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Tommy Brislane's Victory in Sportingbet Megastar

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Tommy Brislane has confirmed his champion status by claiming the Group 1 Sportingbet Megastar.

The fast-rising greyhound, who has burst onto the scene in stunning fashion in 2014, won the \$75,000 top prize for trainer Steve White in a breathtaking race at Dapto on Friday night.

White's charge (\$8.30) edged out Ritza Hattie by a neck to earn his first Group victory. Delighted Nowra trainer White said Tommy Brislane, who made good use of a helpful box three draw, had produced something special.



Steve White with Tommy Brislane after the win

"It was such a big effort," White said.

"I thought this was our big chance tonight and once I saw him go past the first turn I knew we were in it.

"The other big finals he's been in he has had bad luck with the draw, but I thought he had a chance here if he could get to the rail.

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"He is an exciting dog - he's not even two years old yet - and he may have more big wins in him yet." Tommy Brislane came home in 29.82 to seal a 10th win in 15 starts since debuting in April.

He is certainly one to watch over the coming months, with White indicating he may be targeting him for the big NSW Spring races at Wentworth Park.

Ritza Hattie was making a first appearance in more than four months due to injury but came agonisingly close to winning as a \$19.10 shot.

Queensland sprinter Flash Reality (\$5.10) was third.

Heavily fancied pair Zipping Willow and Shoulders didn't feature, finishing seventh and eighth respectively.

The Megastar was the second leg of the Thank Dog It's Friday series, which showcases the best racing at regional NSW tracks in a primetime Friday night slot.

After the placed runners the rest of the field finished in the following order. Woods (\$34.20), Chica Destacada (\$5.40), Lacey Lois (\$35.50), Zipping Willow (\$3.20) and Shoulders (\$3.90).

Tommy Brislane is a Black dog whelped September 2012 by Premier Fantasy from Mary Virginia (Brett Lee x Thai Again). He is raced by Geoff Slattery and trained by Steve White from Nowra Hill in New South Wales. Tommy Brislane has raced 15 times for 10 wins and three placings with his win in the Megastar the \$75,000 first prize took his current stake earnings to \$116,990.

Listed below are the previous winners of the Megastar. The race has now been won by some very handy sprinters.

The first winner of the Megastar Dapto invitational in **2010** was Mr. Metz and in **2011** it became a Group 3 event and was won by Oaks Road in 29.94. In **2012** the race was elevated to Group 2 status and was won by Bye Bye Bucks in 29.75. Then in **2013** the race was elevated again to Group 1 when won by Peter Rocket in 29.81.

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