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Silver Chief series wide open after night of upsets

It was a night of surprises at The Meadows with the majority of fancied runners failing to impress in heats of the Silver Chief over 525 metres on Saturday night.

Punters were left reeling after 11 of the 12 favourites (including four at an odds-on quote) were beaten, with the Darren McDonald-trained Iso Octane the only chaser to break the hoodoo with a 30.41 victory. In heat two, Pacific Maestro saluted at the juicy odds of \$51.40, with Where's Pancho scoring two races later, paying \$43 for the win.

Despite some shock results, most of the highly-rated chasers in the series - including Ballarat Cup winner Dyna Lachlan and Hobart Thousand finalist Silent Guardian - progressed to next Saturday's semi-finals.

Young star Sheoak Ian continued in his rich vein of form, leading from go to whoa in the last of the Silver Chief heats, stopping a clock at 29.95, the best time of the 12-race program. The consistent early speed of the Joe Borg-trained galloper has been a highlight at The Meadows recently, also leading throughout in the Group 2 Great Chase final in November.

Papa Cool (Big Daddy Cool – Mia Emma) was the only other chaser to break the magical 30-second barrier, running 29.96 in his barnstorming victory over Cosmic Planet. Other heat winners included Enry Walt (30.00), Kilrush (30.03), Allen Zander (30.04), Mick The Mozz (30.10), Hooded Keats (30.21), State Of Power (30.41) and Heather's Tiger (30.52)

Box draws for next Saturday night's semi-finals will take place this Tuesday.

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