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“Silver Chief a Classic final at the Meadows”

The Group 1 AJS Corporation Silver Chief final has brought together a sensational field of young sprinters for Saturday nights final at the Meadows.

The time honoured classic over 525 metres looks a very even race with a number of chances among the star studded line up. Star of the show after two weeks of heats and semi finals is the Darren Murray trained Slater, fresh from winning the Shepparton Cup and the Great Chase and recorded records at both Shepparton and Bendigo. The brindle sprint sensation has set the Meadows a light with fast times of 29.74 and a near track record run 29.63 in last weeks semi final win.

Trainer Murray will be trying to go back to back after his outstanding chaser Closing Argument made a one affair of last year's final following his Melbourne Cup success in late November 2005.



Last Year winner Closing Argument

It's a case of family first next Saturday when Murray will attend his daughter's wedding but he is sure to be an interested spectator on a T.V. somewhere near the reception. He also qualified the lightly raced King's Conquest for the final in a top training effort. Other semi final winners were Meticulous 29.84, Run's House 29.95 and Big Time Max 29.97 all have solid chances in the rich Group 1 final.

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AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

GROUP ONE – AJS CORPORATION SILVER CHIEF CLASSIC

\$50,000 to the winner



Salegrey's Verto

10 starts 1-5-1 (\$5325)

Bombastic Shiraz – Sassi Who

Black Dog October '04

Owner: **Salegrey's Racing Syndicate**

Trainer: **William McMahon**

Meadows best: 31.21 (2) (6 Starts 1-3-0)

Inexperienced youngster who was well beaten in his semi and heat behind Run's House & Salter at big odds. With start bigger odds in the final has the red but would have to improve out of sight to match motors with this lot.



Meticulous

13 starts 7-3-0 (\$26,915)

Brett Lee – Dance Portrait

Black Dog August '04

Owner: **Paul Westerveld**

Trainer: **Mario Briganti**

Meadows best: 29.84 (5) (2 Starts 2-0-0)

Outstanding young dog with two all the way wins in the series overcoming box five he recorded fast sections of 5.04 & 17.77 last week. Could lead for a long way from nice draw and a big chance has steadily improved with racing. Will only get better, can win if he leads clearly down the back one of the main hopes.



Big Time Max

20 starts 9-5-2 (\$64,030)

Big Daddy Cool – Lil Bit Loony

Black Dog November '04

Owners / Trainer: **Engin Gemci**

Meadows best: 29.94 (8) (4 Starts 2-1-0)

Very smart sprinter that has made a number of big races finals in his short career. Two impressive wins in his heat and semi recording under 30 seconds. One of the main chances but will need some luck at the start to gain a winning position not without a chance just has to have a bit go his way genuine claims.



Bentley Bale

43 starts 10-13-4 (\$26,095)

Go Wild Teddy – Siandra Bale

Black Dog July '04

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Andrea Dailly**

Meadows best: 30.06 (5) (14 Starts 3-5-2)

Most experienced finalist with 43 starts under his belt 14 of those at the Meadows. Yet to break 30 seconds in three wins suggests vast improvement needed to trouble the more fancied runners. From box four will start big odds and place chance looks best.



King's Conquest

7 starts 4-1-0 (\$8,675)

Hallucinate – Super Sophie

Black Dog February '05

Owner: **Kon Kola**

Trainer: **Darren Murray**

Meadows best: 30.29 (4) (4 Starts 2-1-0)

Youngest dog in the race by superstar Hallucinate, won his heat in 30.29 before chasing Meticulous home last week. Hard to see him causing an upset from the difficult draw and place chance looks best will need plenty of luck in running.



Run's House

12 starts 8-0-1 (\$32,000)

Awesome Assassin – Amy's Sonnet

Red Fawn Dog March '05

Owner: **Seona Hood**

Trainer: **Jason Thompson**

Meadows best: 29.89 (1) (5 Starts 5-0-0)

Lightly raced young star who made the Melbourne final has won his last four starts at the Meadows in under 30 seconds. A brilliant heat win last week when he again thrashed his opposition leading all the way in 5.11 & 17.80. Not the best of draws but is a high quality performer that is improving all the time unbeaten on the track and sure to be in the finish.



Cromlah Bale

39 starts 17-10-0 (\$107,955)

Brett Lee – Mirada Bale

Black Dog July '04

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Andrea Dailly**

Meadows best: 29.65 (2) (10 Starts 4-4-0)

Very experienced sprinter that has already won a Group 1 and 2 got in some trouble last week when he ran second the Run's House. Not without a chance because he has been there before would have to find some luck in running to win this tough final but has time here.



