



MEDIA RELEASE



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“Super field for another Classic Hobart 1000”

After a night of spectacular greyhound racing when eight heats of the keenly contested Group 1 Hobart 1000 took centre stage over the 461 metres at Hobart’s Tattersall’s Park. We once again look forward to next Thursday night’s rich final sponsored by Wrest Point Tasmania, when one of the brilliant sprinters that have qualified will take home a cheque for \$75,000. The home town superstar Damek let none of his supporters down with another outstanding performance recording a fast 25.94 he flew through the sections in 5.14 and 11.08 and made in 13 from 13 on the track, a remarkable effort.



Local star Damek wins again

Not to be intimidated by the local star Melbourne Cup third placed greyhound Dee Winter came out in the following heat and lowered Damek’s recently set track record in a strong first up on the track performance, he returned figures of 25.78. Then in the next heat Ipswich Cup winner and narrowly beaten favourite in the Brisbane Cup Octane Show lowered the record for the second time in 20 minutes recording an awesome 25.75. Other heat winners were Damek litter brother Decembrist (26.08), Perfect Fancy (26.06), plus Numero Uno Bale (26.18), Kilty Lad (26.13) and Octane Assassin 26.29. It will be an action packed night with plenty of prizes and entertainment for patrons making their way to the track.

AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

GROUP ONE – WREST POINT HOBART 1000

\$75,000 to the winner



Numero Uno Bale (NSW)

35 starts 17-4-3 (\$41,200)

Where's Pedro – Dyna Celeste

Black Dog April '08

Owners: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Brendan Wheeler**

Hobart best: 26.18 (7) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

An inform sprinter from New South Wales he has competed at the top level in three states. Looked impressive last week with a commanding win first up on the track recording 26.18. The red is always the place to be in a Group 1 and he certainly has a solid chance. Went fast early clocking 5.15 first section if he can do it again will be in the firing line, expect a forward showing.



Perfect Fancy (NSW)

19 starts 11-3-5 (\$33,545)

Black Enforcer – Flash Fancy

Blue Dog August '08

Owner: **Tracsan Syndicate**

Trainer: **Darren McDonald**

Hobart best: 26.06 (1) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Smart sprinter and middle distance performer from the Darren McDonald kennel impressive winner first up on the track recording 26.06 from the red. Nice draw in box two and a repeat of last week's run would put him in the finish. He has loads of ability and lacks nothing on the training side of things, has solid claims.



Octane Assassin

18 starts 11-2-2 (\$19,340)

Pure Octane – Aye Jay Assassin

White & Black Dog September '08

Owner: **Robert Greig**

Trainer: **Gary Greig**

Hobart best: 26.09 (8) (7 Starts 4-2-1)

Local youngster with a great record 11 from 18 and four wins here. Has run 26.09 but would have to improve on his heat winning time of 26.29 to trouble this outstanding field. Looks to have a bright future, place chance best in this company.



Damek

29 starts 25-2-0 (\$58,800)

Big Daddy Cool – World's Finest

Black Dog May '08

Owner: **Peter Phillips**

Trainer: **Eileen Thomas**

Hobart best: 25.79 (7) (13 Starts 13-0-0)

Local superstar unbeaten here 13 from 13 was again impressive leading all the way in 25.94 a little slower than his two track record breaking runs last month. This is his biggest test, fantastic field and box four. However he comes out running and can certainly clock a time capable of winning. He will have a heap of local support and why not he hasn't done anything wrong in a star studded career of only 29 starts. Has to be the one to beat.



Kilty Lad (VIC)

21 starts 13-3-0 (\$56,050)

Superman – Sisco Train

Black Dog January '09

Owner: **Joseph Patterson**

Trainer: **Kelly Bravo**

Hobart best: 26.13 (8) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Extremely smart Victorian sprinter and Group 3 winner in November at Cannington, races well on both one turn and two turn tracks. Won impressively off box eight last week, but he jumps from a horror draw in five. Not without a chance but will need luck early to find a good position perhaps a place chance is best.



