"RUSTY'S" F.O.S. RACE PREVIEW AND PREDICTION - CRITTENDEN SUPER SPRINT DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP



WW FLASH BOY

Kennel: Wayne R. Ward

Trainer: Carrie Edwards

Owner: Julia Ward

Recap: Third time in a row he gets the prime real estate known as the #1 box, where he has finished second best twice in a row. Crazy thing is, he really doesn't want to be this close to the rail and will tend to drift more towards the mid part of the track. In such a short race, it helps to be exactly where you want to run. Hasn't won a race in a while, but hasn't missed the pay sheet in 3 weeks.



KIOWA BOYD TRIP

Kennel: T and T

Trainer: Alan Harrell

Owners: L. Boyle & J. Melillo

Recap: She has a lot of things going for her here. She finished second in qualifying points and just loves, loves, loves the inside...the closer to the rail the better and she is nearly exactly where she wants to be. Erratic breaking speed is her Achilles' heel but she can put on a good rush to the only turn in this race. She has to be considered a contender, but far from a sure lock to win this race.



ARKANS SAM

Kennel: Darren Henry

Trainer: Gerald Love

Owners: R. Henry & D. Henry

Recap: He is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you are going to get. He can win a race just as easily as look disinterested and finish out of the top four. Having an inside hole helps things out a little here, but he only seems to try hard if he is near the lead from the beginning, which is problematic here. Whether you bet him, or leave him out, just be prepared either way.



CRAIGIE HEY YOU

Kennel: Steve M. Sarras

Trainer: Scott Purdy

Owners: S. Sarras & J. Zawisa

Recap: Name sound familiar? If you watched this event last year, she was your champion and even at nearly 3 ½ years old can race with the best of them at this distance. She will likely get a lot of consideration this year to win it as well, but her starting post position is a bit more problematic. If she doesn't get touched, she will be a factor, and has all the tools to repeat as champ again.



TATELL TAIL

Kennel: Plum Creek

Trainer: Ray Brownlee

Owner: David Robinette

Recap: Two wins and two duds in the four qualifying rounds. Sounds like a coin toss right? It truly is with him, but historically he has not fared well outside of the #1 and #2 starting positions and today he doesn't have either. They say anything can happen in a dog race, and that's true, but the odds are stacked against this dog this year. Consider this stat, he has only 5 wins in 42 starts this year.



FUZZYS NIKKI COX

Kennel: Ryan Farms

Trainer: Tracy McMillin

Owner: Joseph Frenette

Recap: Looked like a lock to be considered as one of the favorites until that mysterious looking last start in qualifying. I'm going to chalk that up to poor outside starting position (she would rather be inside), but do consider she isn't in much better position today being in the six hole. She did run a third from here just five starts ago but temper your expectations, she is definitely not in position.



CRAIGIE RENEGADE

Kennel: Steve Sarras

Trainer: Scotty Purdy

Owners: J. Zawisa & S. Sarras

Recap: Full blood brother to Craigie Hey You, he possesses much of the same talent his sister does....lots of early speed! However, unlike his sister, he actually prefers it away from the rail where he has been successful lately. If it wasn't for getting into trouble two starts ago, he may have went undefeated. His sister has the hardware, but he has more victories. Can he finally get a ring?

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CH SUPER SONIC

Kennel: Gloria Dorsey

Trainer: Randy Blair

Owner: Norman Rader

Recap: She was your points leader during qualifying with two wins and two second place finishes in the four rounds. She comes here via Palm Beach, where early speed IS the game. In her nine starts at Southland, just twice has she failed to finish at least first or second. That stat is tough to ignore. While this will be her first big test against the best we have here, she looks to have the tools.

"RUSTY'S" F.O.S. RACE PREVIEW AND PREDICTION - ARKANSAS BRED JUVENILE DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP



WIKI LEAKS

Kennel: T and T

Trainer: Alan Harrell

Owners: Tim Ertl & Green Smith

Recap: Everything about her lines indicate that she should be way overmatched in this field. There is only one other greyhound lower in grade than this black female, however there is something about the #1 box that can prove to be a great equalizer here, (she loves the inside). While it may not be enough to get a victory, sneaking a piece of the superfecta pie isn't out of the question.



