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BRING ON THE NATIONALS

The Nationals is Australia's most prestigious Greyhound Racing Event on the Annual Calendar, attracting the very best chasers from around Nation. State pride is always on the line and participants love nothing more than to represent their state in the National finals.

This year for the first time since 2002 the events will be held in sunny Queensland at Albion Park. Last time the Nationals were in Brisbane it was an all Victorian affair with Boomeroo victorious in the distance final recording a track record. While in the Sprint In The Frame won the title for long time Sandown director David Gleeson.

This year's finals carry the highest prizemoney ever paid with both winners receiving \$75,000 after the elevation in Group prizemoney took effect from July the first 2011.

Held in August-September each year, the month of August is devoted to state heats and finals that in turn determine the grand finalists from each state. A finalist in both the sprint and distance has received a wild card entry since 2009. The golden ticket goes to the highest AGRA ranked greyhounds in sprint and distance at the end of July, which makes their state finals without winning. Rankings are determined by points accumulated from competing in Group races throughout the year. It was introduced by the Brisbane GRC and has proved a popular innovation.

Prior to the wild card entry the final finalist was the runner-up from the New South Wales or Victoria state final and alternated yearly. The host state always has two runners in each final and also provides the reserves.

The National Championships is also a time when many yearly friendships are re-kindled as the greyhound fraternity from each state assembly for almost a week of conferences', socialising and of course outstanding greyhound racing.

Two more stars will enter the honour roles this year after the finals are decided next Thursday night August 25th.

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AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

GROUP ONE – MARCO MEATS NATIONAL SPRINT \$75,000 to the winner



Pedrosa (WA)

46 starts 29-8-1 (\$216,750)

Big Daddy Cool – Brooklyn Rain

White & Fawn Dog February '08

Owner / Trainer: **Paul Stuart**

Albion Park best: 30.57 Trial 17/08

Outstanding sprinter from the west this is his second National sprint final after finishing fourth last year in Adelaide. Great record 38 in the money from 46 only went okay in his trial Thursday night but does have box one. Big chance quality performer.



Allen Hertz (VIC)

33 starts 10-6-10 (\$39,780)

Collision – Clementine Bale

Blue Brindle Dog March '09

Owner: **Janice Wheeler**

Trainer: **Graeme Bate**

Albion Park best: NBT (1 Start 0-0-0)

Very smart Victorian he was a surprise winner of the Vic final. However he did well from box five and held out Egg winner Radley Bale. He will be looking to get a handy position by the first turn to give him a chance of winning. Has the G Bate polish but a place chance looks best.



Bogie King (Qld)

29 Starts 15-6-3 (121,904)

Collision – Bogie Skye

Black Dog March '09

Owner: **Eagle Rock Syndicate**

Trainer: **Ryan Ayre**

Albion Park best: 30.05 (17 starts 10-4-1)

Local star he is well performed in a short career has 10 wins on the track which will stand him in good stead for this even Group 1. Finished second in the state final to Glen Gallon but he has made a couple nice big race finals for a youngster. Not without a chance if he has a bit go his way.



Glen Gallon (Qld)

11 starts 8-1-0 (\$24,229)

Flying Stanley – Incoherent

Red Brindle Dog August '09

Owner: **Velocity Lo (PTN)**

Trainer: **Tony Brett**

Albion Park best: 29.79 (5) (8 Starts 7-1-0)

Well performer youngster he has been very impressive in his short sprinting career has recorded a fast 29.79 here and won seven from eight on the track. Tough draw in four but came from last in the state final to win. Really nice type with T Brett as mentor has a solid chance in open race.



Tonneli Bale (VIC)

45 starts 17-7-7 (\$171,205)

Collision – Ambrosia Bale

Black Bitch April '08

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Graeme Bate**

Albion Park best: 30.17 (3) (2 Starts 1-0-0)

Won the wild card after a very good year so far winning three Group races another from the G Bate kennel she has loads of ability. Will have to do everything right from box five but with a bit of luck in running is always a serious chance.



