

Shepparton  
08 February, 2015**Race 8 - CKH PAINTING SHEPPARTON CUP FINAL**Watchdog Selections: 

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**AZZA AZZA AZZA****\$2.20****Stats:** 29 Starts. 19-4-0**Prizemoney:** \$57485**Fast Times:** SHP 24.93, SLE 24.53, BEN 23.45**Trainer:** W Vassallo (Devon Meadows) -**Group Race Honours:**  
First Group Final**1**

**The Watchdog says:** Back to his brilliant best with easily the fastest heat win in 24.91. What was so impressive, apart from his finishing time, was his ability to burn off super slick beginner Luca Neveelk early and he appeared to be going from strength to strength as he hit the line. If he begins anywhere near like he did in his heat then this race could be over in the early stages. He deserves to start favourite in this final.

**TIGGERLONG AMIGO****\$18.00****Stats:** 41 Starts. 15-6-5**Prizemoney:** \$98490**Fast Times:** SAN 29.52, SLE 24.72, BEN 23.67**Trainer:** D Mcdonald (Devon Meadows) -**Group Race Honours:**

G2 W.A Derby - Winner, G2 All Stars Sprint 2nd

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**The Watchdog says:** Returned to racing after a two month spell and probably caught a few punters off guard judging by his \$11.80 price tag in the heat. He has terrific early speed which he used to full advantage when landing a clear leader in his heat as he went on to record a slick 25.24 win. His lack of preparation doesn't help his cause here and he looks an outsider. His chances hinge on him taking a clear early lead.

**RONRAY SPIRIT****\$8.50****Stats:** 18 Starts. 12-0-2**Prizemoney:** \$64645**Fast Times:** WGL 25.67, GEL 25.68, BAL 24.94**Trainer:** T Reid (Yuroke) -**Group Race Honours:**

G2 Warragul Cup - Winner

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**The Watchdog says:** Since arriving in Victoria this explosive beginner hasn't put a paw wrong in recording five straight wins to open 2015, including snaring the Group Two Warragul Cup. He had to work overtime to hold the early lead in his heat but once clear he was able to hold his rivals at bay and go on to record a smart 25.32 win. He won't be able to fly under the radar this time and looks a great each way chance.

**MIDNIGHT FLYNN****\$33.00****Stats:** 16 Starts. 8-4-2**Prizemoney:** \$32880**Fast Times:** MEA 29.84, HVL 19.12, SHP 25.29**Trainer:** M Carter (Kialla) -**Group Race Honours:**

G1 Silver Chief - Finalist

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**The Watchdog says:** Showing plenty of consistency to date, placing in fourteen of sixteen race starts. He ran a brave race to finish fourth in the Group One Silver Chief recently. After a moderate getaway in his heat, he used beautiful track sense to stay out wide and avoid trouble before swooping late over the weakening El Grand Seal. Likely to start as the rank outsider, the box draw has done him no favours.

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**SISCO RAGE****\$18.00**

Trainer: J Galea (Lara) -

**Group Race Honours:**

G1 Maturity - Finalist, G2 Warragul Cup - Finalist, G3 The Lizrene - Finalist

**Stats:** 75 Starts. 20-13-13**Prizemoney:** \$119695**Fast Times:** SAN 29.26, BAL 37.60, MEA 34.39

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**The Watchdog says:** Tenacious chaser who hits the line better than anyone over this trip. Dyna Villa looked to have his heat sewn up before this gutsy chaser got into clear running and flashed home to narrowly miss winning. This is going to be harder now due to the awkward box draw and he will be replying on some trouble out in front. He looks a strong place chance and must be included in all multiples.

**DYNA VILLA****\$2.40**

Trainer: J Hunt (Lara) -

**Group Race Honours:**

Group 1 Melbourne Cup - Winner, Group 1 Silver Chief - 2nd, Group 1 Paws of Thunder - Winner

**Stats:** 31 Starts. 20-3-6**Prizemoney:** \$634990**Fast Times:** SAN 29.21, MEA 29.67, WPK 29.64

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**The Watchdog says:** There wouldn't be too many racing in better form at the moment than this freakish chaser. Fresh off his Group One Paws of Thunder victory, he came into these heats as the one to beat. He was aided by a vacant box to his inside during his impressive 25.18 heat win. This draw suits again having won five times already from this box. He looks the clear cut second favourite and commands a ton of respect.

**ALLEN MALIK****\$18.00**

Trainer: S Collins (Lara) -

**Group Race Honours:**

G2 Ballarat Cup - Finalist, G3 Christmas Gift - Finalist

**Stats:** 58 Starts. 15-8-12**Prizemoney:** \$68646**Fast Times:** SAN 29.50, BAL 25.21, WPK 29.91

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**The Watchdog says:** Racing as good as ever of late, this smart greyhound has recorded some impressive placings behind talented chasers. He produced a gutsy effort to narrowly miss chasing down Armed and Ready in his heat. He has been showing a terrific turn of foot after box rise lately and he has plenty of class and experience on his side. He should gain a nice run into the race with Dyna Villa looking to rail early.

**ARMED AND READY****\$6.50**

Trainer: D McDonald (Devon Meadows) -

**Group Race Honours:**

BAL 25.20, SHP 25.18, WGL 25.58

**Stats:** 10 Starts. 7-0-2**Prizemoney:** \$15730**Fast Times:** BAL 25.20, SHP 25.18, WGL 25.58

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**The Watchdog says:** This new kid on the block is fast making a name for himself. He showed terrific early speed to cross from a wide draw in his heat and he has been on fire during his past four victories. This will be his biggest test to date and he can afford no mistakes early. He did appear to be slowing down over the final stages of his heat so he will need to cross this field early and hold a handy lead turning for home.



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**LUCA NEVEELK**

**\$3.00**

**Trainer:** G Kleeven (Denison)

**Stats:** 34 Starts. 25-3-3

**Prizemoney:** \$229865



**The Watchdog says:** Brilliant sprinter that possesses impressive early speed. Far from disgraced placing behind Azza Azza Azza in the quickest heat, he is sure to make his presence felt if he gains a start.

**SAMUS ALLEN**

**\$16.00**

**Trainer:** J Hunt (Lara)

**Stats:** 33 Starts. 12-8-4

**Prizemoney:** \$37280



**The Watchdog says:** Racing in consistent form at Sandown Park, the drop in distance posed no problems when she ran home strongly placing in her heat. Will need luck initially and place hopes look best.



**AZZA AZZA AZZA (1)** returned to his brilliant best when he sizzled around in a blistering 24.93. He gave nothing else a chance with his fastest first sectional of the heats in 6.44, a staggering length & a half quicker than any other runner.

**Suggested Bet:** Win 1