MJ MAX FREEZE

Kennel: Mike Harris

Trainer: Victor Hall

Owner: Victor Rangel

Recap: She finished third in qualifying points with 46, however tied for the lead with most wins during qualifying (3). The only greyhound hotter right now in this race is situated just to her right. Up until last race, she was breaking very well and rushing the turn to grab early leads, which is a great recipe to try and win a championship. She also loves the inside. A definite favorite to win.



ARKANS BD NATAL

Kennel: Darren Henry

Trainer: Gerald Love

Owner: William S. Denton

Recap: Currently rides a three race win streak and four of his last five and was the leader in points earned during qualifying with 55. Loves the rail as well. Lock it up and give him the championship? Not so fast. He isn't a real quick breaker, but definitely has a nice rushing speed to the turn. If he has early room, he may just make it four straight, including his first championship in just 12 starts.



IMARK MS KITTY

Kennel: Steve M. Sarras

Trainer: Scott Purdy

Owners: Imark Kennels & Michel

Recap: She went undefeated in five starts at Tri-State in West Virginia and has been steadily improving during the qualifying rounds. Her running style suggests she will definitely need the lead to have a chance at winning here as she tends to lose steam the later the race runs. Getting that lead will be tough thanks to the two speed demons to her inside, but if she is sharp, she could be a factor.



ARKANS HAINAN

Kennel: Darren Henry

Trainer: Gerald Love

Owner: Darren Henry

Recap: After that opening round win in qualifying, she hasn't been close to winning another round since. This greyhound has late speed, but probably gets going too late to be considered for the win here. Although the midtrack position is nice, the #5 box historically has not fared well. She is going to need a lot of things to align here to have a shot, but tough to see happening this race.



QUACKADILLY BLIP

Kennel: Northshore

Trainer: Arvestor Crawford

Owners: C. Blair & D. Strong

Recap: Had a good run going during qualifying before encountering trouble in the semi-finals. He has the fewest career starts in the field (6), the lowest graded dog in the field (D) and doesn't seem to have any strong attributes that some of the other dogs in the field have like early speed, good rush or closing speed. This all adds up to a higher degree he encounters trouble/traffic. He's a wildcard.



MJ ONE HOT HABIT

Kennel: Mike Harris

Trainer: Victor Hall

Owners: M. Harris & V. Rangel

Recap: She was second in qualifying points earned (52) and one of only two greyhounds in the field to never finish worse than third in this event. All this success has come in the past three weeks though so you have to question if this is just a hot streak that might end today or whether it goes on at least one more race? She is somewhat out of position, but did win from this box just 3 starts ago.

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TABASCO EPISODE

Kennel: T and T

Trainer: Alan Harrell

Owners: G. Smith & L. Tater

Recap: The "Swiss army knife" of the group. Has run effectively from just about every post position, although prefers it more midtrack. 15 of 23 starts have finished in the top four, including all four rounds of qualifying. He is a grinder who has enough in the tank to be a threat if he is close in the far turn. This is definitely one that appears you can count on to be a threat for a top 4 finish.

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CBJ COUNT DOWN

Kennel: Bussmann-Balakas

Trainer: Darren Flahive

Owner: Carmen Jorgensen

Recap: Always seems to be around the leaders no matter what the post position is, and has just enough early foot to avoid trouble. Although he did not win a single qualifying race, he was close each and every time and it isn't a shame to finish second to All-American Oaks Maddy (which he did twice). Combine all this with his favorite starting box (#1), and he should factor in this race.



IMARK LESLIE

Kennel: Steve Sarras

Trainer: Scott Purdy

Owner: Imark Kennels

Recap: Her lines look really good lately, with a win, 4 second place finishes and a fourth in her last six lines. Similar posts to this have shown good results, despite her preference being to be in the middle of the track. One thing is for sure, she tends to break a bit better from the inside which is exactly what the doctor ordered for a race like this. She should be considered in all superfecta plays.



