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He Knows Uno's Gold Cup

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Mick Patterson described it as his biggest thrill in greyhound racing when He Knows Uno (\$5.80) swept to victory in the Group 1 Albion Park Gold Cup (710m) on Thursday night.

Mick and wife Lillian bred, own and train the son of Primo Uno-Honeymoon's Over who came from mid-field to wear down early leader Double Jeopardy (\$41.90) to win by two and three-quarter lengths with a length and a quarter to Abby Shiraz (\$32.00) in third.

Hot favourite Miata was checked out of the boxes and never really got into the final finishing fifth. The Patterson's come from the sleepy seaside town of Iluka on the NSW Northern Rivers but Mick admits to being a Queenslander at heart. "I even cheer for Queensland in the State of Origin," said Mick. He Knows Uno is his beloved greyhound.



Mick Patterson with his champ He Knows Uno after the Cup win

(Pic David Brasch)

He took his record to 62 starts for 27 wins and 25 placings and stakes money of \$345,000 with the victory, his second Group 1 following the 2010 Brisbane Cup over 520m.

"That should silence the doubters," said Mick. "I know everyone has believed he would not stay. I was never one of them."

Mick believed He Knows Uno was a certainty in his heat last week but admitted tonight's rich final "was a different matter". He Knows Uno takes Cup "But when he got up so close so early tonight, I had to check which number it was," said Mick. "I wasn't sure it was him."

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I said to myself 'that can't be him'." Patterson admitted he had been suffering from the stress of training He Knows Uno in recent times. "I feel right now like retiring him," he said. "It's too much stress." But then on reflection, Mick admitted it was something he would put up with.

Immediate plans will be to run the dog in next week's Superstayers (710m) a four-dog invitation race at Albion Park. Patterson has said for the past couple of weeks how well He Knows Uno had done leading into the Gold Cup series. "He couldn't contain himself," said Mick. "I couldn't have him any better."

Double Jeopardy led out from his rails draw. Miata was checked and found herself checked coming to the first turn. He Knows Uno had got into fourth by the catching pen and with his customary powerful finish unwinding, he was always going to be hard to hold out. The winner ran 41.78 easily his best time for the distance. He has raced five times over 710m at Albion Park for four wins and a second. Part-owner and trainer Paul Stuart said Miata was checked at the jump but he offered no excuses. "She seems OK but we won't know for sure until tomorrow," he said. He Knows Uno takes Cup He was planning to head home to WA on Friday and would see what the future holds for the star staying bitch then.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Tango Tapper (\$95.30), 5th Miata (\$1.30), 6th Yowyea (\$19.60) 7th Shimguni (\$7.30) and Hail A Mail (\$56.90).

He Knows Uno is a black dog whelped December 2008 by Primo Uno from Honeymoon's Over (Brett Lee x Divorce Remorse) he was bred and is raced and trained by Mick & Lillian Patterson from Iluka on New South Wales Northern Rivers. He has raced 62 times for 26 wins and 25 placings, adding the Gold Cup's first prize of \$75,000 to his overall stake earnings it went to \$357,474, 20th on the all-time list.

The Gold Cup was first run at Gabba in 1974 and was known as the Gabba Gold Cup until 1980 when sponsored by SGIO for a year and by Woolworths of another year. It went back to the Gabba Gold Cup until 1988 when the race became the FAI Gold Cup for four years. It changed to the Albion Park Gold Cup when racing transferred there in 1993. VIP Petfoods then sponsored the race from 2002 until last year when by current sponsor Cartwright Property Group came on board. It has been won by some champion stayers over the year's Dotie Wilson the only dog to win it twice in 75 and 76. Mandarin Girl 77, Picture This 82, National Star 85, Trojan Tears 94, Miss Cruise 95, Boronia Blossom 96, Totally Ablaze 98, Questions 99, Total Denial 02, Miss Brook 06, Miss Grub 07, Chinatown Lad 08, Queen Lauryn 09, Nellie Noddles 10 and last year's winner Bobby Boucheau.

1974 **Captain Winter**, 1975 **Dotie Wilson**, 1976 **Dotie Wilson**, 1977 **Mandarin Girl**, 1978 **Dusty Ginny**, 1979 **Mockacindy**, 1980 **Gini's Choice**, 1981 **Final Dream**, 1982 **Picture This**, 1983 **High Monakii**, 1984 **Shy Deena**, 1985 **National Star**, 1986 **Clover Park**, 1987 **Shy Nimbus**, 1988 **Gary's Hope**, 1989 **Mary Casey**, 1990 **Rocket To Tubrid**, 1991 **Cobbalena**, 1992 **Elusive Odie**, 1993 **Pilgrim's Star**, 1994 **Trojan Tears**, 1995 **Miss Cruise**, 1996 **Boronia Blossom**, 1998 **Totally Ablaze**, 1999 **Questions**, 2000 **Amazing Dancer**, 2001 **Hotshow Vintage**, 2002 **Total Denial**, 2003 **Dooley's Mist**, 2004 **Toss O'Reilly**, 2005 **Last Quoted**, 2006 **Miss Brook**, 2007 **Miss Grub**, 2008 **Chinatown Lad**, 2009 **Queen Lauryn**, 2010 **Nellie Noddles** and 2011 **Bobby Boucheau** .

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