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National Derby & Futurity Wrap

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Silver Chief winner Lightning Frank has been installed as the \$2.50 favourite by TAB Fixed odds for next week's National Derby after a brilliant heat win where he lead all the way in 29.96. The front running Victorian has drawn awkwardly in box four but his early speed and box manners should serve him well in the Group 1 final.

However, it's an even race with several chances after the five heats were decided at Sydney headquarters Wentworth Park last night. Fastest heat winner was the Dennis Barnes trained Nangar Rock he returned 29.88 in the last heat proving too good for Big Daddy Dee who qualified as one of the fastest seconds and came up with box one in the final. Nangar Rock wasn't quite as lucky and will wear the yellow rug next week.

Leading Victorian trainer Angela Langton will have two starters in the final with smart youngster Hit The Highway jumping from box three after he won impressively in 29.99 and Duty Free a fastest second behind Lightning Frank, he will exit box two.

Good Odds Bricky came into last night's heat as a reserve flashed along the rails from fourth and fifth in the straight to win his heat in 30.38 he will start the rank outsider at \$31 for trainer Frank Hurst.

The other heat winner was the John Little trained Black Hole Sun he won heat one in 30.57. Big disappointments were Paws of Thunder stars Shima Bar and Falcon's Fury both had no luck and finished unplaced.

Also decided last night were the heats of the National Futurity fastest heat winner was Victorian Up Hill Jill she came into the series with the Group 2 Laurels win at Sandown under her belt and blitzed the opposition with a one act affair winning by 10 lengths in the time standard of the night 29.87.

She has been installed pre-post favourite by Tab Fixed odds at \$2.20 after drawing extremely well in box two.

After missing the start in last week's Paws of Thunder final Striker Light flew out from box six last night and hung on to win in 30.46. She had a massive lead down the back but it was cut short in the run home by fellow Victorian Daithy Allen, she also made the final for Andrea Dailly as a fastest second.

Brett Bravo will have two finalists along with owner George Farrugia after Striker Light's kennel mate Andrea Doria won her heat in 30.12, she will jump from box four in the final.

The other heat winner was the Ashley Dwyer trained Mainline Osti the inform bitch used box one to full advantage qualifying in a PB of 30.12.

Making up the Futurity field are the fastest seconds Red Calibre, Jody Lee Kade and another Victorian visitor Princess Pout for trainer Gavin Clifton, she will be the first Group 1 finalist for the Nar Nar Goon mentor.

Both events are stepped in history the Derby first run in 1963 when won by the mighty Keen Linen and the Futurity run for the first time a year later in 64, when won by Cultured Girl. The races were the NCA's flag ship events for many years and have been won by some of the superstars of the sport.

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GROUP ONE – National Derby Classic \$75,000 to the winner

Box Draw and Tab Fixed Market for the National Derby 520:

\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 National Derby Classic 520m				
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	B/T
	Big Daddy Bee	Ray Smith	\$16	30.30
	Duty Free (VIC)	Angela Langton	\$6	NBT
	Hit The Highway (VIC)	Angela Langton	\$5.50	29.99
	Lightning Frank (VIC)	Mathew Wright	\$2.50	29.96
	Nangar Rock	Dennis Barnes	\$4.80	29.88
	Good Odds Brickly	Frank Hurst	\$31	29.88
	Black Hole Sun	John Little	\$7	29.91
	Dyna Boomer (VIC)	Andrea Dailly	\$8	30.47
	Nangar Bear (RES)	Dennis Barnes	\$26	30.14
	Agent Kade (RES)	Robert Blakely	\$51	30.55

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

Gerard Guthrie

1st Lightning Frank

2nd Hit The Highway

3rd Nangar Rock

Adam Dobbin

1st Nangar Rock

2nd Lightning Frank

3rd Black Hole Sun

Ron Arnold

1st Lightning Frank

2nd Duty Free

3rd Big Daddy Bee

Tim Newbold

1st Lightning Frank

2nd Duty Free

3rd Hit The Highway

GROUP ONE – National Futurity Classic \$75,000 to the winner

Box Draw and Tab Fixed Market for the National Futurity 520:

\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 National Futurity Classic 520m				
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	B/T
	Striker Light (VIC)	Brett Bravo	\$3	30.01
	Up Hill Jill (VIC)	David Geall	\$2.20	29.87
	Red Calibre	John Callaghan	\$31	30.20
	Andrea Doria (VIC)	Brett Bravo	\$6	30.12
	Jody Lee Kade	Robert Blakely	\$51	30.56
	Mainline Osti	Ashley Dwyer	\$10	30.07
	Daithy Allen (VIC)	Andrea Dailly	\$12	NBT
	Princess Pout (VIC)	Gavin Clifton	\$16	NBT
	Flying Mikayla (RES)	Lee Burke	\$26	29.94
	Carla Zeus (RES)	Rob Tyler	\$41	30.65

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

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3rd Striker Light

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Tim Newbold

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3rd Mainline Osti

The National Derby was first run in 1963 and was for a long period the NCA's Group 1 flagship at one time it 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 \$75,000 to the winner for the Derby. With the deregistration of the NCA both Group 1 features are operated by the GBOTA. 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**, 2009 **Fedex**, 2010 **Elite Blue Size**, 2011 **Bogie King**, 2012 **Sure As**, 2013 **Jagger Swagger**, 2014 **Zippping Brock**, 2015 **Fernando Bale** and 2016 **Magic Spring**.

The National Futurity was another time honoured flagship event for the NCA first run in 1964, it has been won by some wonderful 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 **Juno-esque**, 2001 **Queen Muffin**, 2002 **Hotshow Lil**, 2003 **Lissiloo**, 2004 **Nulkaba**, 2005 **Lukeamy** 2006 **Jinderra Flame** and 2007 **Bralyn Maisie**, 2008 **Elite Oriental**, 2009 **Digital Magic**, 2010 **Daydream**, 2011 **Crystin Bale**, 2012 **Midnight Capers**, 2013 **Sometimes Speedy**, 2014 **Rue De Kahn**, 2015 **Zippping Midge** and 2016 **Cash In Motion**.

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