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**Red Hot Arsonist**  
**Exciting youngster too good for Enry Walt**

Brilliant youngster Arsonist stamped her potential with a brilliant all-the-way-win in a memorable Group 2 DDC Launching Pad at Sandown Park tonight.

Sent to the boxes a \$1.90 favourite after her brilliant win in last week's heat, Arsonist again took full advantage of box one to lead clearly through the first turn. Recent Group 1 Silver Chief winner Enry Walt (\$4.70) recovered from a moderate start to follow Arsonist through the turn and the pair soon cleared away from the pursuing pack.

The imposing 38.7kg Enry Walt (\$4.70) reduced the margin to just one length coming off the back. As the pair turned for home, Arsonist stuck to the rail as Enry Walt drifted wide, and the former South Australian raced to the line to take the \$25,000 first prize in a slick 29.88. Third home six and a half lengths from the winner was the Scott Holmes trained Wild Haley (\$6.60).



**Arsonist proves too good for Enry Walt in the Launching Pad (All Pic Paul Munt)**

The win maintained Arsonist's unbeaten start to her racing career having now saluted in all four of her race races and amassing over \$32,000 in prizemoney.

"I'd like to give a special thanks to (trainer) Heather Collins and her family for all the work they've done with this little girl of mine since I brought her over (to Victoria) a couple of months ago," said an ecstatic owner Nathan Rooney.

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"I couldn't have imagined standing here after four wins from four starts, but she's going exceptionally and hopefully this will also help launch Heather and Steve in Victoria."

The win was Heather Collins' first Group race feature and proved just reward for making the move from South Australia to Victoria several years ago.

"They've worked tirelessly since they moved across. It's always hard to find a good one and hopefully this one goes onto bigger and better things."

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Messi (\$7.50), 5<sup>th</sup> Iceman Raikkonen (\$19.00), 6<sup>th</sup> Stepping Stone (\$33.60) 7<sup>th</sup> Scarlett Girl (\$26.70) and Arvo's Cougar (\$26.50).

Arsonist is a fawn bitch whelped April 2008 by Elite State from Flickering Lady (Fortified Speed x Goddess of Fire) she has raced four times for four wins. The \$25,000 first prize took her over stake earnings to \$32,090.



**Plenty of smiles post race for the connections of Arsonist**

The Sandown Club introduced the DDC Launching Pad in 2003 and until this year it has been a Group 3 feature. The race was elevated to Group 2 status this year, the feature event has quickly become a most popular event with conditions suiting the young up and coming stars it also provided excellent prizemoney this year the race was worth \$25,000 to the winner with a \$5000 GOBIS bonus for greyhounds qualified. Listed below are the previous winners.

2003 **Bounty Lass**, 2004 **Legends**, 2005 **Traction Control**, 2006 **Path To Power**, 2007, **Boris Reigns**, 2008 **Teaman Titch**, 2009 **Shiver Inside**.

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