

Bash Wacked



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Tight contest again Casino July 16

IT WAS A CASE of history almost repeating when Golden Earing and Hayden's Run battled out the Royal Hotel Stake at Casino last Friday.

The judge couldn't separate the same duo the previous week, and when they broke away from the pack on Friday, another battle for supremacy was looming.

Close to the line very little separated them, but Golden Earing stuck her head out at the right time to get the judge's verdict in 27.68.

Trained by Frank Hancock, the daughter of Primo Uno and Hannalore has now won five times from eight attempts at Casino.

In what has been an eventful week for the Ensby family, it was good to see the well bred Holly We Know salute for Rob and Warren.

Living up to her Stewards Trial in June, she raced clear in the back section and won by three lengths in a handy 23.32.

The Regal Brett and Proper Jessica product is racing consistently and more wins should follow.

Bruce Caden had a change of luck when Jessie Be Good won the Northern Rivers Vet Clinic Stake.

Well positioned early, she was able to grab the front as they went into the back before dashing clear.

Hanging on nicely, she defeated Snitcher by three lengths in 27.70.

Two heats of a Blue Paws Maiden series over 484 metres were run, with the fastest heat going to Bralyn Miami, who ran 27.50.

A litter brother and kennelmate of the smart and unbeaten Bralyn County, he was not the best served at boxrise but mustered great mid-race pace then raced away for a big win.

The other heat went to the oddly named Ovvio Uno.

Down in class from the rich Maiden series at Grafton, he got to the front at the top bend then scored by neck to Bralyn Alvin in 28.09.

Vard's Choice kept his good form going for Shane Robinson by taking out the Casino Tyre Specialists Stake in Best Of Day 27.42.

He was second away but couldn't cross early, so camped alongside the leader.

Too powerful from thereon, he raced away to score by a length and a quarter.

Steve Casey's Flaming Grace raced away with the first of the two distance races, winning by nearly nine lengths in 35.82, whilst Promises Pretty was too solid in the second, running 35.59 in a two lengths victory for Gerard Bove.

In the other events, Suzie Be Good ran 22.94, the fastest over the sprint course for Joanne Price and Lucky Rose Hi kept Trevor Thompson in the winners circle by clocking 23.33.

The well preformed Ima Jalapeno ran 23.21 for Diane Hannon and Nungi just got in for Ray Gatti, clocking 27.80.

Casino will host an action-packed 12-event card again on Friday afternoon.

-Casino Crusher

Where's the bonus Traralgon July 16

WHERE'S SPIDER picked up the GOBIS Bonus by taking out the 513 metres Maiden on Friday night.

Making his debut from box seven at \$5.20, the Dawn Johnston trained chaser led throughout to score by two and three quarter lengths over Pure Chantilly (\$2.70 fav), with Texas Song (\$6.70) picking up third money, three lengths in arrears.

Where's Spider, a son of Where's Pedro and Abby Original, owned by Lynette Saunders, stopped the clock at 29.91.

Jamaican Bolt led from pillar to post to take out the 513 metres Free For All in the BON time of 29.57.

Rated on top at \$1.90 from box one, the son of Spiral Nikita and Rumble Delight scored by four lengths over Yorgi Milo (\$17.80), with Prince Fuser (\$3.40) two lengths further afield. Jamaican Bolt, a winner of 22 of his 57 starts, is trained by Peter Giles for Paul Felgate.

Complete Madness led throughout to easily take out the 513 metres Grade 5 Final.

The Paul Anderton trained chaser came from the outside trap as the popular elect at \$2.00 to cruise home a seven lengths winner over Longy's Bandito (\$16.10), with a length and a half to third placed Nitriiss Neveelk (\$10.80).

Complete Madness, a son of Black Enforcer and Go Wild Shirl, owned by the Barking Mad Syndicate, stopped the clock at 29.86.

Ten Years Gone took time honours over the 298 metres for the second week running by clocking 16.81 to take out the Free For All.

Sent to box seven as favourite at \$2.40, the son of Brett Lee and Brandeen Misty beat Falcon's Osix (\$3.40) by two and three quarter lengths, while Spring Marina (\$4.50) collected third money, a length and a quarter away.

