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Heavenly Victory for Tassie's new Saint

Tasmanian-trained chaser St. Pierre caused a huge boilover to claim the Group 1 MTD Australian Cup at The Meadows on Saturday night.

The son of Surf Lorian and Paris St Germain jumped very well from box two, but was immediately under siege, with favourite High Earner (\$2.00) ranging up ominously on the first turn. But the blue-brindle chaser showed his mettle, holding the fence and kicking clear as he reached the second section in 17.75.



St . Pierre races away with the Australian Cup (All Pics Paul Munt)

With High Earner and Mid Levels (\$9.00) bumping as they neared the home turn, St. Pierre set up a race-winning lead, eventually upsetting his more fancied rivals to win one of Australia's premier races in 29.90, at a quote of \$16.80 on SuperTAB.

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Australian prizemoney record holder High Earner – who has now cracked the \$600,000 mark – finished two and half lengths away in second, while the speedy Mid Levels was six lengths further back in third. Trainer Debbie Cannan was thrilled with St. Pierre's win - capturing his second Group victory after taking out the Devonport Cup in January - paying tribute to fellow greyhound conditioner Graeme Bate (trainer of Salvador Bale), who helped house St. Pierre during his stay in Victoria.

"This is an amazing result. I need to send out a big thank you to Graeme Bate, whose generosity meant that the dog didn't have to travel during the week. I'd also like to thank owner Christopher Nutt for giving me an opportunity to train this greyhound. I still can't believe it."

MGRA Chairman Eddie Caruana also announced that next year's Group 1 MTD Australian Cup final will be worth \$175,000 to the winner, while the 2012 Group 1 Macro Meats Superstayers will give lucky connections a \$75,000 winner's cheque.



A Happy team post race

After the placed runners then followed: White Knuckles (\$6.90), Finbar McCool (\$8.30), Salvador Bale (\$26.00), Perfect Fancy (\$6.10) and Apache Leap (\$17.00).

St. Pierre is a Blue Brindle Dog whelped December 2007 by Surf Lorian from Paris St Germain (Bright Ebony x Gold Serenade) he is raced by Christopher Nutt and trained by Debbie Cannan at Mangalore in Tasmania. St. Pierre has raced 60 times for 21 wins and 17 placings and with the \$150,000 first prize for the Australian Cup it took his overall stake earnings to \$238,320.

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The Australian Cup was first run in 1958 at North Melbourne the M.G.R.A.'s first home then moved with the club to Olympic Park becoming the famous race it is today when promoted with flair and style by the late Ken Carr the club astute manager for many years. When Olympic closed the club flagship event was conducted at Sandown while the club established its new home at the Meadows. It has been conducted at the new complex since it opened in 1999. Listed below is the classic honour roll of the past winners that have won this mighty race.

1958 **Rookie Rebel**, 1959 **Rocky Ros**, 1960 **Meadow Vale** 1961 **Copeland**, 1962 **Take A Bow**, 1963 **"Not Held"**, 1964 **Old Tops**, 1965 **Worthing**, 1966 **Billy Vee**, 1967 **Fawn Nulla**, 1968 **Swanston Lass**, 1969 **Benjamin John**, 1970 **The Smoother**, 1971 **Black Diro**, 1972 **Blackamoor Lad**, 1973 **Half Your Luck**, 1974 **Kim's Monaro**, 1975 **Ungwilla Lad**, 1976 **Odious**, 1977 **Listowel Sue**, 1978 **Count D'Argent**, 1979 **Boundless**, 1980 **Tangaloo**, 1981 **Pete's Advice**, 1982 **Royal Rumpus**, 1983 **Drop Of Wine**, 1984 **Tangairn**, 1985 **Eaglehawk Star**, 1986 **Bright Judge**, 1987 **Regal Post**, 1988 **Golden Blessing**, 1989 **Ginger**, 1990 **Spread Eagled**, 1991 **Franklin Deano**, 1992 **China Trip**, 1993 **China Trip**, 1994 **Mancunian Girl**, 1995 **Bonjase**, 1996 **Tenthill Doll**, 1997 **Smooth Rumble**, 1998 **Fibba**, 1999 **Mandataro**, 2000 **Arvo's Express**, 2001 **Brett Lee**, 2002 **Isa Brown**, 2003 **Most Awesome / Blackjack Tom D/H**, 2004 **Bogie Leigh** 2005 **Pure Octane**, 2006 **Miss Spicy**, 2007 **Pete's Conquest**, 2008 **Tasman Queen**, 2009 **Velocette** and 2010 **Dyna Lachlan**.

