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“Our Toyman wins the Horsham Cup”

Our Toyman claimed his first group race win after snaring the Exchange Hotel 2010 Group 2 Horsham Cup last Sunday night.

Despite recording the fastest heat win on Wednesday night in outstanding time [26.78sec.], less than two lengths outside the track record the Jim Psaila-trained star scored at the good odds of \$6.00 after coming from behind to reel in the pace setter Hot Price.

It was the fifth straight win for the son of Hallucinate, who took his career record to 14 wins from 38 starts.

Runner-up in the Horsham Cup was Enry Walt (\$7.60), who was beaten by one and a half lengths, while Hot Price (\$5.00) finished third.

The winning time was 26.94sec after sections of 6.27 and 13.60 curved out by early leader Hot Price.

James Psaila was a ‘late starter’ in greyhound racing. But the irony is he was never really distanced from the sport.

Psaila, who lost his father in WWII, remembers his mother training greyhounds when he was “knee-high to a grasshopper”.

And he also recalls attending many greyhound meetings at Olympic Park while working at a Silver Top taxi depot in the 1960s.

“I’d always be getting tips from the cabbies... There’d be 50-60 taxis queued up in Swan Street; the drivers were all mad punters,” Psaila said.

Psaila later ran a hotel in Cobram and then Richmond, and after his wife passed away met long-time partner Norma Gost.

They moved to Little River where they established a small greyhound breeding and racing dynasty.

Psaila was 48 when he purchased his foundation brood matron, Cuthbert, as a four-month-old pup for \$400 early in 1985.

He named the fawn pup after Australian athletics “Golden Girl”, Betty Cuthbert, after watching a 1956 Melbourne Olympics flashback.

Now approaching 73, Psaila – one of the industry’s true characters – has trained a number of top liners including Ballroom Dancer, Kippy Kya, Lady Cuthbert, Our Henry, Playboy Pete and Sidewalk Boy.

But it’s his latest star, Our Toyman (a descendant of Cuthbert), who he reckons is ‘gold medal’ material.

Our Toyman was also a finalist in last year’s Group 2 Great Chase grand final and the Group 2 Ballarat Cup.

“He likes the big tracks with long straights, where he can wind up,” Psaila said.

An animal lover, Psaila says he’s not hell-bent on making money out of greyhound racing.

“I’ve always liked animals, which is why we have 12 greyhound retirees on the property,” Psaila said.

“We hang on to them; they don’t cost much to feed.”

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Jim Psaila with Our Toyman after his heat win.

After the placed runners the rest of the field finished in the following order. Cradoc Park (\$23.90), Gardam Prince (\$2.80), Pulp (\$6.80), Spiral Glory (\$24.90) and Arsonist (\$9.70).

Our Toyman is a Black dog whelped November 2007 by Hallucinate from Toy Cuthbert (Head Honcho x Lady Cuthbert). He is raced and trained by Jim Psaila of Little River in Victoria. Our Toyman has won 14 of his 39 starts and has been placed on 10 occasions with the \$28,000 first prize for the Horsham Cup it took his current stake earnings to \$65,700.

Listed below are the previous winners of the Horsham Cup, famous for many years when run as an Easter carnival. The race has been won by some of the best sprinters to ever grace Victorian race tracks.

1978 **Temsonny**, 1979 **Chukka Khan**, 1980 **Tempix**, 1981 **Time Bonus**, 1982 **Satan's Shroud**, 1983 **Virgo Rose**, 1984 **Propellant**, 1985 **Savage Touch**, 1986 **Aidan**, 1987 **Buka Sunset**, 1988 **Hay Dinney**, 1989 **Daisy Clover**, 1990 **Go Georgie**, 1991 **Rare Drop**, 1992 **Noble Stranger**, 1993 **Casino Tom**, 1994 **No Object**, 1995 **Midnight Flirt**, 1996 **True Type**, 1997 **Another Express**, 1998 **Lansley Bale**, 1999 **Legs Ahoy**, 2000 **Kantarn Bale** 2001 **Classic Capri**, 2002 **Timjim Bale**, 2003 **Monsters Inc**, 2004 **Brumby Lad**, 2005 **Foreign Legion**, 2006 **Marungi Blaze**, 2007 **Winsome History**, 2008 **Kendale Bale** and 2009 **Velocette**.

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