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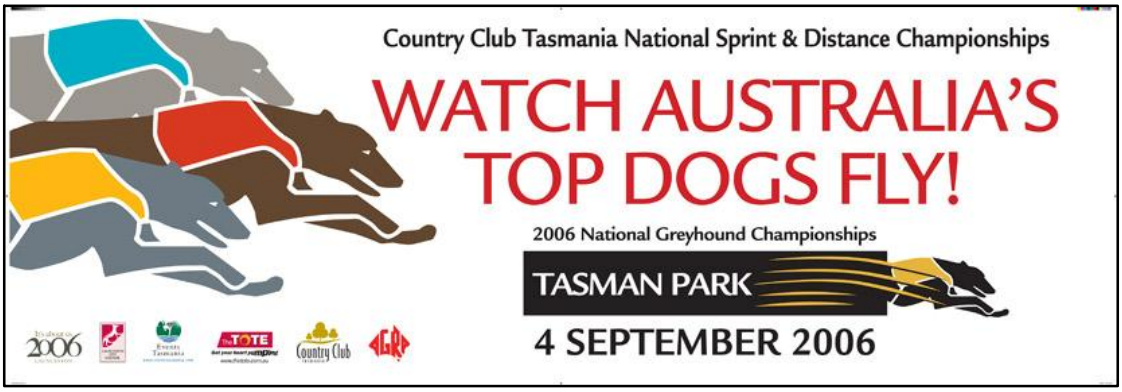
"National Finals for the last Two Spots"



The heats of the State National Sprint and Distance Titles for Tasmania were held last night and the finals have brought together two quality fields to decide the two greyhounds in each that will represent the host State on September 4th.
Listed below is the box draw and summary of the possible outcome of the finals conducted next Monday night August 28th.

TASMANIA

Box draw for the National Sprint Championship –Tasmania Final (515m)

Box	Dog	Trainer
1.	Buckle Up Mary	Stuart McKellar
2.	Shadha Jacari	Ted Medhurst
3.	Elle's Courage	Russell Watts
4.	Riddler Jake	Doug Cassidy
5.	Supa Instinct	Ted Medhurst
6.	Cool Stefani	Stuart McKellar
7.	Collector	Ted Medhurst
8.	Coolangatta	David Crosswell
1st Res	Obie Trice	Ted Medhurst
2nd Res	Smart and Sassy	Lee Wood

A very competitive final fastest heat winner Cool Stefani (29.89) found the front early from box one and was most impressive scoring her ninth win at the track in just outside her best time of 29.85. She is one of two finalists for Stuart McKellar he also won heat one with Buckle Up Mary in 30.20 and she has drawn box one in the final. Master trainer Ted Medhurst has three in the final the very speedy Shadha Jacari he was an extremely impressive heat winner in 29.96. The black dog is racing well and box two is a nice draw. His other finalists are evergreen Supa Instinst and up and coming youngster Collector.

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"Supa" has had 123 starts for 41 wins and the former Devonport Cup winner won well in 29.96 at 56 months old he is still racing with plenty of heart. Collector scored his 10 win and 5th at Tasman Park from only 15 starts he is certainly a chance but box seven is a worry. In what is a tough call but I like Shadha Jacari from the inside draw to beat Cool Stefani and Collector.

Collector wins Heat 3

Box draw for the National Distance Championship – Tasmania Final (720m)

Box	Dog	Trainer
1.	Glamour Cruise	Graeme Moate
2.	Atomic Jet	Shane Whitney
3.	Dubbo Dan	Russell Watts
4.	Teejay's Special	George Woods
5.	Oh Zoya	David Crosswell
6.	Camdale Dusty	Anthony Bullock
7.	Terracotta Lad	Butch Deverell
8.	Sanguine Miss	Margaret Rossendell
1st Res	Poison Ivory	Susan Cameron
2nd Res	Blue Speedy	Susan Cameron

Interesting final with what appears to be only a couple of genuine chances. Oh Zoya was impressive when leading all the way to win in the fastest heat time of 42.89. She reeled off sections of 5.16, 16.25 and 29.81 and was way too good for Glamour Cruise and Atomic Jet winning by seven and a half lengths. Trained by leading Tasmania veteran David Crosswell she is a Bombastic Shiraz youngster that has had only 23 starts for 7 wins and 10 placings. On last weeks form she could prove hard to run down if she leads again. The other heat was won by Dubbo Dan in 43.13 he won comfortably by five lengths defeating Teejay's Special and Terracotta Lad who were both running on. It's hard to make a case for the beaten brigade in the heats and one expects that Oh Zoya can lead all the way again in the final. Russell Watts' Dubbo Dan should keep her honest and Teejay's Special has won at Tasman Park over the 720m and has some claims.

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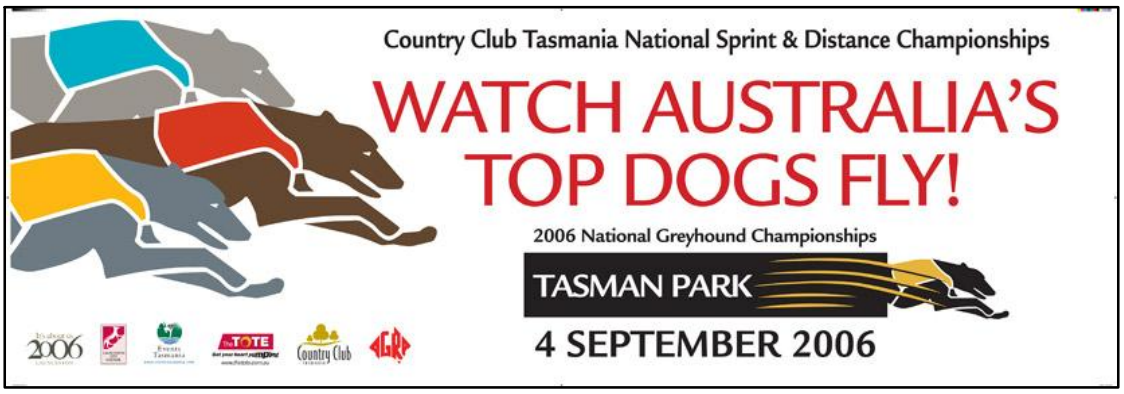
Oh Zoya an easy winner of Heat 1 **(All Pics Peter Hayes)**



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