STREAKING JET

Kennel: Lester Raines

Trainer: Ken Lesperance

Owner: Lester Raines

Recap: He has been "streaking" lately, and his two wins, a second and a third during qualifying put him in a three way tie for the points lead (47). The key to this brindle male's game is his late kick, so as long as he clears the first turn in good shape, he should be able to gain ground on the leaders. Can he overcome the best in the race if they happen to lead is the only question remaining.



OAKS MADDY

Kennel: Gloria Dorsey

Trainer: Randy Blair

Owner: Michael "Mick" Hymes

Recap: She's an All-American and defending champion of this division where last year she went undefeated and rode that streak to rank as one of the top greyhounds in the country. This year, she is not as dominate lately, primarily due to the fact that she turned four years old earlier this week. She still has flashes of her game, but she has little room for error if she wants to repeat today.



KEEPER RATCHET

Kennel: T and T

Trainer: Alan Harrell

Owners: G. Smith & L. Tater

Recap: Hasn't been having the same success as she was when she won the opening two rounds of qualifying, and both the last two starts have been from the far outside which isn't an area she likes to run. She didn't get much better drawing the #5 post today, but has shown she can still be a factor from here. She needs to be in the top 3 to have a chance at the first turn, which is a 50/50 shot.



MONEY CANNON

Kennel: Magic City

Trainer: Monte Hoopes

Owners: Ametrano & Armington

Recap: Has been the betting favorite during all four of his qualifying races and he responded with two wins, a second and a third. He actually had the lead in three of the four events and just missed winning all those races. His post position could be a lot better so that is a concern, but he does possess the rushing speed to get to the turn and out of trouble quickly. If he does both today, watch out.



RIGGED SYSTEM

Kennel: Lester Raines

Trainer: Ken Lesperance

Owners: J. Melillo & L. Raines

Recap: One of only two greyhounds coming into this championship fresh off a win, and that one was impressive. He should be paying rent from these midtrack to outside post positions as he has drawn the 6, 7 or 8 box now for the sixth consecutive start. His previous five trips from these posts netted a win, 2 seconds and a third. Pretty good. He might just "rig" himself to a stakes win.

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BAR GIN

Kennel: Gloria Dorsey

Trainer: Randy Blair

Owners: John & Robert Hardison

Recap: 34 of his 48 starts this year resulted in a top four finish which includes five of his last six showing in the program. That is an indication that this is one hard trying greyhound, which makes up for bad post positions and maybe less talent that other greyhounds in the field. Bottom line, he has held his own in the past against this group and looks to do so again today.

"RUSTY'S" F.O.S. RACE PREVIEW AND PREDICTION - BARRY BALDWIN JUVENILE DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP



TMC'S ZOOMBA

Kennel: Darren Henry

Trainer: Gerald Love

Owner: Terrance McDonald

Recap: That 12 length whooping this brindle female put on the field her last start obviously jumps out at you. Is she really that dominating? Short answer, "no". However, don't take that as meaning she can't win this race. Post position is very favorable, she's running hot right now and almost went undefeated in qualifying (lost by a head in finishing 3rd two starts ago). Watch out for her!



GONZ PANCHO

Kennel: David Blair

Trainer: Natalie Thorne

Owner: Marcos Gonzalez

Recap: Has cooled off a bit earlier in the month where he was riding a three race win streak (almost four) before running into race trouble two starts ago. That "tie" for fourth was actually better than it looked as he was only four lengths back from the win. The key to his game is his rushing speed, and he will need some room early to make it work for him. He's a sneaky play on paper.