Octane Show (NSW)

66 starts 29-9-7 (\$149,725)

Pure Octane – Black Chantilly

Red Fawn Dog July '07

Owner: **Tyron Whittington**

Trainer: **Darren McDonald**

Hobart best: 25.75 Rec (6) (2 Starts 1-1-0)

Second finalist for Darren McDonald and certainly an inform sprinter won the Ipswich Cup then was narrowly beaten in the Group 1 Brisbane Cup by He Knows You Know. Went sensational last week lowering the track record set the race before, looks well suited here, ran 5.13 and 11.07 coming from the same draw he will be well fancied and hard to beat.



Dee Winter (VIC)

27 starts 7-10-5 (\$75,710)

Big Daddy Cool – Flaming Nikita

Blue Dog December '07

Owner: **Weather Syndicate**

Trainer: **Ray Henness**

Hobart best: 25.78 (6) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Very smart Victorian sprinter he finished third in the Melbourne Cup and has won a Group 2 earlier in the year at Traralgon. Set new figures for a short period last week when he went 25.78 a repeat of that effort puts him right in the finish, nothing wrong with his draw, he is certainly a solid chance in a very hard race.



Decembrist

50 starts 21-8-6 (\$60,635)

Big Daddy Cool – World's Finest

Black Dog May '08

Owner/Trainer : **Peter Phillips**

Hobart best: 26.04 (5) (7 Starts 5-1-0)

Well performed brother of Damek raced with solid success in Victoria mainly over the middle distances. However has won five on the track and went super last week recording 26.08 just outside his best. Box eight is never a disadvantage on a one turn track. With a bit luck in running could easily upset some more fancied finalists. Don't leave him out of the calculations.



Banger Harvey (VIC)

46 starts 12-10-6 (\$121,530)

Pure Octane – Phiona

Getting back to his best form finished second in his heat behind Perfect Fancy and recorded a finish time 26.14. Some sort of chance if he gains a start.



Posh Di

60 starts 22-19-2 (\$46,185)

Bombastic Shiraz – Posh Zoya

Local chaser with four wins on the track was runner-up in her heat behind Dee Winter unlikely to gain a start, big odds if she does.



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Local expert's selections for the final are as follows.

Peter Hayes

1st Damek
2nd Octane Show
3rd Dee Winter











Greg Fahey

1st Damek
2nd Numero Uno Bale
3rd Decembrist

Shane Yeats

1st Damek
2nd Octane Show
3rd Dee Winter

Local Market for the Wrest Point Hobart 1000:

\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Wrest Point Hobart 1000 (461m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
 1	Numero Uno Bale	Brendan Wheeler	6-1
 2	Perfect Fancy	Darren McDonald	11-2
 3	Octane Assassin	Gary Greig	16-1
 4	Damek	Eileen Thomas	9-4
 5	Kilty Lad	Kelly Bravo	8-1
 6	Octane Show	Darren McDonald	5-2
 7	Dee Winter	Ray Henness	4-1
 8	Decembrist	Peter Phillips	16-1
 9	Banger Harvey (RES)	Michael Stringer	20-1
 10	Posh Di (RES)	Anthony Bullock	33-1

What's happening on race night?

The Hobart Greyhound Racing Club in conjunction with major sponsor Wrest Point will have Lucky Gate Prizes – Travel Centre vouchers, Girls & Boys Bike & Wii Game Console and loads of Children's entertainment.

The History of the Hobart 1000

The Hobart Thousand was the brainchild of M.A. (Arthur) Morgan, widely regarded both in Tasmania and on the mainland as one of the founding fathers of greyhound racing in Tasmania, and one of the greatest administrators the sport has seen. It remains the longest running Classic event on the Australian greyhound-racing calendar.

