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**WATCH THE WASP STINGS
OPPOSITION IN BOB PAYNE**

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The Dean Swain-trained Watch The Wasp (\$12) took advantage of a good start to take out the Group 2 Bob Payne Spring Sprint (520m) at Wentworth Park on Saturday night.

Starting from box two, Watch The Wasp jumped better than usual to be fourth at the first turn before rushing into second position leaving the back straight. But at that point Watch The Wasp was still several lengths behind tearaway leader Up Hill Jill, who seemed to be about to break through for her first NSW group victory in her fifth final.



However, Watch The Wasp virtually sprouted wings in the home straight to win the feature by just over a length from Up Hill Jill (\$2.70) in 29.99, with favourite Mister Twister (\$2.30), who had been inconvenienced at the first turn, a distant third.

“I wasn't too popular at home when I drew box two for Watch The Wasp and box six for our other finalist, Techno, because he wanted them drawn the other way around,” Swain's wife, Danielle, said after the race.

“But Watch The Wasp handled the inside draw well and although Robert Jones, his owner, is overseas at present, he will be over

the moon to win a Group 2 race.”

The win was owner Robert Jones' first at group level, and is remarkable given Watch The Wasp is the first venture into greyhound ownership for the well known thoroughbred owner.

For Up Hill Jill, it was the third time she has finished second in a group race at Wentworth Park.

David Geall, Up Hill Jill's trainer, was disappointed at how easily Watch The Wasp overhauled his greyhound.

“I was thinking of bringing her back to NSW for the up-coming Dapto Megastar but I'm having second thoughts, maybe all the travelling is taking its toll of Up Hill Jill.”

Watch The Wasp is a Black dog whelped January 2015 by Shakey Jackey from Midnight News (Bombastic Shiraz x Midnight Movie). He is raced by Robert Jones and trained by Dean Swain from Vineyard in New South Wales. Watch The Wasp has raced 17 times for eight wins and six placings with his win in the Spring Sprint the \$40,000 first prize took his current stake earnings to \$95,050.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order Techno (\$31), Flying Mikayla (\$31), Little Nangar (\$10), Bekin Street (\$9) and Chevy King (\$13).

First run in 1964 the Winter Stake is a time honoured GBOTA feature sprint event. It was sponsored for many years commencing in the early 80's by Bradshaw's Waste one of Greyhound racing's major contributors during that period. The company shared a long affiliation with former GBOTA Chairman of eight years (1978-1985) Bob Payne and following his retirement from that position Bradshaw's requested the Winter Stake be named after Payne to commemorate his massive contribution to Greyhound racing in New South Wales and in particular the GBOTA, he had first joined as a member in 1943. The feature race has remained named in his honour and is now held as a memorial following Bob Payne's passing 13 years ago. For the first and only time the event was conducted twice in 2012 and called the Summer Stake in January of that year. The event was then moved to late September and renamed the Spring Sprint with the cross over period causing no race to be run in 2011. The race has been won by some of the sports finest sprinters and listed below is the honour roll.

YEAR	WINNER	TIME	YEAR	WINNER	TIME
1964	CREAM RANGE	26.60	1991	MOUNTAIN RED	30.39
1965	KEWIN	26.90	1992	HOWS THE FORT	30.85
1966	JET AGAIN	26.90	1993	DYNAMITE LAD	30.70
1967	MEGS DELTA	26.80	1994	GALLANT RULER	30.39
1968	GOLD HERO	26.50	1995	WARRIGAL ROAD	30.45
1969	SILENT RETREAT	26.90	1996	MIDNIGHT FLIRT (VIC)	30.45
1970	LINDENS CHARM	26.90	1997	HONCHO FLASH	30.99
1971	GEMINI TODD	26.50	1998	SOLVE THE PUZZLE (VIC)	30.03
1972	WOOLLEY WILSON	26.60	1999	FAITHFUL HAWK (QLD)	30.21
1973	SILENT WONDER	26.52	2000	GO WILD TEDDY	30.14
1974	BUFFATEER	26.76	2001	WINSOME DOLLARS	30.58
1975	SMOOTH APPROACH	26.49	2002	PHANTOM DEVIL	30.59
1976	LORD ZEPHYR	26.58	2003	KUMTA CHASE	30.37
1977	TREACHEROUS GAL	26.45	2004	JUNEY RELTUB	30.70
1978	RIVIERA TIGER	26.53	2005	OVER FLO	29.83
1979	RUSTY BRAIN	26.71	2006	STRYKER'S SHADOW	30.25
1980	LOVELY KATHY	26.71	2007	TRAIN A JOURNEY (VIC)	30.16
1981	FRANC METEOR	26.42	2008	DANA GRETEL	30.14
1982	BETTER FUTURE	26.52	2009	DENTAX BALE	30.05
1983	BOBBY RICH	26.38	2010	DID I ENTERTAIN	30.13
1984	SWITCH BLADE	26.61	2012	OAKS ROAD (January)	30.28
1985	SNOW REPORT	26.58	2012	TRANSCEND TIME (September)	29.83
1986	CAMDEN 'S GHOST	26.43	2013	GOLD TOWN	29.59
1987	CROTTY KID	26.37	2014	TOMMY BRISLANE	29.70
1988	RUMPUS BRANDI (VIC)	30.43	2015	BRAD HILL BILLY	29.84
1989	VALLEY MAIL	30.47	2016	RITZA LENNY	29.74
1990	NOBLE SPADES	30.51	2017	WATCH THE WASP	29.99

*****Harold Park 457m – Grass Track 1964-1987, Wentworth Park 520m – Grass 1988-1991 and Wentworth Park 520m – Loam 1992- Present.**

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