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**Tassie Gun the one to beat
in Group 1 Hume Cup final**

By George Farrugia

The Kel Greenough-trained Jethro looks the greyhound to beat in the Group 1 Hume Cup at The Meadows on Melbourne Cup eve after a stunning eight and three quarter length heat win in 34.59.

The son of Head Bound and It's A She again began slowly before unleashing the most powerful finishing burst of the night, running home in a sensational 12.05 to stamp himself as the greyhound to beat in Monday week's \$75,000-to-the-winner final, despite drawing box five.

Andrea Dailly goes into the final with two chances after impressive efforts from Franklin Hero (34.55 best of night heat win) and Lektra Jay, who was outgunned by young star Langi Bale.

Grand chaser Don Chendo will be looking to push his prizemoney to over \$275,000 if victorious in the final after an all-the-way 34.61 victory in the first heat of the night. The son of Where's Pedro and Kilby Supreme has won a whopping 16 races at the Broadmeadows circuit and will start from box seven in the final.

Bubba's Dream (34.79) and Johnny Ringo (34.94) were also impressive winners, while Destini Fireball looms as one of the main dangers after drawing the coveted red alley.

Monday week's meeting will also see the running of the Group 3 RSN Silver Bullet, with fields to be released on Wednesday.

AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

GROUP ONE – HUME CUP

\$75,000 to the winner



Destini Fireball

16 starts 6-4-0 (\$14,345)

Where's Pedro – Greys Destiny

White & Black Dog March '10

Owner / Trainer: **Emilio Rinaldi**

Meadows best: NBT (1 Starts 0-1-0)

Lightly raced with solid career stats. Nice type he looks suited over the ground as most of his breed are strong at the finish and run the 600 without a problem. Finished second last week to Franklin Hero in the fastest heat only beaten half a length away so he's not out of this. Keep safe.



Bubba's Dream

39 starts 16-4-2 (\$66,245)

Global Warming – Bomabo

Black Bitch May '09

Owner / Trainer: **Ken Bailey**

Meadows best: 34.79(8) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Only bitch to make the final she has a great record of 16 and 6 from 39. Impressive winner last week in 34.79 beat a handy field of middle distance performers. Must be given a winning chance in this open final. Nice type she is a good chaser and with a bit of luck will be right in the finish.



Johnny Ringo

39 starts 13-11-3 (\$52,175)

Path To Power – Dance Token

Black Dog March '10

Owner: **T S Wales & C M Knox**

Trainer: **Jamie Ennis**

Meadows best: 34.51 (5) (7 Starts 3-1-3)

Another versatile chaser with a good record. Has won here over this distance three times with a fast winning time of 34.51. Has been in good form of late and loves an inside draw, box three is okay but the red would have been better, won from the six last week. Not without a chance nice type well suited here.



Langi Bale

15 starts 10-2-0 (\$22,435)

Dyna Lachlan – Amity Bale

Black Dog February '11

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Graeme Bate**

Meadows best: 34.58 (2) (2 Starts 2-0-0)

Youngster from the G Bate kennel has won 10 of 15 and two over the 600 here one in 34.58 and last week in 34.61. Bred to win anything he looks to have a very bright future has to overcome box four but has shown heaps of early in his last four wins on the trot. G Bate's polish in a Group 1 never to be underestimated. His dam won this event in 2009, big Chance.



Jethro (TAS)

41 starts 20-7-5 (\$40,330)

Head Bound – It's A She

White & Black Dog April '10

Owner: **Leigh Alexander**

Trainer: **Kel Greenough**

Meadows best: 34.57 (2) (2 Starts 2-0-0)

Outstanding Tasmanian chaser caught everyone's eye in the National Distance final when he finished third behind Miata and Irma Bale. Reported to have run some amazing time trials over the 500 and was impressive in his only two runs over 600 for two wins here at the Meadows. Times of 34.57 and 34.59 are good enough to win. With an ounce of luck looks hard to beat.



Lektra Jay

96 starts 28-15-16 (\$239,550)

Where's Pedro – Elektra

White & Black Dog December '08

Owner: Phillip Lenehan

Trainer: Andrea Dailly

Meadows best: 34.36 (1) (11 Starts 6-1-1)

Fantastic campaigner for the Dailly's with a super record of 28 and 31 from 96. A group winner over the middle distance he finished second last week to Langi Bale beaten a length and a quarter in 34.61. Has won six races here over the 600 and is always a chance an honest type always thereabouts.