Greyhound racing commenced in Hobart at the T.C.A. ground on January 30th 1935, Morgan and his original committee established the Hobart Cup as the Classic race of the year and it was run on February 2nd that year. The winner Elwick Boy collected 20 pounds for his owner S. Burton.

Morgan in his great desire to establish Hobart as the leading greyhound track in Australia, saw the Hobart Cup as the way to achieve this. The race was advertised as the Hobart Thousand in 1939 with a first prize

of an Australian record 500 pounds. This started the mass influx of the top mainland chasers, searching for "Thousand Glory", an influx that continues to this day.

The race reverted back to the Hobart Cup for 1942/43, because of financial constraints, and the fact that the mainlanders struggled to get here during the war. Further war restrictions saw the race in recess during 1944 and 1945. When the race resumed in 1946, it was again the Hobart Thousand and was run for a first prize of what Morgan had always wanted it to be, 1000 pounds. It was won by popular Hobartian Dick Baker with his top chaser Ebon's Own, trained by Claude Best. The late 40s and 50s were indeed the halcyon days of the H.G.R.C. When Morgan started up the Maiden Thousand in 1949, (which was the richest Maiden series in Australia until the 1980s) it created a greyhound racing carnival of sorts with leading mainland trainers migrating to Tasmania with greyhounds to compete in the Maiden Thousand, Hobart Thousand double and sometimes Launceston Cup as well. Legendary NSW trainer Charlie "Chika" Morris would often bring up to 20 chasers and stay for 3 months. He did this for decades.

For 9 years straight ending in 1953, the Hobart Club distributed more stakemoney than any other club in Australia and the Hobart Thousand was always the lure for top quality racing and large public patronage. Until 1965 the race was run as a handicap, with Morgan having sole discretion, as was the case with most matters. Since 1965 all runners have been from the same mark.

Ill health forced Arthur Morgan from the helm of Hobart in 1967, but his dream race, known by all simply as "the Thousand", has continued through all the thick and thin that Hobart has encountered, right to the present day, where it is now a National Group 1 race with a first prize of \$50,000.

GRAND OPENING

GREYHOUND

TOP CRICKET GROUND **RACING** Hobart Cup Night
Jan. 30, 1935

Under Direction HOBART SPEED COURSING CLUB PTY. LTD.

PROGRAMME

<p style="text-align: center;">The MacRobertson Cup The Von Alwyn Cup</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£50 HANDICAP £10 HANDICAP HURDLE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>(Kindly donated by Sir MacPherson Robertson, K.C.M.G.)</small> <small>(Kindly donated by J. Von Alwyn, Esq.)</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">For 48 Dogs at a Guinea For 8 Dogs at a Guinea</p>	
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Prize Money guaranteed irrespective of the number of entries received. Last three performances, if any, to be given.

Entries close at 8 p.m. on FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1935, with the Secretary, 154 Collins Street, Hobart, and Mr. A. Morgan, 93 George Street, Launceston.

It is proposed to hold similar meetings on SATURDAY, 2nd; TUESDAY (Regatta Night), 5th; SATURDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1935, when a considerable amount of money will be added to the stakes

LICENSED BOOKMAKERS WILL BE OPERATING **ADMISSION: 2/- (Inc. Tax)**

Advertisement for initial meeting of the Hobart Speed Coursing Club.

An Advertisement for the first Hobart 1000 then known as the Hobart Cup

The most notable effort in the history of the Hobart Thousand must be the training feat of Hilda Williamson of Beaconsfield. She won back-to-back Thousands in 1961/62 with her grand bitch Ophir Doll, and just for good measure made it a hat trick with Ophir Gold in 1963. Another notable feat was that of Beaut Dina. She won the event run in 1976 and was the dam of Scene Control, which won the last ever Hobart Thousand run at the T.C.A. in 1980. Both were owned and trained by Ted and Laurie Rigby of Evandale.

