

# Group 1 ADELAIDE CUP, Angle Park, Thursday, January 21, 2010

## SPEED MAP

Predicted positions at the first bend

INSIDE RAIL →

 Turanza Bale	 Prankster	 High Earner	 Mr. Metz
 Strictly Mambo	 Springvale Dash	 Dyna Lachlan	
		 Where's Diamond	

## THE TOP 4

1. Mr. Metz
2. Dyna Lachlan
3. High Earner
4. Where's Diamond

## ANALYSIS BY RUNNER

### BOX 1 – 31121 – HIGH EARNER - \$3.20

**Career Statistics:** 39 starts [21 – 8 – 7]

**Angle Park 515m Statistics:** 2 starts [1 – 1 – 0]

**Heat:** 2nd running 29.62 seconds [Box 8], beaten by Dyna Lachlan

**Semi-Final:** 1st running 29.66 seconds [Box 4], beating Springvale Dash by 5.5 lengths

A three-time G2 winner [Vince Curry Memorial, WA Derby and Queensland Derby], the dashing son of Collision from the Sunshine State will be heavily supported after drawing the plum rails box. He had a glittering 2009, recording the fastest time over the 520-metre sprint journey at his home track Albion Park for the year, while earning a Topgun invitation on top of the three Group successes. He had to work very hard to find the lead in his Adelaide Cup semi-final, buffeting his way to the front before coming away to blow away Springvale Dash in the quickest time last week. Undefeated in three starts from Box 1, he has been consistent in his first split times in both heat and semi-final [4.40 seconds and 4.41 seconds] and could be just a length behind Mr. Metz at the first bend. The first 50 metres is the worry for favourite backers as he has the tendency to need several settling steps before accelerating into top gear.

### BOX 2 – 12512 – DYNA LACHLAN - \$4.00

**Career Statistics:** 36 starts [21 – 5 – 4]

**Angle Park 515m Statistics:** 2 starts [1 – 1 – 0]

**Heat:** 1st running 29.50 seconds [Box 4], beating High Earner

**Semi-Final:** 2nd running 29.88 seconds [Box 2], beaten by Where's Diamond

Victorian heavyweight sprinter that has

been a beaten favourite in two Group 1 finals – the 2009 G1 National Sprint Championship [530m, Cannington] and the 2009 G1 Paws of Thunder [520m, WP] when failing to deliver when it counted. Dyna Lachlan can arguably lay claim to being the Melbourne Cup winner Go Wild Teddy's greatest Australian prodigy, with the Irish superstar College Causeway undoubtedly the greatest offspring of the champion NSW sprinter. Dyna Lachlan was runner-up in the 2009 G1 Melbourne Cup [515m] and was placed in the 2009 G1 Topgun, when beating home tonight's rivals High Earner and Turanza Bale, and the Dailly kennel will be desperate for him to procure a well-deserved G1 victory. Missing the start slightly in his semi-final, he couldn't reel in surprise winner Where's Diamond after being buffeted through the early stages. A replica of his 4.39 first split in the second heat showed he has his customary box speed, don't be surprised if it's lucky Group 1 final number five for the \$200,000-plus prizemoney winner.

### BOX 3 – 45141 – TURANZA BALE - \$7.00

**Career Statistics:** 74 starts [21 – 22 – 7]

**Angle Park 515m Statistics:** 5 starts [2 – 0 – 1]

**Heat:** 4th running 29.82 seconds [Box 3], beaten by Dyna Lachlan and High Earner

**Semi-Final:** 1st running 29.78 seconds [Box 1], beating Strictly Mambo by 4.5 lengths

Turanza Bale's only Group success came in Adelaide when he took out the 2008 G2 South Australian Derby [515m] but he has since been remained fruitless in his feature race hunt, falling in the 2009 G1 Melbourne Cup [515m] when a well backed \$5.70 chance. Not blessed with the exceptional box speed of a High Earner or Mr. Metz, the Graeme Bate-trained sprinter relies

## RECOMMENDED PLAY

This is a race that is steeped in history; the 2001-version of the Cup saw once-in-a-lifetime sprinter Brett Lee set a world-record time for the 515-metre trip when clocking a staggering 28.88 seconds to win the final. In 1998, Rapid Journey began a run of Group 1 wins that would see him end his spectacular career as Australia's greatest prizemoney earner, a tag he still holds.