Hellyeah Jacko (TAS)

116 starts 13-24-21 (\$32,042)

Where's Pedro – Coasters Choice

Fawn Dog November '07

Owner: Hellyeah Syndicate

Trainer: Anthony Bullock

Albion Park best: NBT

Got a late call up after finishing third in the Tassie state final when the first two had to pull out. Has been a handy dog on the Apple Isle in the money 58 times from 116 starts. Big thrill for connections but he looks to have the job in front of him in this company. Place chance best.



Point Two Over (SA)

56 starts 15-15-11 (\$40,755)

Collision – Camden Shiraz

Blue Brindle Dog February '08

Owners: Robert Sims

Trainer: Robin Harnas

Albion Park best: NBT (1 start 0-0-0)

South Australian rep he has been a handy dog in his home state in the money 41 of his 56 starts. Won the state final in fine style but may struggle with this very handy field. Place chance best.



Cold Fusion (NSW)

21 starts 12-3-3 (\$48,289)

Bit Chili – Arena Lee

Black Dog June '09

Owners: Falls & Partners Syndicate

Trainer: Neil Falls

Albion Park best: 29.98 (9 Starts 7-0-1)

Highly promising young dog he is almost a local racing on both sides of the border has a super record here with seven wins and a best of 29.98. Looks to have drawn where he wants to be in eight as his record from the pink is four for four. Big chance and well fancied from the outside on a track he knows well.



Maybe Elite (QLD)

23 starts 10-8-2 (\$19,918)

Collision – Moonlight Elite

Handy local sprinter she knows her way around Albion Park if she gained a start would find it hard to trouble this lot.



Metz Magic (QLD)

7 starts 4-1-0 (\$7,877)

Bombastic Shiraz – Witheren's Girl

Finished fourth in the state final only a youngster with seven starts but has won in a best of 29.98 would be a rank outsider if he gained a start.

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

Ron Arnold

1st Cold Fusion

2nd Glen Gallon

3rd Bogie King

Paul Dolan

1st Cold Fusion

2nd Tonneli Bale

3rd Glen Gallon

Peter O'Neill

1st Pedrosa

2nd Bogie King

3rd Glen Gallon

Matt Corby

1st Cold Fusion

2nd Point Two Over

3rd Allen Hertz

Greg Fahey

1st Bogie King

2nd Allen Hertz

3rd Glen Gallon




Rob Testa

1st Tonneli Bale

2nd Glen Gallon

3rd Bogie King

Local Market for the Macro Meats National Sprint Final:

Group 1 Macro Meats National Sprint Championship (520m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
 1	Pedrosa (WA)	Paul Stuart	\$10.00
 2	Allen Hertz (VIC)	Graeme Bate	\$8.00
 3	Bogie King (QLD)	Ryan Ayre	\$7.00
 4	Glen Gallon (QLD)	Tony Brett	\$3.50
 5	Tonnelli Bale (VIC)	Graeme Bate	\$4.00
 6	Hellyeah Jacko (TAS)	Anthony Bullock	\$34.00
 7	Point Two Over (SA)	Robin Harnas	\$25.0
 8	Cold Fusion (NSW)	Neil Falls	\$3.00
 9	Maybe Elite (QLD)	Judy Wyatt	\$51
 10	Metz Magic (QLD)	Ron Ball	\$101

What's happening on race night?

Final Night at Albion Park

Free admission

Music and entertainment.

Patrons have the chance to have their photo taken with former stars of the track at the Parade of Champions - including Black Enforcer, Bogie Leigh, Surf Lorian, Queen Lauryn and Token Jet.

As well as the chance to have a close look at the incredible markings on the superstar English import Fear Zafonic

There will also be plenty of prizes and giveaways.

