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Dance A Jig's Vince Curry

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DANCE A Jig, the dog money can't buy, proved the Irish are indeed lucky when he led throughout to win tonight's Group 2 Vince Curry Maiden final (520m) at Ipswich.

The royally bred son of Just The Best-Tad Smarter scored by two and a half lengths in a slick 30.64 beating Lorian Cocktail with 11 lengths to Bogie Le Vista in third. Trainer Steve Lennon shares ownership in the blue dog with his uncle Joe Menary who had raced the dam a former Albion Park greyhound of the year.

Steve admitted after the victory he had dreaded the box draw last week, but was elated when his highly promising youngster was left with the one box ... the last box drawn out for the final.



Dance A Jig powers to the line to win the Vince Curry (Pics Rod O'Donnell)

For Steve and Joe the victory is their greatest in many years in greyhound racing although Steve has only come into training in the past four years.

He and wife Sharyn recently moved into a greyhound complex at Morayfield.

Joe and Steve race two of the litter in partnership. The other is Just A Tad already twice a winner at Albion Park.

Menary gave Tad Smarter to studmaster Tony Apap on a pup deal and this is the first litter Apap has bred with her. She had a litter to Black Enforcer that saw four of the pups die mysteriously after immunization.

"They were babies when Steve and I went to Tony's to pick out a couple of pups," said Joe. "Steve picked the blue dog that is Dance A Jig."

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Dance A Jig (\$3.00) won the race at the jump. He began brilliantly, held his ground along the rail and then fended off the challenge from Lorian Cocktail (\$7.90) to win running away.

First-turn trouble wiped out a number of the chances in the race.

Menary admitted it was the biggest victory in greyhound racing for both he and Steve. "I thought I was winning big races years ago and I'd get \$3500," he said. The Vince Curry final victory put \$25,000 into Steve and Joe's pockets.

Tad Smarter has a litter by Collision at breaking in stage and has a repeat mating to that dog now five weeks old. "Won't they be worth some now," said Joe.



Steve Lennon & Joe Menary with Dance A Jig after last night's Vince Curry win

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Mad Macoy (\$5.20), 5th Kissy Kissy (\$32.20), 6th Spindle (\$3.00), 7th Token Best (\$8.50) and Urban Spirit (\$83.30).

Dance A Jig is an May 2009 Blue dog by Just The Best from Tad Smarter (Go Wild Teddy x Kissin Bobby) he has now raced on three occasions for two wins and one placings and the \$25,000 first prize for the Vince Curry Series took his overall stake earnings to \$26,690.

Listed below are the past winners of the Vince Curry Memorial named after famous Queensland broadcaster Vince Curry a caller who excelled calling both Gallops and Harness but never called the greyhounds. When the Ipswich G.R.C. was in its infancy in the early 1980s, Vince assisted by arranging for radio 4BC to provide coverage of the new club's Saturday night racing. At that stage no other radio station was interested, 4BC had never covered the greyhounds, and Vince went in to bat for this code. Without his help and assurances, getting greyhound racing started at Ipswich may not have happened.

1984 **Katie's Lad**, 1985 **Irish Quill**, 1986 **"Not Held"**, 1987 **Rustic Bridge**, 1988 **Gullpulil**, 1989 **What A Charmer**, 1990 **Balmartin Road**, 1991 **Slick Myth**, 1992 **Captain Standby**, 1993 **Eira Gwyn**, 1994 **Classy Marcy**, 1995 **Laredo Lad**, 1996 **Reliability**, 1997 **Token Prince**, 1998 **Doover Lucky**, 1999 **Just The Best**, 2000 **Pepper Pot**, 2001 **Awesome Attack**, 2002 **Mr. Reliable**, 2003 **Woops A Daisy**, 2004 **Runaway Sally**, 2005 **Vizcaya** 2006 **Winsome Ace** and 2007 **Flying Felicity**, 2008 **Red Aces**, 2009 **High Earner** and 2010 **Auriga Fox** .

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