TNT PACHINKO

Kennel: Darren Henry

Trainer: Gerald Love

Owners: Brant & Tom Taplin

Recap: Only five wins in 21 starts so far (including just one qualifying win), but his 10 second place finishes means this dog is always around the lead. This dog loves the inside, which should help alleviate the troubled starts in his last three races, which were all outside posts. While a victory may be stretching it a bit in this field, you may get a good price for a dog likely to finish in the top 4.



FLYING ROCKY

Kennel: Lester Raines

Trainer: Ken Lesperance

Owner: Vince Berland

Recap: Two wins and 2 seconds are pretty good in qualifying (good enough to finish second) and he hasn't failed to finish at least third or better his last six lines. The closer to the inside he can be, the better I like his odds to do something in this race. This post isn't the best, but it is still pretty good. He may not win this race today, but he should be somewhere with the leaders in the far turn.



FLYING LIL PAPI

Kennel: Gloria Dorsey

Trainer: Randy Blair

Owner: Vince Berland

Recap: Just glancing at the recent history of this black male doesn't show much that would hop off the page at you. With just sixteen starts under his belt, this puppy hasn't yet developed a pattern for breaking, rushing or really closing ability yet. He is all over the board. That combined with the #5 post (he would much rather be inside) makes this a roulette bet if you are so daring.



OZZY PAWSBORNE

Kennel: Legg

Trainer: Leon Giguere

Owner: Keith Legg

Recap: "Oz" was rolling until the semi-finals where he encountered trouble and finished sixth. Before that though, nothing but first and second place finishes. He has real good closing speed so the question will be how close can he stay to the leaders early so he can use that late speed to his advantage late? He's lived in outside starting positions the last month and has done well, there's a chance.



HL'S ROCKY

Kennel: Legg

Trainer: Leon Giguere

Owner: Herbert Legg

Recap: Give him the rail and look what he can do! A huge 7 length win punctuated his qualifying round record last time out on the track. Problem today will be, he is about as far off the rail as you can get, which can usually spell trouble for greyhounds like him. His breaking speed and overall records deteriorates the further away from the rail he gets so a fast start and lead is essential for him.

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MEGA GABAZOS

Kennel: David Blair

Trainer: Natalie Thorne

Owner: Jeff Blair

Recap: Seventeen starts at Southland so far this year has translated into 14 times in the money finishes and he finished no worse than third during this event. Although he does prefer the inside there are hints he has at least some finishing speed and typically works his way to the rail after the pack has gone by. He did this last time and ended up third. Historically, he could do it again.

"RUSTY'S" F.O.S. RACE PREVIEW AND PREDICTION — FENTER SUPER MARATHON DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP



EKWILLIZER

Kennel: Northshore

Trainer: Arvestor Crawford

Owner: William O'Donnell

Recap: One of two dogs in this field that didn't win a single qualifying round but still made the championship race. Those two second place finishes helped and interestingly enough those races saw this black male starting from an inside post, similar to what he has today. Decent breaking ability, but little in the way of flash or sizzle, he likely won't win this race, but hitting the board is in play.



OSHKOSH TORY

Kennel: Charter

Trainer: Stephen Ulrich

Owner: Larry Pollard

Recap: He ran 4th in this championship race a year ago and finds himself with another shot at winning the title today. She's a multidistance runner and is your typical "hot and cold" racer and right now he is running hot. Three victories in qualifying plus another race where he was only 2 lengths back is proof of that. He squeaked out a win last start from this very spot. Watch him.



DNT OH MAGGIE

Kennel: T and T

Trainer: Tim Ertl

Owners: T. Ertl & DC Racers

Recap: She seemed to pick things up once she got a couple of inside starting posts in rounds 3 and 4 of qualifying and earned a win and another near win (ran 2nd by a neck). Although tonight she starts the race in similar territory as her last two outings, can you trust a break and racing style that has been a bit erratic lately? If so, you will likely get some good odds and if not, you may be ok.



RED HANDED

Kennel: Northshore

Trainer: Arvestor Crawford

Owner: William O'Donnell

Recap: This greyhound is "red" hot right now. Was just a length off in one race of being undefeated during qualifying and has four wins in six starts showing in the program, all at this distance. This greyhound has seemingly limitless energy and it is very rare to see a greyhound coming on strong late in such a long race as this. He will likely be a favorite, but hold on to your hats, he's coming late!