National Sprint Honour Roll

NATIONAL SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

1965	HAROLDPARK	BEST SUN (NSW)	500 yds.	26.6/10
1966	OLYMPIC PARK	KINTA'S SON (VIC)	560 yds.	30.9/16
1967	WENTWORTH PARK	METEOR PASO (NSW)	580 yds.	31.8/16
1968	SANDOWN PARK	PRINCESS KERRY (VIC)	555 yds.	31.2/16
1969	HAROLD PARK	RED ZERO (NSW)	500 yds.	26.7110
1970	OLYMPIC PARK	REGAL HERMES (VIC)	560 yds.	30.7/16
1971	WENTWORTH PARK	KING MILLER (NSW)	580 yds.	31.1/16
1972	SANDOWN PARK	LORD GALAXY (NSW)	555 yds.	30.9116
1973	HAROLD PARK	NEW MARINER (VIC)	457 mts.	26.28
1974	OLYMPIC PARK	TEMLEE (VIC)	511 mts.	29.71
1975	WENTWORTH PARK	COOPAROO FLYER (NSW)	530 mts.	31.36
1976	SANDOWN PARK	CLOVER DUKE (NSW)	513 mts.	30.65
1977	GABBA	BOWETZEL (VIC)	558 mts.	32.70
1978	ANGLEPARK	MR TOEWHYTE (WA)	512 mts.	30.69
1979	CANNINGTON	ACCLAIM STAR (NSW)	530 mts.	30.95
1980	HAROLD PARK	FAST SAPPHIRE (NSW)	457 mts.	26.72
1981	OLYMPIC PARK	KATE'S A SCANDAL (SA)	511 mts.	30.70
1982	GABBA	MADONNA LEE (QLD)	558 mts.	32.73
1983	HAROLD PARK	WINIFRED BALE (NSW)	457 mts.	26.13
1984	HAROLD PARK	BUSY VINTAGE (TAS)	457 mts.	26.38
1985	SANDOWN PARK	SCENIC SPA (SA)	513 mts.	30.70
1986	ANGLEPARK	STETSON (SA)	512 mts.	29.98
1987	HOBART	FREMANTLE ECHO (WA)	457 mts.	26.39
1988	GABBA	DANCING GAMBLE (QLD)	558 mts.	32.89
1989	CANNINGTON	SANDI'S ME MUM (WA)	530 mts.	31.78

1990	SANDOWN	SANDI'S ME MUM (WA)	511 mts.	30.70
1991	WENTWORTH PARK	JESSICA CASEY (NSW)	520 mts.	30.66
1992	OLYMPIC PARK	MR. SLICK (VIC)	511 mts.	30.02
1993	ANGLE PARK	CASINO TOM (SA)	512 mts.	29.98
1994	WENTWORTH PARK	GALLANT RULER (NSW)	520 mts.	30.38
1995	SANDOWN PARK	FLYING AMY (QLD)	511 mts.	30.08
1996	ALBION PARK	SHAYNE'S CHAMP (VIC)	520 mts.	30.23
1997	ANGLEPARK	PRINCE OF TIGERS (WA)	512 mts.	29.68
1998	CANNINGTON	RAPID JOURNEY (NSW)	530 mts.	31.22
1999	WENTWORTH PARK	HARRY HAND (NSW)	520 mts.	30.31
2000	LAUNCESTON	PLACARD (NSW)	522 mts.	30.76
2001	MGRA (MEADOWS)	HENERIK BALE (VIC)	518 mts.	29.82
2002	ALBION PARK	IN THE FRAME (VIC)	520 mts.	30.26
2003	ANGLE PARK	ELITE STATE (QLD)	515 mts.	29.33
2004	CANNINGTON	IN FOR LIFE (NSW)	530 mts.	30.78
2005	WENTWORTH PARK	PURE OCTANE (VIC)	520 mts.	29.91
2006	LAUNCESTON	IMMORTAL LOVE (NSW)	515 mts.	29.52 (Rec)
2007	SANDOWN PARK	BIT CHILLI (NSW)	515 mts.	29.88
2008	WENTWORTH PARK	KNOCKA NORRIS (QLD)	520 mts.	29.83
2009	CANNINGTON	DASHING CORSAIR(QLD)	530 mts.	30.29
2010	ANGLE PARK	SMOOTH FANCY (NSW)	515 mts.	29.49

Abby upsets the champ

By David Brasch

Abby Shiraz, the only greyhound to break 41.80 around Albion Park for 710m all year, burst into Nationals contention when she upset champ Dashing Corsair to win the state final on Thursday night. Dashing Corsair pulled up holding his off-side hind leg in the air and had to be brought back to the kennels in the ambulance.

