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## Spring Loaded team: The All-Stars of Flyball

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These are some of the dogs Spring Loaded will be running this weekend:

**VICE**

Age: 4

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**Owner:** Heather English, 31, of Commerce Township

**Breed:** Border collie

**Best individual time:** 3.8 seconds

**Weight:** 36 pounds

**Personality:** "He's very sweet, almost to the point where it's obnoxious," English says. "He's absolutely the most spoiled of my entire pack of dogs. He is a joy."

**Flyball style:** "He will be silly, and he'll flirt with the audience. But as soon as it's his turn to go, he's all business."

**HYPE**

Age: 4

**Owner:** Lynn Lico, 38, of White Lake

**Breed:** Border Staffie (a mix between a Border collie and a Staffordshire bull terrier)

**Best individual time:** 3.78 seconds

**Weight:** 26 pounds

**Personality:** "He loves probably flyball and food more than anything," Lico says, adding that he's "small and compact but with a huge heart."

**Flyball style:** "He can run in any position. He'll give you everything he has."

**SPRING**

Age: 5 1/2

**Owners:** Lee and Angie Heighton of the Richmond area

**Breed:** Border Staffie

**Best individual time:** 3.73 seconds

**Weight:** 25 pounds

**Personality:** "She's the perfect dog," Lee Heighton says. "She's very casual and laid-back around the house, but really excited and driven when it's time to play."

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Vice, a 4-year-old Border collie, has a best individual flyball time of 3.8 seconds.



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**Flyball style:** "She's a little dog that runs as fast as a big dog. She loves to race."

**Distinction:** On both of Spring Loaded's world-record teams

**SMACK**

**Age:** 6

**Owner:** Craig Knowles, 39, of Monroe

**Breed:** Tri-color Border Jack (Black, brown and white Border collie crossed with a Jack Russell terrier)

**Weight:** 23 1/2 pounds

**Best individual time:** 3.88 seconds

**Personality:** "She's very playful," Knowles says. "She never stops. She's high-energy. I called her 'Smack' because she bounces off the walls."

**Flyball style:** "She's an exciting little dog. She's got a great turn."

Erin Chan

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