Arguments will always rage over the greatest dogs to win the Thousand. The best interstate chasers to gain victory would have to be Rookie Rebel (1958), Benjamin John (1969), (which ran down the immortal Zoom Top), Black Aztec (1981), and the freak Brother Fox (1985). Amongst the very best of the locals to salute would have to be Ophir Doll (1961/62), along with Royal Griffin (1978), True Vintage (1988), Bomber's a Flyer (1996), Top Shiraz (2000) (who held off the speedster Brett Lee) and Black Caleb (2002) who defeated Melbourne Cup winner Classic Capri. Race record over the 457m trip - 2005 winner Ralph The Mouth 25.60.

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The Hobart 1000 is the oldest feature race final in Australia it was first run as the Hobart Cup at the old TCA circuit in 1935. The race first became known as the Hobart 1000 in 1939, it reverted back to the Hobart Cup for two years in 1942 then was not held during the war years of 1944-45 and when the race recommenced in 1946 it was again known as the Hobart 1000.

Victorian Champion Trainer Graeme Bate hold the record for most number of winners he has won the race on no less than four occasions. Victorian trained greyhounds have won three of the last four Hobart 1000's decided since the race moved to Tattersall's Park at the Elwick Racecourse. Superman, Train A Journey and last year's winner Prankster were split by local speedster Little Spaniard in 2008.

Listed below are the names of many champions that have tasted victory in the time honored event. It is certainly an impressive list of past winners.

1935 **Elwick Boy**, 1936 **Miafort**, 1937 **Loch Maree**, 1938 **On Par**, 1939 **Mr Whackles**, 1940 **Silver Rover**, 1941 **Cavalry**, 1942 **My Kenya**, 1943 **Askalon**, 1944 **"Not Held"** , 1945 **"Not Held"**, 1946 **Ebon's Own**, 1947 **Young Sign**, 1948 **Hero Minda**, 1949 **Erin's Ace**, 1950 **Neat Brandy**, 1951 **Pleasant Foam**, 1952 **Baron Dhu**, 1953 **The Mudlark**, 1954 **Pasha Chief**, 1955 **Minda Go**, 1956 **Baron Woomera**, 1957 **Rising Ace**, 1958 **Rookie Rebel**, 1959 **Peter's Treasure**, 1960 **Bow Rock**, 1961 **Ophir Doll**, 1962 **Ophir Doll**, 1963 **Ophir Gold**, 1964 **Sandy Stone**, 1965 **Fairbairn Lady**, 1966 **Ipswich Low**, 1967 **Fiery Bob**, 1968 **Sue Narila**, 1969 **Benjamin John**, 1970 **Plunder Road**, 1971 **Trion Scout**, 1972 **Beau Palomino**, 1973 **Sue's A Credit**, 1974 **Jamin John**, 1975 **Snowsim**, 1976 **Beaut Dina**, 1977 **Check Vista**, 1978 **Royal Griffin**, 1979 **Astradome Lad**, 1980 **Scene Control**, 1981 **Black Aztec**, 1982 **Kudaleen**, 1983 **Stony Point**, 1984 **Double Time**, 1985 **Brother Fox**, 1986 **Solitary Simon**, 1987 **White Gigolo**, 1988 **True Vintage**, 1989 **Scott James**, 1990 **Bacchant**, 1990 **Shantytown**, 1991 **Jenny's Legacy**, 1992 **Bomber Gleeson**, 1993 **Extra's Boy**, 1994 **Storm Hero**, 1995 **Clint's Pirate**, 1996 **Bomber's A Flyer**, 1997 **Shantung Tiger**, 1998 **Mirren Bale**, 1999 **Latest Lad**, 2000 **Top Shiraz**, 2001 **Black Caleb**, 2002 **Star Witch**, 2003 **Nobody Knew**, 2004 **Regent Thunder**, 2005 **Ralph The Mouth**, 2006 **Superman**, 2007 **Train A Journey**, 2008 **Little Spaniard** and 2009 **Prankster**.



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