Abby Shiraz (Bombastic Shiraz-Irinka Olivia) ran 42.47 when she wore down a shortening-stride Dashing Corsair to win by a length and a quarter.

Black Cat Moan ran the race of her life to get third after matching stride in the early stages with Dashing Corsair.

Abby Shiraz was bred by Steve Plunkett at Bundaberg and Steve gave her to his parents to race. Steve gets her back to breed with.

Abby Shiraz, back in June, ran a scorching 41.76 when winning a graded race over the distance and that is the quickest of the year.

She is trained by Albion Park's leading trainer Sandra Hunt who admitted to surprise the bitch defeated Dashing Corsair.

"She goes into a Group 1 final next week and because she is running on her home track, she must have a chance," said Sandra. "The time tonight wasn't great but nothing has run time all night except Reg Kay's dog in the Novice."

Track vet Bob Geisel checked over Dashing Corsair after the race and again later in the night.

He found the dog had hurt his back and stood the dog down for seven days. That will expire on Wednesday night and will allow Dashing Corsair to run in next week's grand final.

Dave Smyth couldn't contain his excitement that his bitch Black Cat Moan had made a Group 1 final ... even if it is as a reserve. "You won't wipe the smile off my face for years," he said.



GROUP ONE – MACRO MEATS NATIONAL DISTANCE \$75,000 to the winner



Pickle Mickle (WA)

54 starts 16-6-9 (\$60,208)

Flying Penske – Classy Creek
Black Dog March '07

Owner: Helen Ivers

Trainer: Linda Britton

Albion Park best: 35.63 600 Trial 18/8

Well performed WA chaser he won the state final impressively. Didn't trial that well last week but was kenneled for a long period. Has the red box and the Linda Britton polish but might find this field a tall order.



Dashing Corsair (Qld)

125 starts 56-18-14 (\$386,583)

Malfoy – Rose Flamenco
Red Fawn Dog April '07

Owner: Paddy Finch

Trainer: Dwyer Lennon

Albion Park best: 41.44 Record (17 starts 14-2-0)

Has been a superstar sprinter-stayer and this is his last appearance holds the record on the track and has won 14 over the distance here. Is under an injury cloud but let's hope he makes it okay into the final and a fitting farewell to a wonderful chaser the sentimental favourite always a chance.



Kalden Mayhem (SA)

49 starts 20-6-8 (\$7,130)

Big Daddy Cool – Abbadale Gold
Blue Dog October '08

Owner: CS & JT Murray, D Biddle

Trainer: Troy Murray

Albion Park best: NBT (1 starts 0-0-0)

South Aussie stayer he has raced in Victoria and the West before performing well of recent times in South Australia. May struggle with this class but has a fair bit of ability. It would be a surprise if he could trouble this lot. A place chance best.



Lady Arko (VIC)

30 starts 14-5-3 (\$55,057)

Where's Pedro – Zarbo
White & Black Bitch April '08

Owner: C C U Syndicate

Trainer: Darren McDonald

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

Outstanding stayer she has raced in NSW and Victoria made a group one final here but finished unplaced. Was at her very best in the Victorian state final when she recorded a track record at Sandown Park. If she brings her A game to Brisbane she is a serious chance. Has the advantage of D McDonald on her side.