This year's final boasts loads of talent, with the front-running trio of High Earner, Dyna Lachlan and Mr. Metz set to stage warfare into the first bend as they hunt for the lead. Early markets suggest High Earner will carry the favourite tag but with his tendency to take 50 metres before hitting top gear, he could be crossed by those to his right. Mr. Metz could be anything and races like a young El Galo, cannoning out of the lids and making his own luck. He can improve on his semi-final time at his first look at Angle Park and, around a likely \$4, give a huge sight in front.

Turanza Bale has a huge motor but, from near the back early, everything needs to go his way for him to within striking distance down the back straight. With many mug punters following the 'back-the-Bale' punting strategy, Turanza Bale will go around at under the odds at \$5 and should be marked as a 'lay'.

**Recommended bet:** Back Mr. Metz at \$4 or better, lay Turanza Bale at \$5 or under; and look to the value of Where's Diamond at around \$34 or greater.

on his huge motor and some fortune to be in a position where he can swamp the leaders late. His dogged semi-final win was evidence of his never-say-die running style, overcoming a poor start and early traffic to clock the fastest run-home time last week as he powered to a four-and-a-half length victory. Likely to be behind a wall of runners into the first bend, he is open to any backwash from the probable jam of front runners and looks a 'lay' option at the each-way price he will go around.

**BOX 4 – 31141 – MR. METZ - \$4.00**

**Career Statistics: 15 starts [11 – 1 – 1]**

**Angle Park 515m Statistics:**

**1 start [1 – 0 – 0]**

**Semi-Final: 1st running 29.75 seconds**

**[Box 4], beating Prankster by a nose**

The exciting Queenslander races in an eerily similar manner to the recently retired champion sprinter El Galo, showing faultless box speed to pinch winning breaks from out in front. He came to prominence winning two big youngster series – the 2009 G3 Dapto Maiden Classic [520m] and the 2009 Miller Memorial [366m] down the grass straight track at Capalaba [Qld]. Mr. Metz gained exemption from the heats with his win in the 2009 G1 Brisbane Cup [520m] last month, beating a hot field that included Dashing Corsair and Cindeen Shelby, thus stamping his arrival as a serious top-liner. Exploding from the lids in his semi-final, he registered a sizzling 4.35-second first split as he held off a late challenge from Prankster to win by a slender margin. Bound to improve with a second view of the Angle Park track, he represents value and can make it back-to-back Group 1 wins with an all-the-way display.

**BOX 5 – 11152 – PRANKSTER - \$15.00**

**Career Statistics: 33 starts [14 – 4 – 6]**

**Angle Park 515m Statistics:**

**2 starts [0 – 1 – 0]**

**Heat: 5th running 30.07 seconds**

**[Box 7], beaten by Dyna Lachlan, High Earner and Turanza Bale**

**Semi-Final: 2nd running 29.75 seconds**

**[Box 6], beaten a nose by Mr. Metz**

Progressing from the 2009 G1 Melbourne Cup [520m] final, the Robert Britton-trained black sprinter relished the expanses of the Elwick circuit in Tasmania as he beat hot company when winning the 2009 G1 Hobart 1000 [457m]. Hampered by a string of bad boxes in the Adelaide Cup series, he has done well to fight his way into the Adelaide Cup final with his semi-final run behind Mr. Metz full of determination. His mother Classy Alice was a sister to the champion Paua To Burn and by champion Bombastic Shiraz, his bloodlines are as purple as you would find. A squeeze box and lack of early zip means he'll need all the luck – look to play him only if he creeps above the \$21 mark.

**BOX 6 – 11562 – STRICTLY MAMBO - \$67.00**

**Career Statistics: 28 starts [12 – 7 – 1]**

**Angle Park 515m Statistics:**

**26 starts [11 – 7 – 1]**

**Heat: 6th running 30.31 seconds [Box 1], beaten by Dyna Lachlan, High Earner and co.**

**Semi-Final: 2nd running 30.07 seconds**

**[Box 4], beaten by Turanza Bale**

No locally-trained greyhound has won the race since the injury-plagued sprinter Perplexed in 1994. Strictly Mambo can lay claim to a track-knowledge edge, having had 26 of his 28 starts at the Angle Park circuit, but moving into G1 company he looks to be out of his depth. Both heat and semi-final first-split times have been very slow [4.70 seconds and 4.69 seconds]; placing him at the rear of the field and spotting the leaders a likely eight-length start in the final. His price likely to hover near triple figures so laying him for any serious action is going to be hard selling.

