)

Impeccable bred youngster with a solid record here at Wentworth Park, finish second last week behind Numero Uno Bale in 30.24. Won his heat in 29.94 and is perfectly draw here with a PB of 29.82 from an inside draw. Should start favourite and sure to give a good sight.



Numero Uno Bale

28 starts 14-4-3 (\$37,100)

Where's Pedro – Dyna Celeste

Black Dog April '08

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Brendan Wheeler**

Wentworth Park best: 30.19 (5) (13 Starts 4-3-2)

One of two finalists for owner Paul Wheeler, he has had a two week battle with Red Flame which is sure to continue in the final. Good record in his short career and drawn well here to put up a forward showing. Will be well fancied to improve his best winning time and is a genuine winning chance, will need to keep in touch to use his finishing burst to full advantage.



Cipollini

13 starts 6-4-0 (\$11,095)

Late Late Show – Shireen's Habit

Black Dog October '08

Owners: **J Chapman, D Chapman & R Stanton** Trainer: **Jeffrey Chapman**

Wentworth Park best: NBT (4 Starts 0-3-0)

Youngster with ability only had 13 starts for six wins. Big run last week coming from well back early to rattle home and make the final behind Mythical Eagle in the fastest of the semi's, 29.97. Hasn't won here yet but drawn okay will need to get away better, place chance looks best.



Ringo's Colt

12 starts 7-1-2 (\$17,755)

History Lesson – Midnight Amber

Black Dog September '08

Owner: **Susan Lithgow**

Trainer: **Tracey Hurst**

Wentworth Park best: 30.23 (1) (6 Starts 3-0-1)

Nice type he has had the one box in both his heat and semi, solid record of seven and three from 12. Sure to keep improving, a big ask from this box and would need to cut his PB down from 30.23. In good hands and it would not surprise to see him feature in the finish. An each-way prospect he needs some luck at the first turn.



Bolero Bale

32 starts 14-8-2 (\$39,180)

Where's Pedro – Dyna Celeste

Black Dog April '08

Owners: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Graeme Bate**

Wentworth Park best: 30.00 (5) (2 Starts 1-1-0)

Very talented young dog with a handy record in Melbourne for the Bate-Wheeler combination. Won his heat in 30 even narrowly defeating Isadoll then lower his colours to her last week in 30.28. Not the best of draws but he has the ability to overcome box five and is a genuine winning chance. Each-way all day.



Lizard Man

31 starts 9-11-3 (\$20,875)

Cool Performance – Flipper

Black Dog October '07

Owner / Trainer: **June Martin**

Wentworth Park best: 30.51 (8) (10 Starts 1-7-1)

Reasonable effort in his semi when he led early and was near the leader for most of the way snatching a place in the final behind Ringo's Colt in 30.36. Would need to improve his best winning time here to feature from this tough draw. Could probable run a place with a bit of luck in the early stages. Will start big odds.



Mythical Eagle

13 starts 8-1-4 (\$12,480)

Phoenix Ice – Modern Mel

Black Dog November '08

Owners: **C Meredith & M Ecob**

Trainer: **Anthony Meredith**

Wentworth Park best: 29.97(7) (2 Starts 1-0-1)

Impressive semi winner recording 29.97 the best of last week's semis. Looks to have a very bright future with eight and five from 13. Certainly comes into race with solid form and a win would not surprise. Needs a bit of luck in the early stages from box seven however in race that appears quite even on paper he is a pup on the up and sure to run a forward race.



Isadoll

14 starts 7-3-0 (\$19,390)

Surf Lorian – Isadora

Red Brindle Bitch July '08

Owner: **Brad Canty**

Trainer: **Wayne Vanderburg**

Wentworth Park best: 29.99 (2) (8 Starts 3-2-0)

Second finalist for trainer Wayne Vanderburg, she overcame box four in last week semi to win well in 30.28. Pinged the lids and held off the talented Bolero Bale leading all the way. Can't make any mistakes from box eight but if she can begin well again has a good winning chance. Nice type with a solid future in front of her.



Bralyn Midge

15 starts 8-3-1 (\$16,850)

Hallucinate – Bralyn Maisie

Finished third last week behind Mythical Eagle has performed well in his career so far might run a drum if he gains a start.



Push The Paint (VIC)

22 starts 8-4-4 (\$26,805)

Where's Pedro – Creative Spice

Smart youngster from Victoria he finished third to Isadoll in last week's semi, has a win on the track in 29.95 and not without a chance if he gained a run.

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

Ron Arnold

1st Red Flame

2nd Numero Uno Bale

3rd Isadoll

Gerard Guthrie

1st Numero Uno Bale

2nd Bolero Bale

3rd Mythical Eagle

Adam Dobbin











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2nd Numero Uno Bale

3rd Bolero Bale

AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

Local Market for the Schweppes Vic Peters Classic:

\$50,000 to Winner Group 1 Schweppes Vic Peters Classic (520m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
 1	Red Flame	Wayne Vanderburg	7/4
 2	Numero Uno Bale	Brendan Wheeler	7/2
 3	Cipollini	Jeffrey Chapman	7/1
 4	Ringo's Colt	Tracey Hurst	8/1
 5	Bolero Bale	Graeme Bate	6/1
 6	Lizard Man	June Martin	15/1
 7	Mythical Eagle	Anthony Meredith	6/1
 8	Isadoll	Wayne Vanderburg	5/2
 9	Bralyn Midge (1st RES)	Bradley Northfield	RES
 10	Push The Paint(2nd RES)	Angela Langton	RES

What's happening on race night?