Slater

15 starts 10-2-1 (\$87,590)

Surf Lorian – Wipe Out

Brindle Dog December '04

Owners: **Robert Jackson**

Trainer: **Darren Murray**

Meadows best: 29.63 (8) (5 Starts 2-1-1)

The head line act of the series so far recorded the fast times of 29.74 in his heat and 29.63 only 1/100th of a second outside Big Daddy Cool's Meadows track record. Has to overcome the wide draw and most think he can't lead. If he gets a clear run and is anywhere within six lengths down back he will run them down. Fantastic chaser who brilliantly won two group two's and set two track records at Shepparton and Bendigo deserves to start favourite and should be the one to beat.



Real Destiny

16 starts 6-3-3 (\$9,740)

Big Daddy Cool – Awesome Nakita

Finished third last week to Meticulous after finishing second in the heat has won two races at the Meadows but hard to him trouble this field if gains a start.



Day Out

22 starts 4-7-4 (\$11,975)

Bombastic Shiraz – Entrenched

Hasn't won at the Meadows and has only tasted success on country tracks big ask in this company will be long odds if he gains a start.



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

Ron Hawkswell
 1st Run's House
 2nd Slater
 3rd Cromlah Bale

Peter Pearson
 1st Meticulous
 2nd Slater
 3rd Big Time Max

Marg Long
 1st Meticulous
 2nd Slater
 3rd Run's House

Local Market for the AJS Corporation Silver Chief Classic:

\$50,000 to the winner Group 1 AJS Corporation Silver Chief Classic (525m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	Salegrey's Verto	William McMahon	25-1
	Meticulous	Mario Briganti	3/1
	Big Time Max	Engin Gemci	8-1
	Bentley Bale	Andrea Dailly	16/1
	King's Conquest	Darren Murray	15-1
	Run's House	Jason Thompson	5-1
	Cromlah Bale	Andrea Dailly	6-1
	Slater	Darren Murray	2-1
	Real Destiny (RES)	Barry Hiscock	33-1
	Day Out (RES)	Cameron Bahen	50-1

What's happening on race night?

On Course, Robbie Testa is MC and will conduct interviews in the lead up to the Silver Chief final. Camp Australia will be in attendance with huge entertainment for the kids, all free. There will plenty of Mystery Bet Combos on sale. (i.e) \$10 worth of bets with bonuses attached, they have proved very popular on other big nights. Plus there will be plenty of prizes on course to be won as well.

The History of the Silver Chief Classic

The AJS Corporation Silver Chief Classic is certainly one out of the box and is sure to produce yet another champion who will go on to great heights; as have previous winners.



The Great Silver Chief after winning 1939 Waterloo Cup

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The Classic is one steeped in tradition, first being run in 1964. Directors of the Melbourne Greyhound Racing association saw fit to name The Classic after the greyhound "Silver Chief" who was whelped in 1936 and owned by Ray Herbert. Silver Chief was a "Waterloo Cup" winner in 1939 and performed admirably on the speed coursing circuit as well. He raced in both Melbourne and Sydney and was keenly sought after for stud duties once his racing career was finished.

The cream of racing have won this event referred to as the Derby of Greyhound Racing.

Champions such as Plunder Road, Black Diro, Satan's Legend, Tempix, Chariot Supreme, Ginger, Light of Fire and Awesome Assassin to name a few. Many have gone on to produce sons who have also won the Classic.

The mighty Tempix won in 1978 then produced sons who won in (81) Tempix Image and Bold Assail in 1982.

Australian super sire Chariot Supreme won the race in record time in 1983. His progeny took out the honours in 1986 (Hopeful Supreme), 1989 (Autumn Chariot) and 1991 (Bomber Gleeson).

In recent years Light of Fire won in 1994 then produced greats such as Awesome Assassin and Kantarn Bale. Awesome Assassin went on to sire 2005 winner Ben's Fury.

