

## Media Release

# MIDNIGHT RIDES INTO LAUNCHING PAD CONTENTION

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Exciting sprinter Midnight Ride lowered the 500m Bendigo track record by a full tenth of a second in an awesome display of speed when taking out the inaugural Springboard Series at Bendigo today.

With a much sought after entry into the upcoming Launching Pad series at Sandown on offer an outstanding final field headed to the boxes with impressive heat winner and rails runner Berzerk holding favouritism over Midnight Ride who was drawn out in box seven.

At box rise Midnight Ride exploded out of the lids and crossed to the lead quickly putting a clear margin between himself and Berzerk down the back. After speeding through the second section in a split record 14.80 there was no stopping the Andrea Bahen trained youngster as he careered away for an eight length victory in 27.52 - a new track record.

The strong Berzerk was no match for Midnight Ride but was a gallant second with Ikari Spark in third place.

The victory was Midnight Ride's fourth from just seven career starts and his wins also include a flying 21.97 maiden win at Ballarat and a scorching 24.84 450m victory there a month ago.

At times Midnight Ride can be tardy from the boxes but there is no doubting his capabilities as evidenced in his short career to date and if he gets the start right at Sandown he will give the \$140,000 to the winner Launching Pad a genuine shake.