Ming Dynasty (TAS)

18 starts 8-1-1 (\$15,730)

Chinatown Lad – Brandon Sky
Brindle Dog November '08

Owner Paul Felgate

Trainer: Susan Gittus

Albion Park best: NBT

Only a youngster bred and raced by super Queensland industry contributor Paul Felgate. Bred in the purple by Chinatown Lad from Brandon Sky he has been very impressive in his short career so far. Was in great form in Tassie winning six on the trot at Launceston. He will have his work cut out in this but is sure to perform well. Place chance best.



Abby Shiraz (QLD)

40 starts 12-8-5 (\$40,073)

Bombastic Shiraz – Irinka Olivia
Black Bitch January '09

Owner: Plunkett PT (PTN)

Trainer: Sandra Hunt

Albion Park best: 41.75 (3) (11 starts 4-3-2)

Smart local stayer she has four wins on the track including a best of 41.75. Was a surprise state final winner when Dashing Corsair was hurt during the race, certainly has ability but a place chance best in this company.



Bobby Boucheau (VIC)

30 starts 17-4-3 (\$263,364)

Bombastic Shiraz – Dallas Gypsy

Black Dog May '08

Owner/ Trainer: **Angela Jackson**

Albion Park best: 42.03 (8) (3 starts 1-1-1)

The leading stayer this year he won the wild card due to his third placing in the rankings. Performed below par in the state final but Angela Jackson with the help of her Dad Kel Greenough is sure to have him right to fire in the final. Won the Group 1 here from an outside draw when he cut the field off at the first turn and was never headed. Great dog should be favourite and very hard to beat.



Zippling Lad (NSW)

17 starts 11-2-1 (\$44,045)

Malfoy – Or Catra

Fawn Dog August '09

Owner: **M & F Hallinan**

Trainer: **Jason Mackay**

Albion Park best: 35.01 600 Trial 18/08

Exciting young stayer he was impressive in winning the state final at Wentworth Park. Went like a jet over the 600 in his trial on Thursday night recording 35.01. Has the advantage of the Jason Mackay polish no stranger to National finals. He was not over happy with box eight but locals very taken with the 600 trial and have installed the youngster favourite. No doubt he has a big motor and he will be right in the firing line. One of the main chances.



Black Cat Moan (QLD)

25 starts 2-2-2 (\$5,514)

Mandagery Man – Miss Rutland

Local that finished third in last week's state final behind Abby Shiraz, hard to see her trouble this field if she gains a start.



Rose Octavia (QLD)

59 starts 8-8-10 (\$26,568)

Surf Lorian – Rose Flamenco

Local stayer she finished fourth last week in the State final will start huge odds if she gains a start.

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

Peter O'Neill

1st Bobby Boucheau

2nd Pickle Mickle

3rd Dashing Corsair

David Brasch

1st Zippling Lad

2nd Bobby Boucheau

3rd Lady Arko

Peter Davis

1st Zippling Lad

2nd Bobby Boucheau

3rd Dashing Corsair

Matt Corby

1st Bobby Boucheau

2nd Zippling Lad

3rd Kalden Mayhem

Greg Fahey

1st Lady Arko

2nd Bobby Boucheau

3rd Abby Shiraz

Ron Hawkswell

1st Lady Arko

2nd Zippling Lad

3rd Bobby Boucheau

Local Market for the Macro Meats National Distance Final:

Group 1 Macro Meats National Distance Championship (710m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	Pickle Mickle (WA)	Linda Britton	\$34.00
	Dashing Corsair(QLD)	Dwyer Lennon	\$6.00
	Kalden Mayhem (SA)	Troy Murray	\$15.00
	Lady Arko (VIC)	Darren McDonald	\$9.00
	Ming Dynasty (TAS)	Susan Gittus	\$21.00

 6	Abby Shiraz (QLD)	Sandra Hunt	\$8.00
 7	Bobby Boucheau (VIC)	Anglea Jackson	\$4.00
 8	Ziping Lad (NSW)	Jason McKay	\$2.50
 9	Black Cat Moan (QLD)	Dave Smyth	\$100
 10	Rose Octavia (QLD)	Dwyer Lennon	\$250

