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Enry One Step Closer To Cups Bonus

By Bendigo General Manager Troy Harley

The old adage of class always prevails was clearly evident in Sunday's Group 2 MTD Bendigo Gold Cup final when the class runner of the field and proven big race performer Enry Walt (\$3.80) overcame an awkward draw to take home the \$28,00 winner cheque.

A greyhound that likes to get plenty of galloping room, Enry Walt went from a dominant favourite after the heats to just another contender after drawing box one for the Cup final but after just 50m of the final the Gary Ennis trained sprinter found himself where he wanted to beat and the Cup was as good as his.

Australian Cup finalist Finbar McCool (\$3.40) began brilliantly from box two giving Enry Walt the opportunity to push up the track and into open spaces after the outside division were striking trouble soon after the start.

On the side of the track the speedy Warning Label (\$6.40) had joined and eventually headed Finbar McCool but the hulking 39kg frame of Enry Walt was looming ominously and in the run home the son of Primo Uno and Awesome Saint unleashed his trade mark finish to claim victory and take his career earnings past \$200,000.

Warning Label and Finbar McCool were gallant in defeat and filled the minor placings but in reality were no match for Enry Walt, who scored his eighteenth win at start number 50 and is now just one Cup win away from taking out Greyhound Racing Victoria's \$50,000 Cups bonus.

Late last year GRV announced a \$50,000 bonus for any greyhound that could win three Victorian provincial cups in the same year and with the Horsham Cup and Bendigo Cups in the trophy cabinet, Enry Walt is on target to claim the bonus.

Enry Walt is not entered for the Warrnambool Cup series and is likely to miss the Traralgon Cup series meaning the Shepparton Cup in late July could see Enry Walt chasing a \$90,000 pay day which would be the richest pay cheque offered on the provincial circuit with the Shepparton Cup offering \$40,000 to the winner plus the GRV bonus if successful.

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After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Kreuzer On Fire (\$12.10), 5th Rafferty Flyer (\$4.90), 6th Bouncer Norris (\$27.50) =6th Vandaliser (\$11.80) and Proven Jett (\$16.40) pulled up.

Enry Walt was bred and is raced and trained by veteran conditioner Gary Ennis at Sandhurst in Victoria. He is a Black Dog whelped January 2008 by Primo Uno from Awesome Saint (Awesome Assassin x Little Saint). Enry Walt has won 18 of his 50 starts and has been placed on 15 occasions. With the \$28,000 first prize for the Bendigo Cup it took his current stake earnings to \$213,830.

The popularity and success of the annual Gold Rush Carnival at Bendigo has continued to grow since its inception and the 2011 Gold Rush carnival, the last to be conducted on the current track and facilities, showed there is no signs of stopping the growth just yet.

On the track, the Cup series drew outstanding quality for the heats and class sprinter Enry Walt provided yet another star quality name for the MTD Bendigo Cup honour roll. The Rocky Ridge Farm Gold Rush Maiden will yet again prove to be a great pointer for finding winners in the future and the final was as exciting as ever with only half a length separating the exciting trio of Dyna Bert, Witch Hunt and Midnight Fantasy.

The Topcat Video Productions Super GOBIS saw a Cup like field contest the final and the brilliant Allowance scored a scintillating victory in a time two lengths quicker than the Cup.

Peggy May scored an impressive victory in the Allen "Scribe" Taylor Memorial, Eyes On Prize easily accounted for her opposition in the Garrards Horse & Hound Ladies Bracelet and Cobra Show saluted in the McIvor Road Vet Clinic Easter Cup.

Off the track and the Club's decision to promote a family day separate to Cup day paid dividends with a big crowd on hand for the double header with the Harness meeting while Cup night as usual proved popular among with both locals and visitors making for a better than anticipated finals day crowd.

BGRA General Manager Troy Harley is already looking forward to next year. "The Club is extremely pleased with how this years carnival turned out and in fact given the Easter weekend clashed with Anzac holidays and other factors I would say the results this year have been above expectations".

"The family day on Saturday was particularly encouraging and the Club is certain to be focusing on a bigger and better kids promotions next year. We will be working with the Bendigo Harness Club to promote a dual code family night on Easter Saturday night and will look at some other promotions for the finals meeting" Harley added.

"As a result of several changes at the Club in recent times some of the traditional social events that take place over the carnival were not scheduled but 2012, with the new track and facilities, will see some of those events return and possibly some new ones as well to ensure the Gold Rush Carnival continues to thrive".

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Listed below is the Bendigo Cup honour roll. The club first raced at the Eaglehawk circuit just out of Bendigo in the 50's. The Cup was run over 400 yards, but for a few years in the 70's saw it go over the 528 metres. When the club moved to Lords Raceway in 1988 the race was conducted over the current sprint distance of 430 metres ever year except 2001 when it was run over the middle distance of 545 metres. A number of top horse-shoe dogs have won the cup over the many years it has been the club's flag ship event.

1957 **Cantee**, 1958 **Taranyka**, 1959 **Slippermee**, 1960 **Eager Flight**, 1961 **Sweet Mandy**, 1962 **Unknown**, 1963 **Unknown**, 1964 **Unknown**, 1965 **Chief Anama**, 1966 **Unknown**, 1967 **Unknown**, 1968 **Rebelaire**, 1969 **Unknown**, 1970 **Andrew Takiri**, 1971 **Melbourne View**, 1972 **Leicester Edie**, 1973 **Borough Cheer**, 1974 **Proper Duke**, 1975 **Sidanna**, 1976 **Sue Silin**, 1977 **Worooa Jack**, 1978 **Fabey Forbes**, 1979 **"Not Held"**, 1980 **Slick O'Leary**, 1981 **Official**, 1982 **Welcome Jag**, 1983 **Meatworker**, 1984 **Bronze Wing**, 1985 **Newstone Flyer**, 1986 **Stamp Of Learod**, 1987 **Buka Sunset**, 1988 **Naphlio**, 1989 **Mets Man**, 1990 **Hard Rain**, 1991 **He's Jake**, 1992 **Belmont**, 1993 **Tivoli Man**, 1994 **Thorgil Tex**, 1995 **"Not Held"**, 1996 **True Type**, 1997 **Sarah's Deano**, 1998 **Lansley Bale**, 1999 **Tom's Legacy**, 2000 **Whitten's Legend**, 2001 **Renzo Bale**, 2002 **Hey Brother**, 2003 **Puzzle Prize**, 2004 **Brumby Lad**, 2005 **Smack Wallop**, 2006 **Dragway Flex**, 2007 **Airbourne Bale**, 2008 **El Galo**, 2009 **Taipan Bale** and 2010 **Latifi Jiam**.

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