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**Maverick Triumph in
the Ballarat Cup**

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Maverick Tiger won the Group 2 PETstock Ballarat Cup (450m) on Wednesday for trainer Kelvyn Greenough, in front of Blackalls Boss for Michelle Mallia-Magri and Arizona Dozer for Graeme Bate.

It was the first Ballarat Cup at the recently redeveloped track and the crowd weren't disappointed as the race was full of intrigue despite being run in such a quick time.

Arizona Dozer (Box 3 - \$8.10) flew out of the boxes to lead with Maverick Tiger (Box 6 - \$4.10) close behind and the consistent Blackalls Boss (Box 4 - \$9.50) settling third.

In the heats, Arizona Dozer broke the first and second split records at the track and his form held true as he led the field coming around the final bend.

On the home straight, Maverick Tiger showed just how tough he is, as he swept up the inside riding a tremendous roar from the bumper crowd to win the \$42,000 first-prize in a time of 25.18s.



Maverick Tiger races away to win the Ballarat Cup (Pics Cindy Murray)

It was the first group win for Maverick Tiger whose career record now stands at 20 starts for 11 wins and four placing's amassing close to \$100,000 in prizemoney.

Interestingly, Maverick Tiger was representing Victoria in the race as he was the only greyhound bred in the State.

Greenough paid tribute to brindle sprinter's breeders Rob and Lynette Larsen after the win.

"The Larsens bred Maverick Tiger and his brother Odie For Now, who is also a very good greyhound," Greenough said.

"They sold them at three months of age to cover their costs, but continued to rear them on their property in Gippsland and they did an outstanding job."

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"They really know what they're doing."

Maverick Tiger's story is one of patience and persistence. In March this year he suffered a broken leg but the Greenough camp nursed him back to full health. The recovery has been nothing short of outstanding and the greyhound's name is now etched in history as the first Ballarat Cup winner at the fantastic new track.

Greenough said he will now set his star for the Group 1 Hobart Thousand, the heats of which will be run this Thursday.

A large group of connections were on track to witness the son of Big Daddy Cool's victory on Wednesday night, including Jim Marshman, who said the win was a massive thrill for the syndicate of owners.

"We've always played sport together and we decided we'd get into greyhound ownership together. There's about 10 of us that have been involved," Marshman said.

"The other dog that made the track had 30-odd starts and won three races. That was all we were after – just a bit of fun – but we just got lucky with this one."

The victory also helped continue Maverick Tiger's love affair with Ballarat, where he was named the club's greyhound of the year on Cup night.

His record at the Morshead Park circuit now stands at five wins from six appearances.

"It's the first time he has probably strung seven or eight races together.

"He's had a couple of injuries so it was good to actually see what he could produce in a big race," Marshman said.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order: Nitro Cee (\$36.90), Imry Bale (\$4.80), Ima Geisha Girl (\$2.50), Warm It Up (\$48.40) and Carol Allen (\$17.10).

Maverick Tiger is raced by the Maverick Syndicate and trained by Kelvyn Greenough at Pearcedale. He is a Brindle dog whelped April 2010 by Big Daddy Cool from Shanlyn Lass (Token Prince x Shanlyn Maddy). Maverick Tiger has won 11 with four placings from his 20 starts and with the \$42,000 first prize for the Ballarat Cup it took his current stake earnings to \$92,735.

The Ballarat Cup was first held at the old Broadway Park complex in 1960 over 496 yards. The first winner was Rebbly Boy a greyhound sired by Rookie Rebel listed below is the honour Roll of past winners.

1960 **Rebbly Boy**, 1961 **Dalemee**, 1962 **Eerie Town**, 1963 **Alrarniv** 1964, 1965 Unknown, 1966 Unknown, 1967 Unknown, 1968 **Baytown's Son**, 1969 **My Gina**, 1970 1971 **Fawn Metal**, 1972 **Master Caleb**, 1973 **She's My Girl**, 1974 **Fawn Capri**, 1975 **Ben Boro** 1976 **Ernie Diro**, 1977 **"Not Held"**, 1978 **"Not Held"**, 1979 **Nelson's Mate**, 1980 **Swift As Light**, 1981 **Johnny's Monaro**, 1982 **Satan's Shroud**, 1983 **Total Claim**, 1984 **Lady Lilly**, 1985 **Trisun**, 1986 **"Not Held"**, 1987 **Shining Chariot**, 1988 **Kepler**, 1989 **Hay Dinney**, 1990 **Welcome Stranger**, 1991 **Malawi's Prince**, 1992 **Wild Pirate**, 1993 **Dallas Duo**, 1994 **Tivoli Man**, 1995 **Malawi Law**, 1996 **King Of Talent**, 1997 **Young Darren**, 1998 **Lansley Bale**, 1999 **Tom's Legacy**, 2000 **Puff Daddy**, 2001 **Carlisle Jack**, 2002 **Knockabout Wok**, 2003 **Puzzle Prize**, 2004 **Whisky Assassin** and 2005 **Magic Trance**, 2006 **Witch Magic**, 2007 **Go Wild Jack**, 2008 **Vee Man Vane** and 2009 **Dyna Lachlan**, 2010 **Greta Bale** and 2011 **Up and Away**.

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