National Distance Honour Roll

NATIONAL DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

1969	WENTWORTH PARK	AMERIGO LADY (VIC)	790 yds.	43 7/16
1970	SANDOWN PARK	SARGOOD (VIC)	785 yds.	44.00
1971	HOBART	SAKI DASHER (VIC)	737 yds.	40.00
1972	HAROLDPARK	BUBBLE'S LUCK (VIC)	732 mts.	43.40
1973	GABBA	HE'S SOME BOY (VIC)	704 mts.	43.09
1974	ANGLEPARK	CORCORAN (VIC)	731 mts.	44.56
1975	GABBA	DOTIE WILSON (NSW)	704 mts.	41.66
1976	ANGLEPARK	BOLTA'S GIFT (VIC)	731 mts.	44.66
1977	HAROLDPARK	WOOLLEY WONG (NSW)	732 mts.	43.58
1978	HOBART	DUSTY GINNY (NSW)	730 mts.	43.30 (Rec)
1979	OLYMPIC PARK	MARY MARELLA (VIC)	732 mts.	44.09
1980	SANDOWN PARK	ALL PROMISE (VIC)	718 mts.	43.92
1981	LAUNCESTON	SHAMROCK JEWEL (VIC)	722 mts.	44.87
1982	ADELAIDE	BAY ROAD QUEEN (SA)	731 mts.	44.03
1983	HOBART	TEN GUITARS (VIC)	725 mts.	43.91
1984	CANNINGTON	PRINCESS BADEN (SA)	740 mts.	44.32
1985	LAUNCESTON	MELMADE GAZZA (SA)	722 mts.	44.06
1986	GABBA	KIRSTY'S FIRST (QLD)	704 mts.	41.65
1987	OLYMPIC PARK	MYSTIC HOPE (VIC)	732 mts.	44.29
1988	WENTWORTH PARK	HIGH INTENSITY (VIC)	732 mts.	42.93
1989	ANGLEPARK	JULEP (SA)	731 mts.	43.79
1990	OLYMPIC PARK	CLEAN MACHINE (VIC)	732 mts.	44.00
1991	GABBA	JUST A CHARM (QLD)	704 mts.	41.45
1992	WENTWORTH PARK	PACE GALORE (VIC)	720 mts.	42.57
1993	CANNINGTON	BILLY'S BLONDIE (QLD)	740 mts.	44.89
1994	WENTWORTH PARK	MISS CRUISE (NSW)	720 mts.	43.59
1995	OLYMPIC PARK	BORONIA BLOSSOM (QLD)	732 mts.	43.72
1996	ALBION PARK	BORONIA BLOSSOM (QLD)	710 mts.	42.23
1997	ANGLEPARK	IBROX PARK (NSW)	731 mts.	43.17
1998	CANNINGTON	PARADISE STREET (WA)	700 mts.	41.75
1999	WENTWORTH PARK	KOBBLE CREEK (QLD)	720 mts.	42.55
2000	LAUNCESTON	OSTI'S JOKER (VIC)	743 mts.	45.05
2001	SANDOWN PARK	TIP TOP TEARS (VIC)	715 mts.	42.46
2002	ALBION PARK	BOOMEROO (VIC)	710 mts.	41.61 (Rec)
2003	ANGLEPAK	ARVO'S JUNIOR (VIC)	731 mts.	42.66
2004	CANNINGTON	CLASSY CUSTOMER (NSW)	715 mts.	42.31
2005	WENTWORTH PARK	TEXAS GOLD (NSW)	720 mts.	42.07
2006	LAUNCESTON	BOTHING (SA)	720 mts.	42.49 (Rec)
2007	MEADOWS	FLASHING FLOODS (VIC)	725 mts.	42.95
2008	WENTWORTH PARK	MANTRA LAD (VIC)	720 mts.	42.30
2009	CANNINGTON	JARVIS BALE (VIC)	715 mts.	41.93
2010	ANGLE PARK	BLUE LORIAN (NSW)	731 mts.	43.01

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