Ten Years Gone, trained by Andrew Paraskevas for the Sparkle And Fade Syndicate, has now won 10 of his 15 runs.

Bonus for best Sale July 18

CARNIVOROUS picked up the GOBIS Bonus by taking out the 440 metres Grade 5 Final on Sunday night in the new PB and BON time of 24.73.

The Kerrie Smyth owned and trained chaser came from box four as favourite at \$2.80 to beat Shaw Can Run (\$19.70) by four and a half lengths, with Casual Force (\$4.70) three and three quarter lengths further astern.

Carnivorous, a son of Diffuser and Sweet Trust, has now scored in five of his 12 runs.

Flashpacker took time honours over the 520 metres by running 29.74 when an all the way winner of heat one of the Maiden.

Sent to box three at \$5.20, the son of Bit Chili and Cranaconda defeated Dr. Courtney (\$4.50) by two and three quarter lengths, with Busta Rhymes (\$2.80 fav) three and a quarter lengths back in the minor end of the prize.

Flashpacker, who was having his fourth attempt at breaking through, is trained by Les Hughes for Daniel Bordignon.

Max's Awesome scored an effortless win in a 440 metres Grade 5.

Lining up in box eight as favourite at \$2.00, the John Telling trained chaser bolted in by nine lengths over Sugar Rush (\$9.50), with a half length to third placed Piggot's Piper (\$8.20).

Max's Awesome, a son of Boris Reigns and Sully's Awesome, owned by Lynne Gieschen, stopped the clock at the new PB time of 25.28.

There was a Special Event run over the 650 metres and Wot Price George was the winner in 37.65.

Drawn box one at \$3.50, the son of Primo Uno and Bent Penny got home best to beat Wadelock Sal (\$13.60) by a half length, with Gypsy Man (\$20.40) two and three quarter lengths further afield.

A winner of 11 of his 42 starts, Wot Price George is trained by Garry Allen for the Double Gee Syndicate.

Matcott with a vengeance

IN TYPICAL wintery and wet coursing weather, Shaun Matcott led in a 'quadrella', whilst Barry Jones and Shaun Laffin both had doubles.

Slipper's Tonic and Slipper's Luck kept Barry Jones happy, while Sir Jonathon and Yuk Flush provided Shaun Laffin's double.

Dunk Bale certainly appreciates straight tracking, with Fabrice Bale, Everette Bale and Gracelyn Bale all putting smiles on the dials for the Matcott kennel.

Pilliga Bandit for Dale Martin just wouldn't give in, beating Little Lorian by a head, and Panic again showed his liking for Virginia for Terry Cahalan.

With constant rain early in the day, the Club experienced a few problems with the timer, and not all courses were timed.

However, Slipper's Tonic again recorded a very smart 15.20 when defeating Kahlia in the Open Stake.

Owners and trainers are reminded that the Patrons Cup (Best 16 Open) and the Rising Star Stakes (Best 16 dogs/bitches whelped on or after July 1, 2008) will be held on August 22, not the 15th as originally scheduled.

Please note these two important events in your diary.

Our next meeting is programmed for August 1 and nominations close with GRSA at 9.00am on Wednesday, July 28.

- Judi Hurley

RACE 1: KENNARD'S HIRE OPEN STAKE
Barry Jones' SLIPPER'S TONIC (Black bitch, February 2007; Bond x Slipper's Gin) defeated Kahlia by 3 lengths in 15.20.

RACE 2: EMERLEY PARK NOVICE STAKE
Ben Murphy's PANIC (White/black dog, February 2009; Where's Pedro x Keep Token) defeated Weowna Cha Cha by 4 lengths in 15.32.

Winner trained by Terry Cahalan
RACE 3: GOTBA MIXED NOVICE/ONE STAKE
Paul Wheeler's DUNK BALE (Blue/brindle dog, November 2007; Where's Pedro x Clementine Bale) defeated Lola Jean by 2 lengths in 15.38.

Winner trained by Shaun Matcott
RACE 4: ADELAIDE PLAINS VET SURGERY MAIDEN STAKE
Paul Wheeler's FABRICE BALE (Fawn dog, March 2007; Surf Lorian x Gold Rush Bale) ran

a bye in 15.84 when Kenya Bale was withdrawn through injury.

