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Falcon's Fury Too Start Favourite in the Ladbrokes Paws of Thunder

By Neil Brown

Paul Braddon's superstar youngster Falcon's Fury will start favourite for next week's Ladbrokes Paws of Thunder final at Wentworth Park. Drawn perfectly in box seven the impressive youngster from Cowra made it four wins from four starts at Headquarters when he recorded the second fastest heat winning time of 29.95.

Subject last week to a massive offer for the Fabregas speedster the Braddon's decided to knock it back and are happy to see where the young dog can take himself in the future. No strangers to above average dogs over the years, dogs that win 10 of their first 14 starts are few and far between.

Time honours on the night went to seasoned Group campaigner Brad Hill Billy, he handing in a tradesman's like performance to win in 29.94, his 16th win at Wentworth Park.



Two Victoria's made the Group 1 final youngsters Shima Bar and Striker Light, Shima Bar has a big motor and put up a brilliant performance to run down the leaders with 30 metres to go, he has drawn box 1 in the final and has claims if he stays in touch with the leading division.

One of those leaders is likely to be Striker Light she set up an unbeatable lead in the heat with lightning sections of 5.45 and 13.68 before tiring to run 30.01. Raced by Melbourne media personality George Farrugia and trained by Brett Bravo she has won seven from 10 and can find the front from box two.

The Group 1 final has also drawn a host of NSW runners, with Blabba Mouth



(30.34) winning for a very excited Cheryl Murray, Lowanna's Son (30.19), Clock's Ticking (30.09) and Magic Lace (30.13) all winning their respective heats.

Two heats of the Group 2 Summer Distance Plate supported the Ladbrokes Paws of Thunder, with Runaway Bono, taking heat one in 42.43, while It's A Fling for Mark Gatt won the second heat in 42.57. Star Victorian Burn One Down finished third in the first heat after starting odds on but found trouble in the run, he is still quoted a \$1.80 chance to win the final with the Tab fixed odds market posted today.

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GROUP ONE – Ladbrokes Paws Of Thunder \$75,000 to the winner.

Box Draw and Tab Fixed Market for the Ladbrokes Paws of Thunder:

\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Ladbrokes Paw of Thunder 520m				
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	B/T
	Shima Bar	Andrea Dailly	\$5	30.27
	Striker Light	Brett Bravo	\$3.80	30.01
	Blabba Mouth	Cheryl Murray	\$41	30.16
	Lowanna's Son	Sharron Webster	\$12	30.18
	Brad Hill Billy	Ray Smith	\$6	29.37
	Clock's Ticking	Jason Magri	\$7	29.87
	Falcon's Fury	Paul Braddon	\$2.60	29.69
	Magic Lace	Doreen Drynan	\$35	30.06
	Black Hole Sun (RES)	John Little	\$41	29.91
	Takedown (RES)	Mark Gatt	\$41	30.03

Local expert's selections for the Ladbrokes Paws of Thunder final are as follows.

Adam Dobbin
 1st Falcon's Fury
 2nd Striker Light
 3rd Clock's Ticking

Ron Arnold
 1st Falcon's Fury
 2nd Striker Light
 3rd Shima Bar

Gerard Guthrie
 1st Striker Light
 2nd Falcon's Fury
 3rd Brad Hill Billy

Tim Newbold
 1st Striker Light
 2nd Falcon's Fury
 3rd Brad Hill Billy

What's happening on race night?

Gates open at 5.30pm for Saturday's meeting.

Also on the card is the Group 2 Summer Plate final over the 720 metres.

It is the perfect reason to get trackside and witness two great feature finals.

The 2017 'Collerson' conducted in recognition of Daily Telegraph Journalist Jeff Collerson's contribution to the Greyhound Industry is also a great race on the card this Saturday night.
 Plus plenty of entertainment for the whole family.



Catering & Bar

Wentworth Park provides diverse choices within the venue. There is the snack bar on the ground floor and there are take away stalls on the concourse leading from the grandstand. There are fully licensed bars on the ground floor. The Bistro on the lower ground floor provides patrons the opportunity to order from an extensive menu, with meals cooked to order, and delivered to your table, with Bar facilities in the Bistro.

Listed below are the past winners of Paws Of Thunder which was formerly known as the St.Leger and was 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**, 2009 **Cindeen Shelby**, 2010 **Lochinvar Marlow**, 2011 **Fancy Will** and 2013 **Sheikha**, 2014 **Iona Seven**, 2015 **Dyna Villa** and 2016 **Asa Flying Spur**.



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