Don Chendo

85 starts 26-15-5 (\$205,790)

Where's Pedro – Kilby Supreme

Black Dog February '09

Owner: Joy Davis

Trainer: Len Ketelaar

Meadows best: 34.35 (5) (10 Starts 4-2-0)

Honest sprinter-middle distance performer he has won four over the 600 here. A group winner as a sprinter he has been a marvelous chaser for connections winning over \$200,000. Not without a chance in this as he has recorded a fastest winning time of 34.35. Just needs a bit of luck in running.



Franklin Hero

20 starts 6-2-1 (\$31,260)

Where's Pedro – Franklin Sand

Black & White Dog April '10

Owner: Shimmin-Dooley Syndicate

Trainer: Andrea Dailly

Meadows best: 34.55 (4) (3 Starts 2-1-0)

Another well performed youngster he has raced well recording some fast wins in his career so far. A smart winner here in 34.55 was the fastest of last week's heat winners. Drawn okay here but must stay out of trouble in the run to the first turn. Really nice type with a solid future, another with a big chance in a very open Group 1 final.



Bagget Bale

38 starts 10-8-6 (\$43,175)

Go Wild Teddy – Princess Bale

Finished second last week to Don Chendo has won here in 34.81 has a solid record but hard to see him trouble this lot if he gains a start.



Katie Merry

46 starts 16-10-5 (\$124,936)

Go Wild Teddy – Miss Mini Mouse

Finished second last week to Bubba's Dream, a Group 2 winner this year would be a chance should she gain a start.

Tab Sportsbet Fixed Market for the Hume Cup Final:

\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Hume Cup (600m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	Destini Fireball	Emilio Rinaldi	\$4.80
	Bubba's Dream	Ken Bailey	\$7.50
	Johnny Ringo	Jamie Ennis	\$21.00
	Langi Bale	Graeme Bate	\$2.80
	Jethro	Kel Greenough	\$4.50
	Lektra Jay	Andrea Dailly	\$8.50
	Don Chendo	Len Ketelaar	\$11.00
	Franklin Hero	Andrea Dailly	\$8.00
	Bagget Bale	Andrea Dailly	\$12.00
	Katie Merry	Kellie Bravo	\$4.00

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

Ron Hawkswell

1st Jethro
2nd Lektra Jay
3rd Langi Bale

Rob Testa

1st Jethro
2nd Bubba's Dream
3rd Langi Bale

George Farrugia

1st Jethro
2nd Lektra Jay
3rd Destini Fireball

What's happening on race night?

There will be plenty entertainment for the kids, on this family night all free.

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.

The Hume Cup was initially called the Lord's Mayors Cup and was first run over 675 yards at North Melbourne in 1960, it moved with the club to Olympic Park and in 1964 became the Lord Mayors Trophy and remained a sprint race until 1988. It then became a distance event until 1994 when it was discontinued. The MGRA due to the tremendous support they are given by the Hume City Council resurrected the feature in 2000 calling the race the Hume Cup. In another change to the event last year it was conducted over 600 metres for the first time and that will remain the distance in the foreseeable future. The race was elevated to Group 1 status this year when prizemoney went to \$75,000 to the winner. Listed below are the past winners.

1960 **Fair's Orders**, 1961 **Rustling Breeze**, 1962 **Tree Lover**, 1963 **Diropace**, 1964 **Rocket Streak**, 1965 **Cheltenham Lass**, 1966 **Munich Boy**, 1967 **Bold Charmer**, 1968 **Fawn Waters**, 1969 **Dashing Phantom**, 1970 **Mayo Gold**, 1971 **Banca**, 1972 **Flying Stage**, 1973 **Half Your Luck**, 1974 **Temlee**, 1975 **Plain Winnie**, 1976 **Matireka**, 1977 **Shelley O'Reilly**, 1978 **Manteca Boy**, 1979 **Shane's Level**, 1980 **Vibrant King**, 1981 **Striding Ahead**, 1982 **Durante Lad**, 1983 **Castle Ridge**, 1984 **National Poppy**, 1985 **Rumpus Pappa**, 1986 **I'm Nugget**, 1987 **Swift Laser**, 1988 **Regal Kid**, 1989 **Blue Speed**, 1990 **Interest Only**, 1991 **Modern Express**, 1992 **Modern Express**, 1993 **Saltwater Sid**, 2000 **Mr. Boswell**, 2001 **Bentley Babe**, 2002 **Tears Of Jupiter**, 2003 **Oh Behave**, 2004 **Triple Trio**, 2005 **Jacarrest**, 2006 **Sargent Major**, 2007 **Technoman**, 2008 **Fallen Zorro**, 2009 **Amity Bale**, 2010 **Flash Of Light** and 2011 **Shintaro Samurai**.





Last year's Winner Shintaro Samurai (Pic Paul Munt)

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