Greenough family share the spoils in Superstayers final

The Angela Jackson-trained Bobby Boucheau (\$5) showed why he is rated as one of Australia's most exciting stayers with a brilliant win in the Group 1 Macro Meats Superstayers final over 725 metres at The Meadows on Saturday night.

The son of Bombastic Shiraz and Dallas Gypsy began well off box six, sitting just a few lengths off favourite and early pacesetter Pillow Torque (\$2.40) and the well-fancied So Seductive (\$2.90) with a lap to run. With So Seductive moving in on Pillow Torque, Bobby Boucheau began a rousing run on the outside, striding to the front as they turned for home. With superior endurance, Bobby Boucheau extended his lead before stopping the clock in 42.29 – the fastest run of the year over the half-mile journey at The Meadows.



Bobby Boucheau charges away with the Super Stayers

So Seductive – trained by Jackson's father Kel Greenough – finished four lengths away in second, while Allen Zander (\$16) ran down Pillow Torque to finish third, a further two lengths away. Jackson thanked her parents (Jacqui and Kel Greenough) for helping prepare a Group 1 winner.

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"I'd really like to thank my mum and dad for their help since this dog started racing. I really wouldn't be standing here accepting this trophy without their help. I'd also like to give credit to our dog 'Bobby', who is a great chaser and he just keeps improving."

The win was Bobby Boucheau's 11th from just 19 starts and his first at Group level. After Saturday night's victory, the black chaser's prizemoney level has reached \$88,290.

After the placed runners then followed: Pillow Torque (\$2.40), Sand Burner (\$16.90), Slick Lee (\$27.50), Jean Jeannie (\$32.10) and Beware (\$23.90).

Bobby Boucheau is Black dog whelped May '08 he is by Bombastic Shiraz from Dallas Gypsy (EJ's Douglas x Advert). The Group 1 Macro Meats Super Stayers win took his record to 19 starts for 11 wins and three placings and prizemoney earnings stand at \$88,290. He is raced and trained by Angela Jackson at Pearcedale in Victoria.

Cup night was a phenomenal family affair with more than 3000 in attendance, and there were plenty of kids' activities, entertainment, betting promotions and a number of ride-on mower giveaways provided by generous sponsor MTD.

Catching Pen host Dave Carlson accounted for the girls of the training ranks Debbie Cannan, Angela Jackson and Jackie Greenough in the MTD celebrity ride-on mower novelty race up the home straight.



Angela Jackson post presentation with Bobby Boucheau

Listed below are the past winners of the renamed Group 1 feature the Macro Meats Super Stayers. In recent years the race has been known as the Australian Super Stayers and the Gleeson & Tonta Trophy. First run at Olympic Park in 1978 the staying feature had stood the test time. This year the race was sponsored for the second time by Macro Meats who have become involved with a number of high profile events at both metropolitan tracks in Victoria.

1978 **King's Domain**, 1979 **Misty Fabric**, 1980 **Sue's Repeat**, 1981 **Parachute Luck**, 1982 **Mira Donna**, 1983 **Dark Harlequin**, 1984 **Tesoro Mio**, 1985 **Planosec**, 1986 **Bay Supreme**, 1987 **Mystic Hope**, 1988 **Magic Lightning**, 1989 **High Flight**, 1990 **Pebbles' Beach**, 1991 **Modern Express**, 1992 **Saltwater Sid**, 1993 **Gold Roulette**, 1994 **"Not Held"**, 1995 **Just Barby**, 1996 **City Blitz**, 1997 **Nowhere To Go**, 1998 **Ringside Fire**, 1999 **Moe's Tavern**, 2000 **Sunblest Kid**, 2001 **Proven Dreams**, 2002 **Boomeroo**, 2003 **Oh Behave**, 2004 **Skipper Rip**, 2005 **Malfoy**, 2006 **Quidame**, 2007 **Flashing Floods**, 2008 **Just Friends**, 2009 **Lilley Criminal** and 2010 **Drill 'Em**.

Once again, the Sky Racing Australian Cup Carnival at The Meadows has proved to be a huge hit, with over \$650,000 in prizemoney given away over a three-week period

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