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Speed the key to Centrebet Vic Peters Final

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The Group 1 Centrebet Vic Peters Classic final is set to see the battle of sizzling speedsters Spring Gun and Mepunga Nicky, which recorded impressive Semi Final victories at Wentworth Park on Saturday night (October 29).

Saturday's (November 5) \$75,000 to the winner final will see the Spring Gun and Mepunga Nicky go head to head, with both greyhounds currently undefeated at Wentworth Park.

The dynamic duo have drawn beside each other in box five (Spring Gun) and six (Mepunga Nicky) which has set the scene for one thrilling final.

Spring Gun opened the Centrebet Vic Peters Classic semi-finals in fine style posting early sections of 5.30 and 13.65 the quickest of the four semi-finals.

The son of Bombastic Shiraz x Ready To Rain finished 6 ½ lengths clear of Apparently So in 29.66.

The second semi-final went to the 2011 Adelaide Cup and SA Oaks winner Mepunga Nicky which crossed the field from box eight to lead all the way, notching up 5.37, 13.70 sectionals, with an overall time of 29.74.

The final shapes up as an interesting affair with Mr. Clydesdale drawing box one in the final after posting the fastest overall time in the semi-finals of 29.61.

Gable Drum saluted in the final semi-final finishing 8 ¾ lengths ahead of Cold Fusion which found trouble just after box rise having to work hard to cement his position in the final.

Saturday's final will be supported by the running of the Bondi Rescue Cup with members of the Channel 10 hit show trackside raising money for charity.

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AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

GROUP ONE – CENTREBET VIC PETERS CLASSIC

\$75,000 to the winner



Mr. Clydesdale

27 starts 12-5-3 (\$45,115)

Knocka Norris – Takeover Teddy

Blue Dog April '09

Owners / Trainer: **Robert McColm**

Wentworth Park best: 29.61 (8) (14 Starts 8-2-0)

Impeccable record at Wentworth Park where he has won eight races. Brilliant semi winner in the fastest time of the night 29.61. Won his heat in 29.97 and is perfectly draw here from the inside draw. Top class sprinter he should start favourite and sure to be hard to beat.



Gable Drum

20 starts 10-3-2 (\$25,820)

Gable Lafourche – Tiu Lid

Red Fawn Dog August '09

Owner / Trainer: **Charlie Lamb**

Wentworth Park best: 29.77 (8) (9 Starts 4-1-1)

Good record in his short career and drawn well here to put up a forward showing. Has won in a fast 29.77, however did record the slowest semi win last week 29.99 would have to run up to his PB to be a winning chance, will need some luck in running, place chance best.



Snoopy Collins

21 starts 3-10-3 (\$12,410)

Surf Lorian – Trendy Habit

Black Dog September '09

Owner / Trainer: **Christopher Carl**

Wentworth Park best: 30.61 (1) (7 Starts 1-4-1)

Youngster with ability well beaten by big margin last week behind Mr. Clydesdale. Would have to improve his best winning time of 30.61 to trouble this field and will start big odds, place chance looks best.



Apparently So (TAS)

15 starts 7-4-0 (\$12,135)

Collision – Felicity's Zoe

Black Bitch May '09

Owner: **Fiona Ransley**

Trainer: **Steve White**

Wentworth Park best: NBT (2 Starts 0-2-0)

Young bitch from Tassie has only had the 15 starts for seven wins. Yet to win here and from box four she has the job in front of her. Sure to keep improving, but a big ask from this box and would need have a heap of luck to feature. In good hands and a big thrill for connections to make a Group 1 final.



Spring Gun

22 starts 15-1-1 (\$37,500)

Bombastic Shiraz – Rain For Rain

Red Fawn Dog June '09

Owner: **Gregory Board**

Trainer: **Christine Oldfield**

Wentworth Park best: 29.66 (4) (5 Starts 5-0-0)

Very talented young dog with a fantastic record here, unbeaten five from five all in fast time. Ran his PB in last week's semi win leading all the way from box four. Not the best of draws but he has the ability to overcome box five and is a genuine winning chance. If he can find the front early will prove very hard to beat, looks to have a bright future at the top level.



Mepunga Nicky (VIC)

22 starts 15-4-0 (\$158,355)

Premier Fantasy – Mepunga Diamond

White & Black Bitch July '09

Owner: **Barry Smith**

Trainer: **Jeff Britton**

Wentworth Park best: 29.87(5) (2 Starts 2-0-0)

Super bitch and the only Victorian in the final. Without doubt the best box dog in the country. A faultless beginner she has won her last eight on the trot, not headed in any of those wins. Came into the series as the Group 1 Adelaide Cup winner and she will be hard to beat again. Spring Gun had faster sections last week with 5.30 (5.37) and 13.65 (13.70) so it will interesting to see who can maintain the lead next week. One thing is for sure she'll come out best, big chance again.