Winner trained by Shaun Matcott
RACE 5: TWO WELLS HARDWARE & MORE MAIDEN STAKE

Shaun Laffin's SIR JONATHON (Black dog, April 2007; Diffuser x Sweet Kirsha) defeated Aiden Bale by 3 lengths in 15.60.

RACE 6: RUBY LOANS MAIDEN STAKE
Paul Wheeler's EVERETTE BALE (Red fawn bitch, February 2008; Where's Pedro x Gold Rush Bale) defeated Purple Onyx by a head in 16.10.

Winner trained by Shaun Matcott
RACE 7: MACRO MEATS & GOURMET GAME MAIDEN STAKE

Shane Stewart's PILLIGA BANDIT (Brindle dog, June 2008; Valentia Citrate x Eureka Girl) defeated Little Lorian by a head in 15.82.

Winner trained by Dale Martin
RACE 8: GOTBA MAIDEN STAKE
Paul Wheeler's GRACELYN BALE (Black bitch, December 2007; Cromlah Bale x Odessa Bale) defeated North Star Girl by 1 length in 15.82.

Winner trained by Shaun Matcott
RACE 9: GOTBA JUVENILE/MAIDEN STAKE

Barry Jones' SLIPPER'S LUCK (Black dog, January 2009; Exceptional x Slipper's Gin) defeated Slipper's Sweet.

Winner trained by Barry Jones
RACE 10: GOTBA JUVENILE/MAIDEN STAKE

Shaun Laffin's YUK FLUSH (Black/white bitch, November 2008; Big Daddy Cool x Footy Bob) defeated Big On Cheesie by 2 lengths in 15.90.

In control

Bendigo July 19

TRACK CONTROL seemed way over the odds at \$17.20 in a 545 metres Grade 5 on Monday and scored in the new PB and BOD time of 31.84.

The Doug Sheridan owned and trained chaser came from box three to salute by a length and a quarter over Che Ching (\$6.30), with Ocean Fury (\$3.80) two and a half lengths further afield.

Track Control, who's won two of his 35 starts, is a son of Traction Control and Awesome Omen.

Buddy Love took time honours over the 430 metres by running 24.56 when successful in a Grade 5.

Rated on top at \$2.30 from box one, the son of Premier Fantasy and Trendy La Maze beat Supermen Lover (\$9.00) by a half length, with Negreanu (\$3.40) six lengths further astern.

Buddy Love, trained by Mark Delbridge for the Auscot Syndicate, has now won eight of his 45 outings.

Ros Gilmore took the training honours for the day by leading in a double, and Stylish Ruby for the Wilken Syndicate was her first leg when she ran 24.74 to take out a 430 metres Grade 5.

Wearing the pink vest at \$6.20, the daughter of Diffuser and Mancunian Sue defeated Phil's Phantom (\$6.80) by five lengths, with a neck to third placed Huey Houdine (\$5.80).

The Yvonne Carter owned Gumboot Annie completed the double for Ros by leading from pillar to post to take out a 430 metres Grade 5 in 24.95.

The daughter of Concord and Silent wings came from box four at \$10.50 to greet the Judge two and three quarter lengths ahead of Sanctified (\$13.80), with Royal Drill (\$13.30) the next one to arrive, two lengths in arrears.

Hat-trick dance

Cranbourne July 19

FLAMENCO brought up the hat-trick of wins by running 41.98 to take out the Restricted Win Stake over 699 metres on Monday night.

Coming from box seven as favourite at \$1.20, the Jamie Ennis trained stayer led throughout to score by five and a half lengths over Adjust (\$6.70), with Frehleys Comet (\$8.10) collecting third money, two and three quarter lengths away.

Flamenco, who's won three of her five starts, is a daughter of Where's Pedro and Zarbo, owned by M.L. & M. Jones, C. Knox and T. Wales.

Goombly picked up the GOBIS Bonus by taking out the 311 metres Maiden Quilty Final at his race debut.

After qualifying in 18.30, the son of Where's Pedro and Bettstar went to box one at \$6.60 and he scored by two and a half lengths over Why Not Jill (\$8.20), with a length and three quarters to third placed Sandy Bubba (\$9.30).

