

Ferns has strong chances in Winnellie feature event

THE two feature events on a solid eight-race program at the Winnellie Park greyhounds tonight are the CUB Dash over 537m and the Garrard's Horse and Hound Dash over 383m.

Race four is the CUB Dash and Graeme Ferns figures prominently with three strong

chances in Sunset Sherbet, Destini Delta and Jessie Quick who all have good credentials.

Destini Delta did win nicely over this distance last start so could be the leading contender, however her kennel mates in Sunset Sherbet and Jessie Quick both have been in

good form as well especially over the shorter distances.

The competition does not stop there as the Simon Nathanael-trained Buster Norris is also a strong competitor and he tuned up for this race with an impressive win over the unsuitable 312m journey on Wed-

nesday night suggesting he is reaching top form.

Race five is the other main event over 383m and the Ferns juggernaut has the potential to roll on with top quality greyhounds Hawk Glide and Swansea Shannon engaged, as well as kennelmate Swansea

who may prove to be the main danger.

The other two competitors in the race are the Leta Smith-trained Ringbark Lana who is travelling nicely as is Betty Turpin for Andrew Lasker.

So while it is a small field all five runners looks to have

some sort of chance.

Ron Phillips will be hoping he can start the night well, and with a little early luck in running No Stress jumping from box two may have the class edge.

Racing commences at 6.45pm.

Kyrgios hits back at Nadal rebuke

THE war of words between Rafael Nadal's camp and Nick Kyrgios has continued, with the Spaniard's uncle and the maligned Australian now exchanging barbs.

Kyrgios has again taken to social media to respond to comments, this time made by Toni Nadal.

This came after the world No.36's latest on-court meltdown. He walked off during his Italian Open match against Norwegian qualifier Casper Ruud after throwing a chair onto the red clay.

"I feel bad for him, but something is failing, the ATP has given him too much hype, he plays very well, but with another mentality he would aspire to the maximum, he should make an effort to change," the uncle of world No. 2 Nadal told El Espanol.

"It's hard for him to take the pressure and the difficulty of the competition, he does not do any good in the sport, in the end there is no other option but to put a penalty on him.

"It is bad for tennis and has entered a dynamic that hurts him, something is failing, it is not normal, I have seen the images and his attitude is quite painful." Kyrgios responded via Twitter, with a winking emoji and the words: "I'll try and clean up my act." This is being interpreted as a continuation of Kyrgios' line of attack against the veteran clay court

specialist, which began after the duo clashed at the Mexico Open in Acapulco.

On that occasion, Kyrgios used Instagram to seemingly add to the rumours that Nadal was linked to a Spanish doping network — the Canberran used a syringe emoji while captioning a picture of him and Nadal exchanging a frosty handshake with: "I can smell the blood when I play this dude." Between these two exchanges, Kyrgios appeared on *New York Times* reporter Ben Rothenberg's No Challenges Remaining podcast.

"He's my polar opposite, like literally my polar opposite. And he's super salty," Kyrgios said.

"When he wins, it's fine. He won't say anything bad, he'll credit the opponent, 'He was a great player'. But as soon as I beat him, it's just like, 'He has no respect for me, my fans and no respect to the game'.

"And I'm like, 'What are you talking about? I literally played this way when I beat you the other previous times and nothing changed, nothing changed'. 'It's not a good look for you, I feel. And then (Nadal's former coach) Uncle Toni came out saying, 'He lacks education'.

"I'm like, 'Bra, I did 12 years at school, you idiot. I'm very educated. I understand that you're upset I beat your family again'. Rafa gets me vexed."



Australia's Adam Scott putts on the 17th green during the second round of the 2019 PGA Championship

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Scott in top form on PGA greens

EVIN PRIEST

ADAM Scott produced one of the best putting rounds of his US golf career, and the round of the day, but it was still not enough to keep US PGA Championship leader Brooks Koepka within arm's length.

Scott is tied for second after two rounds at New York's Bethpage Black but faces a seven-shot deficit in round three.

Scott rattled off seven birdies and one cheap bogey to fire a six-under-par 64, which elevated him to five-under.

But Koepka (63, 65) tops the leaderboard at 12-under and his total of 128 earned the lowest 36-hole score in major championship history.

Scott shares second with three-time major winner Jordan Spieth (66), who needs a PGA Championship win to complete golf's career grand slam.

Former Masters winner Scott was on pace to become the second player to shoot 62 and the majors on Friday.

But he missed a 25cm par putt at the par-3 17th, and then was forced to save a miraculous par at the 18th.

He might wonder what could have been with five putts missed inside 3m on day two.

However, it was still a career-best putting round for the Queenslander, making birdies from 8m, 12m and 8m.

"I came out and they just started rolling in and didn't think much about it and felt very good with it," Scott said after his round.

Scott duelled with Koepka at last year's PGA Championship, playing with the big-hitting American in the final group on Sunday and even took a share of the lead on the back nine.

Koepka is gunning for a fourth major win in less than two years, having won that PGA and two US Opens.

But Scott is not ready to concede defeat just yet.

Woods mantle passes to Koepka

THERE wasn't a ceremony and Brooks Koepka says he needs plenty more major wins to match Tiger Woods, but the aura of golf invincibility has been passed, at least verbally.

It happened at the PGA Championship after defending champion Koepka fired a five-under par 65 at Bethpage

Black on Friday to seize a seven-stroke lead on 12-under 128.

It's the largest 36-hole lead in modern major history. It's the lowest 36-hole score in major history by two shots.

And Woods, Koepka's playing partner the past two days who missed the cut, sees what

happens when a new generation learns from his legend.

"At 29 he has got many more years ahead of him where he can do this," Woods said.

Woods' 3-over on Friday left him 5-over for the tournament, missing the cut by one stroke.

Kookaburras fly to series clean sweep

THE Kookaburras completed a 2-0 series sweep against India with a 5-2 victory in Perth on Friday night.

The world No.2 side blitzed the tourists in the first half, racing to a 4-1 half-time lead in front of almost 2,000 fans at Perth Hockey Stadium.

Flynn Ogilvie opened the

scoring early before Trent Mitton added a second, although India pulled one back before quarter-time through Nilakanta Sharma.

Australia added two second-quarter goals from a clinical Mitton finish and a trademark Blake Govers drag flick.

Tim Brand grabbed the home side's fifth goal in the 43rd minute before fifth-ranked India grabbed a consolation from a Rupinder Singh (53') drag flick.

Australia had won the first Test 4-0 on Wednesday but Friday's display was an improved performance.