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Barnstorming Mickie one to beat in State Distance Final

The fast finishing Mickie Keato will be looking to qualify for his second Group final in as many weeks after a last-to-first win in the first of Saturday night's Victorian State Distance heats at The Meadows.

Despite sitting in last position with less than a lap to go, the son of Big Daddy Cool and Princess Dreams stormed home to record a PB and Best of Night time over the 725 metre journey, defeating Allen Zander by three and three quarter lengths in 42.90. Trained by Ray Keating, Mickie Keato will start from box one in Saturday night's State Distance Final, with victory securing a place in the Group 1 National Distance Championship at Angle Park on August 28, worth \$50,000 to the winner.

His obvious danger looks to be the Darren McDonald-trained Reign Over Me, who took out the remaining heat in 43.00 after beginning cleanly off box eight. With a solid PB of 42.64 at The Meadows (the fastest among the eight finalists), the son of Bond and Primal Tears will be hard to hold out after drawing box seven in Saturday's final.

The Andrea Dailly kennel is well represented in Victoria's State Distance Final, with three greyhounds (Allen Zander, Dohtmann and Amanda Bale) looking to book a spot in the National Distance Final in Adelaide in three weeks time.

Victorian greyhounds have dominated the Group 1 National Distance Championship of late, producing the last three winners and seven of the last 10.

To view the box draw for Saturday night's State Distance Final, click [here](#)

Great dining packages are available every Saturday night at The Meadows. For more information, call 9355 5222 or go to www.themeadows.org.au

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