

MEDIA RELEASE

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COCA COLA DERBY FINAL BOX DRAW



Last Thursday night at Angle Park we witnessed greyhound chasing at its best with seven heats of the Coca Cola SA Derby where all qualifiers broke 30 seconds for the 515m to make the Group 3 final.

The fastest qualifier for the final was the Allan Britton trained Victorian Black Hombre who showed tremendous speed to lead throughout from box 2 to record the quickest time on the Angle Park track since January's Adelaide Cup running 29.51 for the 515m winning by 11 ½ lengths.

He was 2 ½ lengths quicker than the next fastest heat winner Yowyeh for Victorian trainer Angela Langton who ran a sensational 29.68 also leading throughout.

The Coca Cola Derby is again dominated by the Interstaters with only one South Australian trained greyhound Kalden Komoto qualifying in a solid 29.97 for Two Wells trainer Ray Murray.

Other qualifiers on the night were Shivine (29.76), Explosive Drop (29.77), Fantasia (29.81) and Clay Pan (29.88) who all won along with Allen Lawson for trainer Graeme Bate who was the fastest second placegetter running 29.79 in his heat behind Explosive Drop.

It is shaping to be another tremendous Final as we saw in the Coffex Coffee Oaks Final also run last Thursday night where Mepunga Nicky for trainer Jeff Britton sizzled around the Angle Park track in 29.64 taking out the Group 3 feature. She defeated a quality line up including up and coming WA star Miata who lost no admirers in tasting defeat for the first time in her 8 lifetime starts, in running second. A short priced favourite for the event Miata was slow out and checked on numerous occasions rounding the first bend before producing an unbelievable finishing burst to fly home for second beaten only 2 ½ lengths. Miata's run home time of 12.33 was the fastest recorded since individual sectional times were introduced at Angle Park over the last few years breaking Kalden Mayhem's 12.45 run home set in January's John Gray Memorial where he ran 29.36 for the 515m in winning.

Let's hope more history can be made on Thursday night where the \$36,000 Group Three Coca Cola Derby Final will be run. It will be race 8 on the program and is listed to jump at 9.11pm (SA time).

The Coca Cola Derby Final field in Box Draw order is:

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| 1. Shivine | Kelly Bravo (Vic) |
| 2. Clay Pan | Robert Britton (Vic) |
| 3. Fantasia | Jeff Britton (Vic) |
| 4. Yowyeh | Angela Langton (Vic) |
| 5. Allen Lawson | Graeme Bate (Vic) |
| 6. Black Hombre | Allan Britton (Vic) |
| 7. Kalden Komoto | Ray Murray (SA) |
| 8. Explosive Drop | Jeff Britton (Vic) |
| 9. Dyna Chayne (1 st Res) | Shaun Matcott (SA) |
| 10. Weekend Rush (2 nd Res) | Justin Illman (Vic) |

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