

Media Release



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STARS ARE BRIGHT AT BENDIGO

Arguably the best list of greyhounds ever assembled to compete on one card at a non metropolitan track, headed by one of the best greyhounds ever to race, has been drawn at Bendigo this Sunday in the heats of the group 2 Southern Cross Ten Bendigo Cup.

The current trophy holders of Australia's top four races, the Melbourne Cup, Golden Easter Egg, Australian Cup and Paws of Thunder will step out at Lord's Raceway. The Cup entrants also appear on the honor roll of a further five group 1 events - Adelaide Cup, National Derby, Harrison Dawson, Peter Mosman Classic and Sapphire Crown as well as twelve other black type events.

Heading the list of entries is the number one rated sprinter in Australia and a greyhound being touted as possibly the "best ever" - Fernando Bale. From just 26 career starts the young superstar has won 21 times, four times at group 1 level including the Golden Easter Egg and banked \$630,000 in stake money to date.

Blessed with near faultless box manners and a breathtaking turn of foot at box rise Fernando Bale will most certainly push the clock to its limits barring bad luck. Greyhound racings super star has strung together 13 consecutive victories with the last of those just last weekend in Sydney where he registered the second fastest time ever recorded at Wentworth Park in a devastating Peter Mosman Classic final victory.

While Fernando Bale is fast approaching champion status there is no shortage of star quality among the other entrants. Dual group 1 winner Dyna Villa will step out for the first time for new trainer Andrea Dailly on Sunday and he will be looking to add to his amazing resume that includes the worlds richest race, the Melbourne Cup and more than \$700,000 in career earnings.

Half million dollar earner and Australian Cup winner Luca Neveelk, group 1 winners Allen Deed and Lamia Bale as well as proven topline sprinters Efen Bale, Ronray Spirit, Margins, Warrior King and Azza Azza Azza are star attractions in their own right on an amazing card of greyhound racing.

Eight heats of the Southern Cross Ten Bendigo Cup will be supported by heats of the Diamond Vision Photography Winter Cup over 660m. Sundays meeting promises to be a memorable one and a rare opportunity to see a true superstar in action on a country race track.

Some of the big name runners and their black type race victories:

Race 3 No 6 - **Efen Bale**: Won group 2 Ladies Bracelet

Race 4 No 8 - **Allen Deed**: Won group 1 Adelaide Cup

Race 5 No 5 - **Warrior King**: Won group 2 Bendigo Cup

Race 5 No 6 - **Dyna Villa**: Won group 1 Melbourne Cup, group 1 Paws Of Thunder, group 2 Queensland Derby

Race 6 No 4 - **Luca Neveelk**: Won group 1 Australian Cup, group 2 Geelong Cup, group 2 Ballarat Cup

Race 7 No 3 - **Lamia Bale**: Won group 1 Sapphire Crown, group 2 Laurels, group 3 Sir John Dillon Memorial, group 3 Ambrosoli

Race 8 No 1 - **Fernando Bale**: Won group 1 Golden Easter Egg, group 1 Peter Mosman Classic, group 1 Harrison Dawson, group 1 National Derby, Group 3 Bill Collins

Race 9 No 4 - **Ronray Spirit**: Won group 2 Warragul Cup, group 2 Warrnambool Cup

Race 9 No 5 - **Margins**: Won group 2 Horsham Cup