FLY JESSICA BIEL

Kennel: T and T

Trainer: Alan Harrell

Owner: Vince Berland

Recap: If Red Handed is "red" hot right now, then Jessica Biel is on fire! She has won three straight and five of her last six including that nearly ten length romp in the semi-finals. She has done this despite not ha<mark>ving favorable post positions during</mark> this stretch as well, showing how sharp she has been on this streak. With little in the way of early speed in this race, she is primed to excel again.



RP SHAWNO

Kennel: Mike Harris

Trainer: Victor Hall

Owner: Jimmy King

Recap: Nothing about his last 6 starts would convince you that this greyhound is a lock to do much of anything today. On one hand he had the lead and faded his last start, but down two more lines in the program he won the race and it was against Red Handed who is anything but a slouch. I'm going with the odds here....there isn't much "flash" here and maybe a fourth is as good as it gets.



COOL IT NOW

Kennel: Legg

Trainer: Leon Giguere

Owner: Just Win Enterprises

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Recap: After winning 7 races in 9 starts in Florida, he is zero for six at Southland Park despite having the lead in his last three consecutive races. Bottom line is this course is a tad too long for him to be a threat to win unless something drastic happens behind him, but having the lead in any race does have advantages....you have a chance to hit the board which is how you play this one.

Post 38 WITNESSGREATNESS

Kennel: Plum Creek

Trainer: Ray Brownlee

Owner: Plum Creek Kennel

Recap: You should know within the first six to ten seconds of this race if this red female has any shot. She is a completely different dog near the lead than she is from the middle or back of the pack. You can see that difference in her racing history. With other greyhounds in this race that "should" break better, this makes her chances to win this race problematic at best.

"RUSTY'S" F.O.S. RACE PREVIEW AND PREDICTION – ANSEL STYLES MARATHON DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP



EASI TED

Kennel: Legg

Trainer: Leon Giguere

Owner: Allyn L. Shaw

Recap: With the exception of one start in his last six, he has enjoyed the graces of inside post positions and will get to feast on another one tonight in starting from the coveted #1 box. With the far turn coming quickly from this starting box, getting the lead is crucial from the inside to avoid crowding and getting the lead is what he does. He is a bit short at finishing though, so factor that in.



DS TOFFEE

Kennel: T and T

Trainer: Alan Harrell

Owner: Katherine Steel

Recap: Two wins sandwiched between two sixth place finishes is a fair description of his racing career so far. A greyhound who prefers the middle part of the track starting from the inside isn't the worst thing at this distance, as it will ultimately depend on how good he starts the race. He has one speed and where he is at the midpoint of the race is about as good as it will get for him.



IMARK OCTANE

Kennel: Steve Sarras

Trainer: Scott Purdy

Owner: Imark Kennels

Recap: Wins are hard to come by for this guy, but quiniela, trifecta and superfecta finishes are not. He has proven he can run from any post position really and has just enough break, rush and staying power to hang in the front part of the pack and be a factor. However, it is rare he has enough of any of those three to dominate and win many races, but he will likely be close regardless.



RAIDERS BACARDI

Kennel: Magic City

Trainer: Monte Hoopes

Owner: Ann Y. Occhino

Recap: He finished third in qualifying, faring better when he had inside posts and slightly not as good with outside posts. He's within smelling distance of where he wants to be and won from this post during qualifying three starts ago. Don't expect this greyhound to be near the lead early, but he starts driving home in the last turn of the race. If he is close, he has a puncher's chance here.



KL'S FANNI

Kennel: Legg

Trainer: Leon Giguere

Owner: Karen L. Legg

Recap: One word... "undefeated". That is what she was in qualifying although none of the wins blow you away. She wins about 25% of her races so far this season so you can say she's overdue to not win or you could say she is running hot and shows no signs of letting up. In either case, she has the early speed to be a factor from the jump and anytime you can get the lead, "there's a chance".