A cheque for \$50,000 together with a presentation rug and trophy awaits the winner of this Group 1 event.

All place getters receive a GBOTA Commemorative Medallion as a memento of the occasion.

The final goes as race 8 at 9.48 pm on Saturday's ten race program. Gates open at 5.30 pm with the first race at 7.27 pm. Entry is \$5.50 for adults with children free.

There is also a chance for one lucky patron to win a great prize of a Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb. 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.

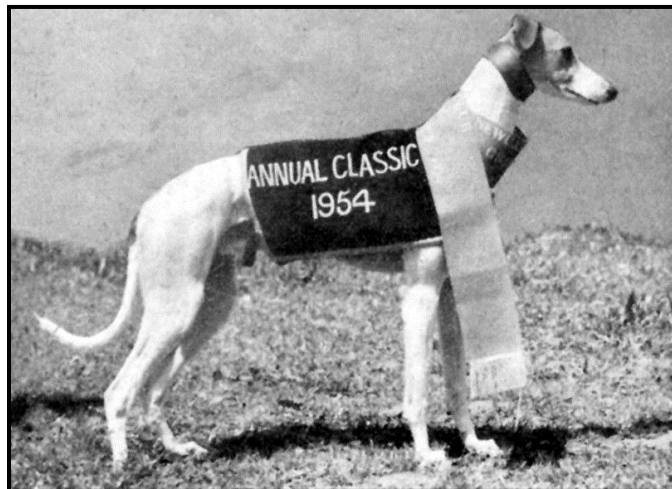
Honour Roll

The Vic Peters Classic is the oldest feature event on the NSW GBOTA's Calendar, this traditional classic, age restricted event (open to greyhounds whelped between July 1 and June 30) was first conducted in 1951 and known as the 'Annual Classic'. It was re-named the Vic Peter's Memorial Classic in 1962 – in honour of and on the passing of Vic Peters, the first Secretary of the Association (1939 to 1961). The word 'memorial' was dropped from the race's title in 2001. The Classic has been won by the likes of Black Top, Shapely Escort, Sammie Sparrow, Woolley Wilson, Tegimi, Alpha Brava, Brother Fox, Worth Doing, Go Wild Teddy, Collision and 2006 winner Cromlah Bale.

AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

Harold Park 457m – Grass Track:

1951	SHARID	26.80
1952	HAPPY KAY	27.10
1953	COLA MINDA	26.80
1954	DASHER'S BOW	27.00
1955	KNIGHT RULER	27.20
1956	SMOOTH EVENT	27.05
1957	CANTEE	26.93
1958	MONTANA J ET	27.04
1959	FESTIVAL TIME	26.91
1960	PINE TOP	26.89
1961	ROCK ET MAC	27.10
1962	BLACK TOP	26.40
1963	(DH) SERAPHINO & TEST PATTERN	26.80
1964	BONGEARON	26.80
1965	DAILY TIDE	26.60
1966	AFRICAN BALL ET	26.80
1967	MR SPOT	26.60
1968	SAMMIE SPARROW	26.80
1969	MILLIMSIMBI	26.50
1970	SHAPELY ESCORT	26.70
1971	REAL WORDS (VIC)	26.40
1972	WOOLLEY WILSON	26.70
1973	KIM'S MONARO	26.31
1974	CELL BLOCK	26.59
1975	ALPHA BRAVA	26.22
1976	BLACK DERBY	26.65
1977	ROCKET MONARO	26.53
1978	TEGIMI (VIC)	26.35
1979	SCOTT OF MINMI	26.71
1980	BAVARIAN AZTEC	26.43
1981	GLEEFULLEE	26.44
1982	KING SEAGULL	26.37
1983	INCH TIME	26.27
1984	BROTHER FOX	25.82
1985	DAISY DOLL	26.42
1986	SPANISH DANCE	26.54



Wentworth Park 520m – Grass Track:

1987	ALICE IRENE	30.61
1988	WORTH DOING	29.74
1989	ALYSSA BELLE	30.30
1990	MCVELLA	30.65
1991	ALASTIC REBEL	30.10

Wentworth Park 520m – Loam Track:

1992	SPARKLING SPIRIT	30.78
1993	LEON MAL	30.55
1994	BARNEY BLUE	30.96
1995	PLACID BOY	30.55
1996	TRICKY WIND	30.54
1997	BOBNIAK	30.25
1998	BIGBAD LUTHER	30.20
1999	FLASH JOAN	30.43
2000	GO WILD TEDDY	30.27
2001	TOLL SECURITY	30.16
2002	LONG STITCH	30.65
2003	COLLISION	29.73
2004	CHEEKY RENEGADE	30.46
2005	WATCH THE WEB	30.12
2006	CROMLAH BALE	30.14
2007	ASHBY BALE	30.12
2008	NITRO BURST	29.89
2009	DANCING SURF	30.13

Above are Pics of some of the past winners featuring 1954 Dasher's Bow, 1962 Black Top, 1969 Millimsimbi and 1970 Shapely Escort.

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