Goombly, who posted 18.05, is trained by John Chippendale for Gabrielle Harris.

Tina Fields scored a last to first win in the 520 metres Maiden Quilty Final.

The Matthew Dewan trained chaser came from box seven at \$17.60 to salute by a length and a half over Darius (\$5.20), with Miss Brinjax (\$12.70) two and a quarter lengths further afield.

Tina Fields, a daughter of Big Daddy Cool and Barbie's Shiraz, owned by Lynette Dewan, stopped the clock at 31.33.

Miss Cherrelle brought up the hat-trick of wins by easily taking out heat one of the Gold Bracelet Special Event over 520 metres in the new PB time of 30.51.

The black galloper wore the blue vest at \$5.00 to a seven and a half lengths win over Dawn Princess (\$36.40), with a half length to third placed Tiger's Mistress (\$1.80 fav).

Miss Cherrelle was the first leg of a winning litter double for owner trainer, Judy Haylor.

Miss Bel Air completed Judy's litter double by running Best Of Night 30.24 to take out heat two of the Gold Bracelet Special Event over 520 metres.

Sent to box four as favourite at \$1.40, the daughter of Brett Lee and Casey's Angel bolted in by twelve and a quarter lengths over Miss Nah Wee (\$22.00) and Aunty Bessie (\$3.30), a neck separated second from third.

Miss Bel Air has now raced seven times and this was her fourth win.

King's bonus

Shepparton July 19

MAGIC DASHER picked up the GOBIS Bonus by taking out the final of the Kings vs Queens (Dogs) Grade 5 over 390 metres on Monday night.

Coming from box eight as favourite at \$1.80, the Tina Womann trained sprinter led throughout to defeat Jody Jones (\$7.20) by six and a quarter lengths, with Platinum's Image (\$11.20) two lengths back in third spot.

Magic Dasher, a son of Pure Octane and Magic Sarah, owned by Glenda Caruana, ran the BON time of 22.30 to make it nine wins in 24 outings.

Wildcard Lass collected a GOBIS Bonus by taking out the 650 metres Grade 5.

The daughter of Primo Uno and Pauline came from box five at \$13.10 to lead throughout and salute by three quarters of a length over Disco Dynamite (\$1.50 fav), with Shauny Badtooth (\$21.70) picking up third money, a length and a quarter back.

Wildcard Lass, who clocked 38.56 to make it eight wins in 57 starts, is trained by Brendan Dewan for the Five Dads Syndicate.

Latifi Jiam took time honours over the 450 metres by running 25.78 to score an all the way win in the Mixed 3rd/4th Grade.

Lining up in box five at \$3.90, the Ron Giles trained chaser brought up the hat-trick of wins by accounting for Vandaliser (\$11.00) and Admiral Bale (\$5.00), the margins were a length both ways.

A winner of 12 of her 28 runs, Latifi Jiam is a daughter of Pure Octane and Prodigal Girl, owned by Jim Arthur.

Scott Stefanos took training honours for the night with a double, and Barrabas for owners the Weights And Measures Syndicate was his first leg, posting 26.00 after leading all the way to take out a 450 metres Grade 5.

Wearing the red vest as favourite at \$1.90, the son of Brett Lee and Wheely Wapped beat Krebs (\$26.30) by two lengths, with a length and a half to third placed Kid Apache (\$20.80).

The Chris Dwyer owned Miss Lemon completed the double for Scott by registering 26.28 when an all the way winner of the 450 metres Veterans Special Event.

Sent to box five as the popular elect at \$2.50, the daughter of Where's Pedro and Juma County defeated Apache Spur (\$23.80) by three quarters of a length, with a similar margin to Sir Shady Grove (\$20.30) in the minor end of the prize.

Best ever carnival

AS THE DUST SETTLES on the 2010 July Greyhound Racing Carnival, it is time to reflect on what has been yet another successful time in the club's history.

Unquestionably the flagship event of the Carnival, and also for the Grafton Club in general, is the Taylor Family and Clarence Valley Sheds Maiden Classic, with the race being highly regarded as the starting point for many a champion.