JON BON JOVI

Kennel: Steve Sarras

Trainer: Scott Purdy

Owner: W. Parvin & S. Sarras

Recap: He stepped up to the 703 yard course just for this stakes race and the results improved instantly. With a couple of victories in qualifying, it shows you he is capable of winning here. Yet, the odds increase at this distance when you don't break well and often find yourself in the middle of the pack in running into trouble early, which he has done as well. Flip a coin on what you get today.



PJ DEPOSIT NOW

Kennel: Charter

Trainer: Stephen Ulrich

Owner: P. Bitterman & V. Rangel

Recap: Was just a neck off of winning three of his four qualifying races but despite that fact the bettors have shown their love for this running machine. A midtrack runner by nature, this post should help as long as he gets through the first turn clean. He doesn't have blazing closing speed, but it is slow and sure and given enough time to catch the leaders or a quick break, will be a threat here.

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KL'S FARLEY

Kennel: Legg

Trainer: Leon Giguere

Owner: Karen L. Legg

Recap: What's not to like here? This greyhound hasn't finished worse than second since the end of August! A couple of big time wins during qualifying and good enough early speed will likely garner a lot of betting interest here. So what's the catch? A lot of this damage was done with inside post positions, which he doesn't have today. Has the talent no doubt, but will he have the room?

"RUSTY'S" F.O.S. RACE PREVIEW AND PREDICTION – SECHREST MIDDLE DISTANCE DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

Post **-712** XKT JON SCHNABEL

Kennel: T and T

Trainer: Alan Harrell

Owners: Ertl. Hess & Smith

Recap: A win, a second and two fourths doesn't sound that impressive, but if you look closely he was in the hunt for the win in every one of the last four starts. That is the style of this greyhound who just grinds away with his steady running pace that seems to get quicker the later it is in the race. The starting position works for him to factor, maybe not to win, this race today.



FLYIN HONOR CODE

Kennel: Lester Raines

Trainer: Ken Lesperance

Owner: Vince Berland

Recap: Had one kink in the armor last start when he was bumped early in the race but he still recovered to finish fourth. Ok, he has another kink in the armor and that is he usually doesn't start well, which leads to races like that last one. Bottom line though is he has the stuff to win, but his usual lack of breaking speed may prevent him from hoisting that trophy, but not from showing well.



TYRONE MEIRS

Kennel: Magic City

Trainer: Monte Hoopes

Owner: Clayton Black

Recap: What a road this greyhound has been on in this stakes event. He fell his first qualifying round, then encountered trouble in his second round then came up and won the next two rounds which actually won a tiebreaker to get the last spot in this field. Is that a sign? When he is left alone he definitely has the speed to do damage, but he is also trouble prone. Tough to leave him out totally.



CBJ HOT PURSUIT

Kennel: Mike Harris

Trainer: Victor Hall

Owner: Carmen Jorgensen



Recap: For 4 ½ years old, this brindle male still shows the stuff it takes to win against the big boys and girls as evidenced with his appearance tonight in this race. A good start is an absolute must here though, as he doesn't have the strong closing speed to make up a lot of ground on a field like this. The good news is this field is fairly even in breaking ability, giving him a chance to shine again.



FLYING HELIUM

Kennel: Lester Raines

Trainer: Ken Lesperance

Owner: Vince Berland

Recap: Whether it is West Virginia or Arkansas, this greyhound can run anywhere. After going 16 of 19 at Tri-State, she is currently 15 of 17 here at Southland including two wins and two thirds during qualifying. If she can get the lead early she is deadly and it will be very tough for anyone in this field to pry it away. Probably the best breaking speed in this field gives her a good shot at doing it.