**BOX 7 – 18521 – WHERE'S DIAMOND - \$26.00**

**Career Statistics: 30 starts [12 – 6 – 1]**

**Angle Park 515m Statistics:**

**9 starts [2 – 2 – 0]**

**Heat: 2nd running 29.99 seconds [Box 4], beaten by Dentax Bale**

**Semi-Final: 1st running 29.86 seconds**

**[Box 3], beating Dyna Lachlan by a quarter of a length**

The surprise packet of the series, the locally trained bitch is the only female in the final after delivering the big upset of the semi-finals, downing red-hot favourite Dyna Lachlan at the juicy price of \$41. Sire Where's Pedro produced last year's Adelaide Cup winner, the front-running champion El Galo staving off a late effort from local hero Scull Murphy in what was to be the last of his Group 1 victories. With the majority of her wins coming from wide alleys, Box 7 should hold no fears for Where's Diamond and, if she is able to repeat her fast early split [4.39 seconds] from last week, she could cause some concerns for favourite backers at a monster price.

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**BOX 8 – 11122 – SPRINGVALE DASH - \$26.00**

**Career Statistics: 21 starts [8 – 6 – 3]**

**Angle Park 515m Statistics:**

**21 starts [8 – 6 – 3]**

**Heat: 2nd running 30.33 seconds [Box 2], beaten by Cadman Bale**

**Semi-Final: 2nd running 30.00 seconds**

**[Box 6], beaten by Dyna Lachlan**

Likely to go around as the punters' elect of the three local hopes, he has the speed to carve across early. But, as evidenced in his semi-final, if he is not able to cross the likes of Dyna Lachlan, High Earner and Mr. Metz then he will battle to run them down. An eight-time winner at Angle Park with a 29.55 second personal-best over the 515-metre trip, his ability is undoubted but he would have been far better served if drawn on the rails with the speed out wide. Yet to win from Box 8 in three attempts, he looks to have too many negatives to consider him a knockout hope.

**HISTORY OF THE ADELAIDE CUP (LAST 5 YEARS)**

YEAR	GREYHOUND	TRAINER	BOX	MARGIN	TIME
2009	El Galo	J. Thompson	2	Neck	29.45
2008	Whippy's Image	J. Thompson	7	4L	29.39
2007	Big Time Max	E. Gemci	2	5.5L	29.28
2006	Miss Spicy	T. Murray	6	5L	29.46
2005	Collide	D. McDonald	4	1.5L	29.51

**1ST EMERGENCY – 12513  
– DENTAX BALE**

**Career Statistics: 43 starts [19 – 8 – 4]**

**Angle Park 515m Statistics:**

**5 starts [2 – 1 – 2]**

**Heat: 1st running 29.87 seconds [Box 1], beating Where's Diamond by 2 lengths**

**Semi-Final: 3rd running 29.88 seconds [Box 1], beaten by Mr. Metz and Prankster**

Super talented backmarker from the Bate kennels, his come from behind running style proved his downfall when he was unable to reel in Mr. Metz and Prankster in his semi-final. Has good experience at Angle Park through the 2009 G2 SA Derby and if he gets out to silly odds from a decent draw – say beyond \$21 – he is worth having a saver on.

**2ND EMERGENCY – 61833  
– REMO RUBIK**

**Career Statistics: 52 starts [22 – 9 – 3]**

**Angle Park 515m Statistics:**

**1 start [0 – 0 – 1]**

**Semi-Final: 3rd running 29.98 seconds [Box 7], beaten by Where's Diamond and Dyna Lachlan**

Sire Solve The Puzzle produced 2008 G1 Adelaide Cup winner Whippy's Image, but son Remo Rubik goes far better on one-turn tracks where he has scored the majority of his wins. Ran on well in his semi-final, but with so much early pace on in the final he looks to be a 'lay' from a position worse than midfield.