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# Uno Suzie Steals Black Top Crown

Anthony Azzopardi's Uno Suzie (\$9.20) was boxed favourably in the six as her trainer explained pre-race she doesn't seem to jump well from inside draws and he was happy she would perform well from the outside. The speedy black bitch by Cosmic Chief begun brilliantly taking up the lead from box rise and leading through out to win Friday's night's Black Top Classic final at Unibet Gardens.



The Group 2 success was her first in Group company and considering she had not seen the track prior to her all the way heat win on August 21 stopping the clock at 29.44 it was the second fastest going into the final. Azzopardi (pictured with Uno Suzie) decided not to trial her before the heat and after Friday night where she again was not headed, she seems to have taken to the Gardens extremely well.

A consistently well performed chaser Azzopardi has only trained Uno Suzie since the middle of June this year when he took over from her previous mentor Jodie Lord.

Uno Suzie has recorded smart wins at Wentworth Park on four occasions winning in fast times of 29.76, 29.79, 29.87 and 29.88.

Plus she finished third in Dapto Oaks after winning a heat in 29.99. She has also recorded wins at Canberra, Bulli and at Bendigo and Geelong in Victoria.

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Uno Suzie beat Opus Forte (\$6.30) and La Grand Logie (\$9.00) in 29.46 after sections of 4.97 and 17.25.

Uno Suzie will now be set for the Canberra Cup with the heats of the Group 3 event next Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September with the final on the following Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Having done most of her early racing at the ACT circuit Uno Suzie will be no stranger to the track she has won on both the 530 and 310 distances. On the form she displayed at the Gardens Uno Suzie will be hard to beat.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Smart Missile (\$2.30), 5<sup>th</sup> Avenging Gun (\$14.90), 6<sup>th</sup> Gracie See More (\$37.10) 7<sup>th</sup> Sheba's Diva (\$33.70) 8<sup>th</sup> Miner's Moss (\$4.00).

Uno Suzie is a black bitch whelped March 2013 by Cosmic Chief from Uno Witch (Primo Uno x Proven Tops) she is raced by the Asa Syndicate and trained by Anthony Azzopardi from Londonderry in NSW. She has raced 50 times for 19 wins and 19 placings, adding the Black Top Final's first prize of \$40,000 it took her overall stake earnings to \$88,208.

The NSW NCA could not have selected a better name for this on going feature at the Gardens. The race is now operated by the new Gardens franchise, Black Top by Top Linen from Classy Jane was an icon of the sport, he was raced by Frank Holmes of Highfields (near Newcastle) and his breeder Mrs. Edna Hanson bred him in Birmingham Gardens the suburb in which the Gardens track is located. He raced in the early 60's only contested 20 races for 17 wins and two seconds. He retired as Australia's highest stakes winner with 5352 Pounds. His introductory stud fee set at 65 pound was a record service fee in Australia.

A breeding success of extraordinary proportions Black Top created his own dynasty which continually re-wrote the record books on greyhound racing in this country. The feature races his progeny won and the stars he produced are to numerous to list, he served a record 1326 bitches and sired 6000 puppies earning approximately \$150,000 in service fees. There is no doubt we will never see another Black Top, he was the one and only. Black Top was inducted into the AGRA Hall of Fame at the AGRA Awards night at Sandown in March 2008 and again in March 2009 in Perth when he went into the Sires category.



**The Immortal Black Top in action**

Previous winners of the Black Top **2005** Buddy Rich 29.41, **2006** Mojestic 29.87, **2007** One Tree Hill 29.44, **2008** Lochinvar Prada 29.65, **2009** Cindeen Shelby 29.64, **2010** Snozz 29.34, **2011** Penthouse 29.53, **2012** Bye Bye Bucks 29.71, **2013** Billy Buzzard 29.65 and **2014** Rose Of Galo 29.52.

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