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Ketut Follows The Big Winners

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Fairytale stories sometimes do come true.

Such was the case at Albion Park last night when Kiss Me Ketut led from the first turn to win the group one Brisbane Cup final over 520 metres.

The promotional build up to the meeting was huge and included the attendance of "Ketut" from the well-known AAMI Insurance television commercials.



Kiss Me Ketut winning a heat of the Melbourne Cup at Sandown (Pic Clint Anderson)

The human Ketut cheered as loudly as anyone else on course, with the possible exception of Mark Walker, as the Dave Burnett owned and trained Kiss Me Ketut strutted his stuff out in front and held on to win by a neck over fellow Victorian trained runner Farmor Las Vegas (\$8.90) for Rob Britton.

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So who is Mark Walker? He's a Brisbane resident, not a regular greyhound race goer, who went along to Albion Park to see what all the hype with Ketut was all about. Walker's name was drawn as the winner of a Tattsbet sponsored free \$500 bet which the Brisbane G.R.C. said would be on Kiss Me Ketut to win. The dog paid \$6.80 on the win tote and Walker collected \$3,400 for his visit to the track.

Also a winner last night was Albion Park regular Noel Foster, the well-known greyhound chiropractor/muscle man. Foster drew Kiss Me Ketut in the free patrons' competition and wins a trip to Bali valued at \$2,000.

The winning time of 29.82 seconds was the second fastest in a Brisbane Cup in the 21 running's of the event at Albion Park. 2006 winner Pororooca holds the race record at 29.66.

Battistuzzi (\$17.30), the lone New South Wales trained runner in the final, finished third for Frank and Edie Hancock and was handled by their son Darryl.

"Dad is hospitalised for a hernia operation so I came down from Townsville to help with all the dogs and had the pleasure of handling Battistuzzi. We're rapt to have run third," Darryl said.

Kiss Me Ketut (Bombastic Shiraz – Spiral Siyan) earned \$75,000 for the win. Second money was \$20,000 and it was \$10,000 for third.

Fourth home was co favourite Xylia Allen who got shunted back to near the rear of the field early after a moderate beginning which is her custom. Peter Ruetschi's Captain Clarrie did best of the Queenslanders, finishing fifth.

David Burnett indicated that Kiss Me Ketut would bypass the next group one race on the Australian calendar which is the time honoured Hobart Thousand. Heats will be run this Thursday night.

"He's still a young dog at 28 months. There's a couple of age classics I'll put him in, the first one being the Silver Chief," Burnett said.

The Silver Chief is Victoria's Derby equivalent, with heats at the Meadows on Saturday night December 21. The series runs over three weeks with the group one \$100,000 to the winner final on Saturday, January 4, 2014. It's for male greyhounds whelped on or after June 1, 2011.

Kiss Me Ketut, being an August 11 whelping, will be one of the more mature runners in the Silver Chief.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Xylia Allen (\$3.40), 5th Captain Clarrie (\$32.40), 6th Tomac Bale (\$2.20), 7th Top Story (\$12.60) and Hawko's Mistake (\$52.70).

Kiss Me Ketut is a Black dog whelped August 2011 by Bombastic Shiraz from Spiral Siyan (Spiral Nikita x Flight And Life). He is raced, was bred and is trained by David Burnett at South Geelong in Victoria. Kiss Me Ketut has raced 37 times for 17 wins and 11 placings with his win in the Brisbane Cup the \$75,000 first prize took her current stake earnings to \$183,710.

The Brisbane Cup has had a few name changes when it was first run in 1972 and won by Victorian Garron Court the race was known as the Gabba Sprint Championship. It remain that name until 1976. It was then called the Brisbane Cup from 1977 until 1981 changed in 1982 to be known as the Coca-Cola Cup until 1999 when it changed back to the Brisbane Cup. The race was conducted at the Gabba until the track closed in 1992 and since has been staged at Albion Park. Listed below is the Honour Roll containing some of the champion greyhounds among the past winners.

1972 **Garron Court**, 1973 **Top Simbi**, 1974 **Mister Oollee**, 1975 **Alpha Brava**, 1976 **Clover Duke**, 1977 **Rebel Attack**, 1978 **Young Breeze**, 1979 **Acclaim Star**, 1980 **General Jeff**, 1981 **Picture This**, 1982 **Peter Glider**, 1983 **Acacia Park**, 1984 **National Lass**, 1985 **Super Max**, 1986 **Pretty Fearless**, 1987 **Whip Tip**, 1988 **Dancing Gamble**, 1989 **Golden Fox**, 1990 **Whisky Bale**, 1991 **No It's Not**, 1992 **White Coonowrin**, 1993 **Star Title**, 1994 **Toss The Teddy**, 1995 **Flying Amy**, 1996 **Silver Pageant**, 1997 **Barrio Babe**, 1998 **Questions**, 1999 **Bob's One**, 2000 **Kantarn Bale**, 2001 **Tricky Creek**, 2002 **Tricky Creek**, 2003 **Bogie Leigh**, 2004 **Malfoy**, 2005 **Pororoca**, 2006 **Pure Burst**, 2007 **Uno Joel**, 2008 **El Galo**, 2009 **Mr Metz**, 2010 **He Knows Uno**, 2011 **Glen Gallon** and 2012 **Got A Moment**.

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