



### **OUTSTANDING ENTRIES FOR THE 2016 3BO FM 93.5 BENDIGO CUP SERIES**

Some of the best sprinters in the country will step out at Lord's Raceway this Sunday afternoon vying for a spot in next Friday night's 3BO FM 93.5 Bendigo Cup final with eight outstanding heats being drawn.

Many of the runners engaged in the first round of the Cup have performed at the highest level on multiple occasions and that experience may prove a vital edge in what are some extremely tough heats.

One such greyhound is Aston Bolero who contests the first heat. A winner of 26 races from just 44 starts Aston Bolero is yet to land the major prize in a big race but has contested seven black type events including two a group 1 level. After finishing down the track in the recent Horsham Cup final Aston Bolero bounced back with an all the win at The Meadows last start and with a best of 23.69 around Bendigo he is the front runner to qualify for yet another feature event final.

A greyhound with an even more impressive resume is Shared Equity who will start the punters elect in race eight. Runner up to champion sprinter Fernando Bale in the 2015 Bendigo Cup, Shared Equity is approaching \$300,000 in stake money and if she is successful on Sunday it will be the talented sprinters 29<sup>th</sup> career victory. Having contested thirteen group events in her career to date there is no doubt Shared Equity is one the class runners in the series and it would be fitting at this stage in her career if she get she gets the chance to go one better in Bendigo's flagship event in 2016.

While many of the runners are yet to taste success at the group level greyhounds such as Unlawful Entry (Group 1 Hobart Thousand and Group 2 Great Chase), One For Me (Group 2 Warrnambool Classic), To The Galo's (Group 2 Warragul Cup), Gotta Get Back (Group 2 Shepparton Cup) and Shared Equity (Group 2 Ballarat Cup) will BE looking to qualify for their chance to add another trophy to the mantelpiece.

While the Bendigo Cup heats hold centre stage the support program includes three high quality heats of the Diamond Vision Photography Winter Cup for the stayers including a mouth watering clash between a proven sprint star stepping up in distance and a potential freak stayer.

NSW visitor Brad Hill Billy, winner of almost \$250,000 in stake money and efforts including victory in the Group 2 Spring Sprint in Sydney as well as runner up in the Group 2 Golden Easter Egg will make his distance debut. While he has recorded slick times at Bathurst and Richmond over the 600m journey the 660m trip is a different story but the trip does look like it will suit him.

However, to win at his distance debut he will have to beat a potential star stayer in Burn One Down. The former NSW chaser burst onto the scene with a flying 29.14 Sandown maiden win and only two weeks ago clocked a fast 41.40 over the 715m at headquarters. Burn One Down's racing pattern of being slow from the boxes can cause him problems but he is an exceptional talent and is arguably one of the fastest greyhounds in Australia. It will be an exciting clash.

Other entrants in the Winter Cup series include talented middle distance chaser Benta Bale who is coming off a last start 34.24 Sandown 595m victory and the 2015 Horsham Cup winner Margins who steps up to 660m trip on the back of successive 600m Meadows wins in impressive fashion.

Racing on Sunday evening commences at 4.49pm.

