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## Media Release

### Round one completed in the Gold Rush Maiden series

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The John Barbara trained Fearless has set the time standard for the 2019 Jarrod Larkin Concreting Gold Rush Maiden posting 23.764 on Thursday night, 0.166 faster than Vince Tullio's Submission that clocked 23.930 also on Thursday night.

Third fastest heat winner, and fastest Friday heat winner was Reggie Keeping for Glenn Rounds hanging on to score in 23.974 defeating the fast finishing Napa which was the only other dog to break 24 seconds in the heats after blowing the start from box one and having to do plenty of work late.

While Fearless clocked clearly the fastest heat time a little more than five lengths separates the next seventeen fastest qualifier meaning the semi finals will be high pressure races with little margin for error for these youngsters.

John Barbara also has Darklight, a litter mate to Fearless, through to the semi finals after posting the equal fastest first section of round one of 6.53 before scoring in an overall time of 24.019.

Mark Delbridge has qualified six runners for the Gold Rush semi finals with Idria Bale progressing to the semi finals after posting 24.09 chasing home Submission. The daughter of former topline stayer Dyna Willow was made work from box six in her heat and she is one to watch for improvement during her next few starts..

Other impressive performers in the Gold Rush heats included Ultimate Bling for John Westerlo, using the box eight draw to perfection to score a strong 24.127 win despite being hampered approaching the home turn and Neo Bale showed good speed running 6.56, 11.31 and 24.148 for Mark Delbridge.

The four semi finals of the Jarrod Larkin Concreting Gold Rush Maiden will be run Wednesday afternoon.



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