Silver Chief Honour Roll

DATE	GREYHOUND	SIRE	DAM	ODDS	TIME	BOX	STAKE	TRAINER
29/06/1964	BARUNAH	Sunagari	Northbound	3/1	31.00	4	800	A.BELCHER
27/09/1965	SPARTAN PRINCE	Shan's View	Bylane	7/4	30 11/16	1	1000	G. MAKRIS
8/08/1966	PHANTOM'S RETURN	The Stripper	Shifnal	5/1	30 14/16	7	\$2,000	R.TINK
7/08/1967	LORD BADEN	Fawn Scout	Brocatel	6/4	30 14/16	5	\$2,000	J.CURRAN
5/08/1968	DUPONDY TWO	Dupondy	Belle Linen	4/6F	30 11/16	1	\$2,000	R. OXENHAM
28/07/1969	PLUNDER ROAD	Nulla View	Glenda Gale	4/5F	30 7/16	1	\$2,700	R.DEAKIN
20/07/1970	BLACK DIRO	Venetian Court	Lena Black	3/1	30 11/16	5	\$3,500	T.BLEAZBY
26/07/1971	MICHAEL TAKIRI	Takiri	Bon Fides	5/1	30 10/16	5	\$3,500	R.DINGFELDER
24/07/1972	GETAWAY	Sammy Sparrow	Blonde Shan	6/1	30 1/16	8	\$3,500	R.DRAKE
6/08/1973	FLASH GORDAN	Gala's Dream	Real Tapestry	3/1	30.81	8	\$3,500	I.MACKAY
22/07/1974	PETILLANT	Gabriel Mist	Montano	7/4F	30.47	3	\$3,500	F.CAREW
25/08/1975	NIGGER CHIMES	Fawn Roamer	Mini Chimes	7/2	30.66	1	\$3,500	M.THOMAS
26/07/1976	FRITZ MAC TAVISH	Newmore King	Gundy	9/10F	30.83	3	\$3,500	H.SIAKEW
25/07/1977	SATAN'S LEGEND	Temlee	Cyclone	8/11F	30.75	1	\$5,600	D.GILLARD
9/10/1978	TEMPIX	Temlee	Pixie Dianne	11/2	30.60	8	\$5,600	B.SMITH
22/10/1979	SAN REMO	Come on Wonder	Riviera Moss	11/8	30.78	2	\$7,000	B.FLANNERY
20/10/1980	MORK THE STORK	Bowetzel	Miller's Cottage	5/1	30.42	3	\$10,000	A.HUGGINS
10/08/1981	TEMPIX IMAGE	Tempix	Simply Honey	5/1	30.31	2	\$10,000	B.SMITH
9/08/1982	BOLD ASSAIL	Tempix	Brindle Hermes	10/1	30.64	3	\$10,000	F.LA BOZZETTA
8/08/1983	CHARIOT SUPREME	Waverly Supreme	Mixed Blessings	4/1	29.80	5	\$10,000	K.RICHARDS
17/12/1984	RUMPUS PAPP	Royal Rumpus	Newmore Glenys	6/1	29.89	3	\$10,000	S.AMORE
23/12/1985	SUPREME SPOT (SA)	Waverly Supreme	Miss Lemoss	100/1	30.57	4	\$10,000	C.WATCHEL
22/12/1986	HOPEFUL SUPREME	Chariot Supreme	Hopeful Victory	9/2	29.95	1	\$10,000	K.RICHARDS
28/12/1987	CALAMITY KID	Kid Campbell	Juliet	12/1	29.96	3	\$10,000	G.BRYANT
19/12/1988	GINGER	Eaglehawk Star	Rinaldi Lass	7/4	29.80	3	\$15,000	S.CONDO
18/12/1989	AUTUMN CHARIOT	Chariot Supreme	Autumn Road	EV.F	30.03	2	\$15,000	H.HILL
17/12/1990	ENFIELD	Pop Gun	That's Lika Flash	2/1F	30.10	4	\$15,000	S.JOHANNSEN
23/12/1991	BOMBER GLEESON	Chariot Supreme	Hoppy's Girl	6/1	29.72	4	\$20,000	G.BATE
21/12/1992	NEVIK	City Skopos	Two Dots	14/1	29.74	6	\$20,000	J.CONNELLY
27/12/1993	PLUGGER FEVER	Shining Chariot	Eaglehawk Midge	16/1	30.14	4	\$20,000	L.KETELAAR
12/1/1994	LIGHT OF FIRE	New Tears	Centrefire	11/8F	30.47	4	\$20,000	J.THOMPSON
12/1/1995	ZEALOUS GUY	Little Denver	Plus Velvet	6/4F	30.46	2	\$20,000	T.PROCTOR
Dec 96	AWESOME ASSASSIN	Light Of Fire	Tranquil Flame	2/1	29.96	6	\$30,000	J.THOMPSON
12/1/1997	HOT SHOT	Acacia Ablaze	Mary La Maze	5/2	29.99	8	\$30,000	R.REDENBACH

1/1/1999	JAMELLA PRINCE	Malawi Prince	Bindari Fox	7/2	30.08	7	\$30,000	D CROSWELL
12/1/1999	KANTARN BALE	Light Of Fire	Jindara Bale	6/4F	29.91	1	\$30,000	G.BATE
10/9/2000	DAVE'S MENTOR	Head Honcho	Best Of Bev	4.40	29.74	2	\$40,000	D.BOOBY
9/22/2001	BURALI BALE	Gun law Osti	Louisa Porta	2.90	30.36	6	\$50,000	G.BATE
4/01/2003	JIMMY NEUTRON	Big Ginger Boy	Reeba Honcho	3.40	30.04	6	\$50,000	S. MCKENNA
3/01/2004	BIG DADDY COOL	Just the Best	Sobbing Sal	1.40F	29.62	1	\$50,000	N.JANJIC
8/01/2005	BEN'S FURY	Awesome Assassin	Bonnie April	3.30f	29.82	1	\$50,000	J THOMPSON
7/01/2006	CLOSING ARGUMENT	Exceptional	Maddy Shiraz	2.60f	29.85	4	\$50,000	C TAYLOR

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