FIESTA MERCURY

Kennel: David Blair

Trainer: Natalie Thorne

Owner: Jeff Blair

Recap: He has been running exceptionally well over the past month or so using the combination of a decent break with a good rush to either get the early lead, or be very close to it. Getting that lead will be paramount though, especially today, as "Mercury" tires some in the later stages of the race. With a full field of good greyhounds, the odds of winning without the lead drop substantially.



CBJ MAVERICK

Kennel: Bussmann-Balakas

Trainer: Darren Flahive

Owner: Carmen Jorgensen, Inc.

Recap: Despite that last start where he ran into trouble twice, he has been running really well over the past month or so. Although he prefers to be closer to the rail to start the race today, recent history shows that having an outside box like this isn't the worst thing that can happen, he scored two second place finishes from here during qualifying. This could be a sneaky one to play "on the board".

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FLY WAR ADMIRAL

Kennel: Lester Raines

Trainer: Ken Lesperance

Owners: Patterson & Berland

Recap: He has simply been the best in this group during qualifying, going undefeated and doing so from a variety of post positions, most of them being far away from the rail position he covets. Why is that? He is simply getting the lead from the get go and gets into his comfort zone immediately. If that happens again today, it will be tough for the others to run for anything more than second.

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DAILY PRAYER

Kennel: Ryan Farms

Trainer: Tracy McMillin

Owner: Henry Chin

Recap: It is a good time to draw the #1 post, as this greyhound should end up with plenty of early room to make her moves. Her break is better from spots like this which should help and she has enough left at the end of the race to make it interesting if she is near the lead. She doesn't blow fields away, but they don't run away from her either. She should factor somewhere on the ticket.



KILLER RONA

Kennel: Robert Thorne

Trainer: Timothy Thorne

Owners: Harlan & Country Time

Recap: When the calendar flipped to September, she has been at the top of her game finishing no worse than second the entire month. She has a nice strong rush to the first turn, and the better her break is the more deadly those two things combined will be. She seems to peaking at the right time, making her a true contender in this field and a sure thing if she breaks on top.



DUTCH JACKIE

Kennel: Lester Raines

Trainer: Ken Lesperance

Owner: Joann Koerner

Recap: At first glance you have what appears to be a "win or bust" type of greyhound. In actuality you just have a greyhound that needs to be on or near the lead to be a factor in any given race. Unfortunately you won't know which one it will be until after the starting box opens. There appears to be at least two greyhounds that will possibly break well making this a risky proposition.



FLYING ROSE

Kennel: Lester Raines

Trainer: Ken Lesperance

Owner: Vince Berland

Recap: She is the only greyhound in the field without a win during qualifying making the prospects of getting one now, in a much tougher field, problematic. However, despite the fact of not winning a round, she did run a couple of close second place efforts and she is close enough to the inside part of the track that she likes to consider her for those playing trifectas and superfectas for a price.



YOLO CATHY

Kennel: David Blair

Trainer: Natalie Thorne

Owner: Jeff Blair

Recap: Both of her wins during qualifying were in "pulling away fashion" indicating that she has plenty of fuel in the tank if she has the lead late. Also, while most would agree having this post position would diminish the odds of winning a race, both her wins were from this exact post during qualifying. Both came at a price, which if you are looking for a long shot with possibilities, she is your gal.



VJ GRACE THE ACE

Kennel: Mike Harris

Trainer: Victor Hall

Owner: V. Rangel & M. Montoya

Recap: She is the sole grade "A" in a field of "AA" dogs, but when you win a qualifying race over Killer Rona you have to possess some talent. Her last race is a head scratcher and she is a much better dog than that race shows, however, is she better than all seven other dogs in this field? Probably not. The post position doesn't help things either, making this a longshot to do much today.

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KELSOS HENRIETTA

Kennel: Steve Sarras

Trainer: Scott Purdy

Owner: Steve Sarras

Recap: Put this dog in the one box and things change dramatically. Unfortunately she starts from the seven spot, and while that doesn't completely rule her out, it gets more complicated. She shows flashes of early speed, and when she hits that lid sharply, victories are within her reach. If she lags coming out of the box, she doesn't possess the late speed to catch a field like this.