Zippping Catra

9 starts 3-3-0 (\$10,880)

Malfoy – Or Catra

White & Fawn Bitch August '09

Owners: **Martin & Fiona Hallinan**

Trainer: **Jason Mackay**

Wentworth Park best: 29.91 (2) (8 Starts 2-3-0)

Lightly raced young bitch she chased home Mepunga Nicky last week and was beaten by a solid margin. Has won here in 29.91 from an inside draw and might struggle next week in this company. Needs a bit of luck in the early stages from box seven, place chance looks best.



Cold Fusion

30 starts 16-6-4 (\$87,989)

Bit Chili – Arena Lee

Black Dog June '09

Owners: **N Falls & R Mitchell**

Trainer: **Neil Falls**

Wentworth Park best: 29.70 (5) (10 Starts 6-2-0)

Big run in his semi-final second behind Gable Drum, has six wins here, with a best of 29.70. Has performed at the top level and ran third in the National Sprint at Albion Park. If anything is against him he is most times coming from behind. Talented type who can run a big race has a little more experience than most in this final which should help. Certainly has winning claims with some luck.



Krazy Fraz

26 starts 12-2-2 (\$29,650)

Hallucinate – Cawbourne Fraz

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



Lucy's Rose (VIC)

26 starts 7-2-4 (\$19,300)

Head Bound – Lucille's Ball

Smart young bitch from Victoria she finished third to kennel mate Mepunga Nicky in last week's semi, hasn't won on the track and might find it tough if she gained a run.

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

Ron Arnold

1st Mr. Clydesdale
2nd Mepunga Nicky
3rd Cold Fusion

Gerard Guthrie

1st Mepunga Nicky
2nd Spring Gun
3rd Mr. Clydesdale

Adam Dobbin

1st Spring Gun
2nd Cold Fusion
3rd Mr. Clydesdale

AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

Local Market for the Centrebet Vic Peters Classic:

\$75,000 to Winner Group 1 Centrebet Vic Peters Classic (520m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
 1	Mr. Clydesdale	Robert McColm	\$3.25
 2	Gable Drum	Charlie Lamb	\$11.00
 3	Snoopy Collins	Christopher Carl	\$34.00
 4	Apparently So	Steve White	\$11.00
 5	Spring Gun	Christine Oldfield	\$6.00
 6	Mepunga Nicky	Jeff Britton	\$4.50
 7	Ziping Carta	Jason Mackay	\$21.00
 8	Cold Fusion	Neil Falls	\$8.00
 9	Krazy Fraz (1 st RES)	Ron Bell	RES
 10	Lucy's Rose (2 nd RES)	Jeff Britton	RES

What's happening on race night?

A cheque for \$75,000 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.

Saturday's final will be supported by the running of the Bondi Rescue Cup with members of the Channel 10 hit show trackside raising money for charity.

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.

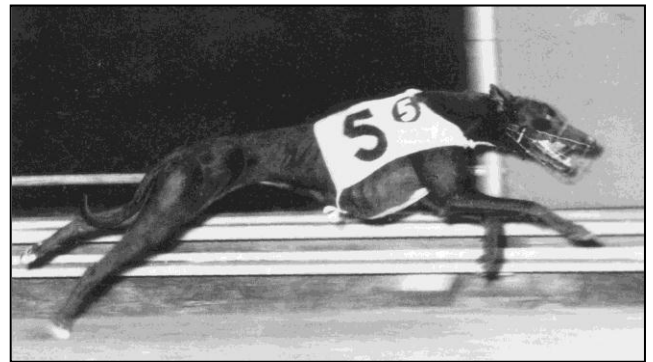
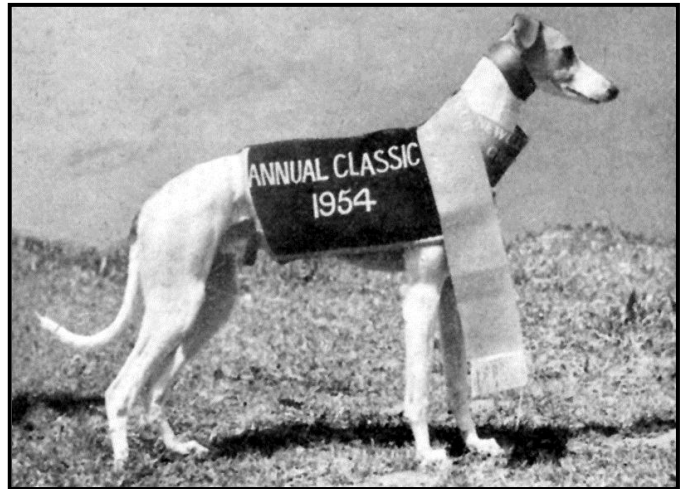


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AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

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
2010	ISADOLL	29.93

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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