After 11 high quality heats, many regarded the final field to be one of, if not the best, finals assembled in the history of the event.

Three sub 23-seconds heat winners, plus a host of greyhounds running close to that mark, gave credence to that belief.

The one they were all talking about was

the fastest heat winner, Noar In Knocka, who had drawn box one for the final.

Second fastest heat winner, Who's Fault had drawn out in box seven, whilst Ace Federer entered the final as the third fastest in box six for Cary Grant.

Noar In Knocka began well from the red, while also beginning well was Yeah I Know, and when this duo was engaged in a bumping duel, Ace Federer raced around the outside to set up an unassailable break.

Cary is one of the real nice guys of greyhound racing, and this was a well deserved win for the former Queenslander, and now New South Wales based trainer.

He's been in the game for over 35 years and has also been attending the Grafton Carnival for 15 years.

Cary explained "he was very confident leading into the final, as there appeared to be a lot of speed drawn around Noar In Knocka, and his desire to move up the track might have been enough for him to find trouble."

The victory by Ace Federer is ranked right up there by Cary as one of the highlights of his career, along with the win of Prey For Mercy in the 2007 Gosford Cup.

At just 19 months of age, the immediate plans are to bring Ace Federer along slowly.

A couple of starts at Lismore are next in line before he's stepped up to bigger and better things.

Cary strongly believes "there is a Group race in this dog", and on the strength of this victory, who wouldn't argue?

Victorian duo, Maureen and Jimmy Turner felt they had the right greyhound to take out the Village Green Sprinters Cup this year.

Jimmy I Am, a speedy son of Bit Chili and Louise Marie, had been steadily building an impressive Victorian record of eight wins from 14 starts before finishing a well beaten last at his first start at Grafton, having found trouble in transit.

Not to be perturbed, Maureen pressed on to the Sprinters Cup heats, where the locals got a better view of Jimmy's true ability.

Beginning brilliantly from the rails draw in a heat, Jimmy I Am held off the challenge of local star, Northern Echo, to record the fastest heat time of 23.06.

Roll on to the final, and from box five there were reasons to think that the black flash may have had the job ahead of him.

The box draw was to prove no barrier, as he bounded out fast, and despite being continually challenged, Jimmy I Am pulled out all stops to take home the title of Sprinters Cup champion for 2010.

The Westlawn Finance Stayers Cup over 610 metres was once again a straight out Best 8 event, in which a good field of middle distance greyhounds were assembled.

Following the box draw, all the talk centred around how were they going to beat the Queenslander, Our Movie Star, who was ideally drawn in box one, with her wide running brother, Happy Clown drawn alongside in the two alley.

Our Movie Star had been a luckless second behind Cool Rock Hero in a Prelude earlier in the Carnival and it was expected the she would have derived benefit from the hit-out on the track.

Beginning beautifully from the inside draw, Reg and Noela Hazelgrove's chaser was soon in front and from thereon was never seriously challenged, recording an easy four and a half lengths victory over Roger O'Neill's Cool Rock Hero in 35.54.

Box Hill trainer, Ted Pomfret travelled north with a large team of greyhounds carrying the "Ballerina" nameplate.

And although the early meetings were a little barren, Ted fought back strongly on the final day with three winners and a second from his seven runners.

That onslaught handed him the BP Reliance Trainer of the Carnival, narrowly over Gary Smith.

Gary found consolation for this close second when his greyhound, Orara Jack took out the title of BP Reliance Greyhound of the Carnival, getting there by a solitary point over the Queenslander, Ten In Ten.

Orara Jack took out the 2009 Maiden Classic, and has continued his strong local form, being awarded the Grafton Greyhound Of The Year, that goes with his Greyhound of the Carnival title.

Whilst there were no awards handed out for the fastest times over each distance, the greyhounds in question were Rich Accent for Rick Godwin over the 305 metres journey, Noar In Knocka for Reg Kay over 407 metres when he recorded a slashing 22.87 in a Maiden heat win, Orara Flash for Gary Smith over 480 metres in 27.21, whilst Our Movie Star took the honours over 610 metres for 'Team Hazelgrove'.

- Grafton Guru