PAT C GALAXY

Kennel: Gloria Dorsey

Trainer: Randy Blair

Owner: Pat Collins

Recap: She has the most wins (3) in the qualifying races in the entire field, but those three wins were by razor sharp margins that could have easily been seconds. She is a slow and steady gainer type of runner who is out of position being this far away from the rail, but has shown history of overcoming spots like this. One thing looks likely, she should be close at the wire no matter what.

"RUSTY'S" F.O.S. RACE PREVIEW AND PREDICTION — HENRY MALE SPRINT DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP



FLYIN JIGGLYPUFF

Kennel: Lester Raines

Trainer: Ken Lesperance

Owner: Vince Berland

Recap: Inside, outside, or middle starting positions don't matter to this red male. He doesn't blow fields away with unreal speed but he seems to have a nose around the leaders nearly every race he is in. He does seem to break better from inside posts which is just an added bonus for this race where he figures to be somewhere in the conversation to land somewhere in the top four spots.



AKON

Kennel: Plum Creek

Trainer: Ray Brownlee

Owner: Plum Creek Kennel

Recap: Half his starts have ended up either first or second this year which translated into three of his four qualifying races doing the same. He has been breaking much better in his last four starts which makes this post position very interesting for him considering the greyhounds on either side of him are not stellar breakers. He may not have the stamina to hold everyone off, but don't overlook him.



PAY TREE IT

Kennel: Northshore

Trainer: Arvestor Crawford

Owner: William O'Donnell

Recap: Things started well for this red male with two narrow victories, but the last two starts have been trouble including that last race where he fell. Physically he is ok, but where might his mind be? He depends on his late speed ability to get back into a race, and he has beaten the likes of Fiesta Poder and Classy Wolverine before and they are no slouches. Watch for this fireball late in the race.



FIESTA PODER

Kennel: David Blair

Trainer: Natalie Thorne

Owner: Jeff Blair

Recap: 28 of 35 in the money while competing against the best is nothing to sneeze at, but normally you are only facing one or two other major stars in a normal top grade race. Today he is going to face basically seven others. There is no doubt he has the talent to take home a win in this race, and the post position is decent (not great), but he isn't known for running dogs down, he needs the lead.



BARTS BIG BOY

Kennel: Charter

Trainer: Stephen Ulrich

Owner: Rick D. Bartley

Recap: It is tough to make a championship race without winning a single qualifying round, but when you run three seconds and a third you are in the thick of it, even in a race like this. That early speed will be the key to his success (or lack of it if he fails to get the lead), but it will be tough to see him wearing the prize blanket at the end of the race here. A nice third or fourth isn't a reach though.



NASHAPELLI

Kennel: David Blair

Trainer: Natalie Thorne

Owner: Jeff Blair

Recap: A stakes veteran approaching his fourth birthday, there won't be any "stage fright" from him today in this race. With the exception of the one race he encountered trouble in during qualifying, he still looks at formidable as ever. He has beaten the best and has been beaten by the best, making him a must play tonight, even with the likes of Flying Wolf Pack and Classy Wolverine.



FLYING WOLF PACK

Kennel: Lester Raines

Trainer: Ken Lesperance

Owner: Vince Berland

Recap: He is a straight up stud, the current season win leader at Southland and just finished the month of August into most of September on a ten race win streak. Only a nose separated him from #11 in a row. Quick out of the box and a monster rush puts him and "Rusty" all alone early in races and it is near impossible to catch him then. He's not unbeatable in this field, but he's close to it.

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CLASSY WOLVERINE

Kennel: Lester Raines

Trainer: Ken Lesperance

Owners: V. Berland & J. Hill

Recap: He's got two things going for him today. He loves the post position and is the only greyhound coming into this race with a win streak still intact (2). However, he's got two problems too. One is the monster next to him in the seven box and two there is a lot of early speed that he likely won't be able to overcome. So you say there's a chance? Yes, but it is less than the 1 in 8 you expect.