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Chachi Causes Boilover In Lismore Workers Club Cup

By Michael Radley

Frank Hancock's move from North Queensland to the Lismore area continued to pay dividends on Tuesday night when Chachi caused a major boilover in the final of the Group Two Lismore Workers Club Cup.

Hancock relocated to Spring Grove, about 20 kilometres west of Lismore, about four years ago and has had great success with a litter by Primo Unoout of Hannalore, who Hancock raced and won 44 races around the Townsville circuit.

The 'hometown cup' win was Chachi's ninth win from 35 starts and the first prize cheque of \$30,000 took his earnings just over to \$54,000.

Unwanted by punters and starting as the despised outsider of the field at \$20.80, the son of Primo Uno and Hannalore led from the boxes and held out a Queensland visitor, Gnarley Boy, and another local chaser, Four Winds (\$15.50), who was applying pressure from the outside draw in the drive to the first turn.

Chachi held the rails and a margin to in the run to the finishing line, stopping the clock in a time of 30.26s for the 520m. Four Winds was gallant in defeat and never gave in, going under by a half-length, with first reserve Lorralai (\$4.30) making up good ground for third a further two lengths away.

"I was really thrilled," said an excited Hancock.

"I didn't think he could win, but I thought he could place. It's very hard in that type of grade."

Along with the now Group Two-winning Chachi, Hancock has also had success with El Toreador, who took out the Renzo Park Star Maker Maiden at Lismore and the Albion Park Young Guns.

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"Dulcinea is probably the best of them, but has had a few injuries. Hopefully she can get over them and show her best."

"I only have seven greyhounds in work, all from Hannalore's litter," he said.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Yorklea Spartan (\$18.40), 5th Punk Platinum (\$13.60) 6th Mr Prizz (\$5.90), 7th Gnarley Boy (\$3.30) and Do That (\$4.20).

Chachi is a Black dog whelped January 2008 by Primo Uno from Hannalore (Cry Havoc x Pistol Smoke) he has raced 35 times for nine wins and 14 placings and with Tuesday night's first prize of \$30,000, he has racked up stake earnings of \$54,070.

The Lismore Club has enjoyed 31 years of been sponsored by the Lismore Workers Club, something quite rare these days furthermore the association is set to continue in 2011. The Cup has been won by some fantastic sprinters over the years, since it was first run in 1968 when won by Bonnie Beaver, the prizemoney was the princely sum of \$50. It was worth \$500 when John Scholten took over the reins in 1978 that year the cup was won by Deb's Jewel and rose to \$8000 when Rapid Journey won it in 1998.

The Association has gradually increased the prizemoney and this year it will pay \$30,000 to the winner and holds Group 2 status the race was first awarded Group status (Group 3) in 2001. The event is open to the best 32 greyhounds nominated and below is a list of Cup winners since 1968.

1968	BONNIE BEAVER	N/T
1969	NOT RUN THAT YEAR	N/T
1970	COLONEL QUE	N/T
1971	GOLDESS	N/T
1972	GOLDESS	N/T
1973	SLEEPY QUE	N/T
1974	MISTER OOLLEE	N/T
1975	REFIDEX	N/T
1976	SUGAR BAR	N/T
1977	DEB'S JEWEL	N/T
1978	DEB'S JEWEL	30.56
1979	HARRIS TWEED	30.15
1980	BARETOOP GIRL	30.22
1981	YO YOU DANCER	30.00
1982	CARNIVAL MELODY	26.69
1983	WEE ROBBIE	30.03
1984	WEROSIE AGAIN	29.82
1985	GET BEHIND ME	29.69
1986	ANOTHER FLASH	29.52
1987	SAM'S SHORT	30.14
1988	DAVID'S DYNAMO	30.04
1989	COOMERANG CHIEF	29.92

Lismore 512m - Grass Track:

1990	BUNDY CANE	29.66
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1992	ТІСКЕТҮ ВОО	29.73
1993	GOLD STREAM	30.06
1994	PRETTY NELSON	29.69
1995	JURASSIC VAPOUR	29.45
1996	GRYSBOK	30.11
1997	ROANOKEE	29.71
1998	RAPID JOURNEY	29.57
1999	TOOLIBUK	29.73
2000	No Race	
2001	BRIGHT EBONY	29.42
2002	YO YO'S GEM	29.73

Lismore 520m - Loam Track

2003	BOGIE LEIGH	29.85
2004	FOOL'S STATE	29.65
2005	QUE	30.39
2006	GENISTA GEMINI	30.49
2007	CARNAGE MAKER	30.07
2008	WHIRLEY STORM	29.99
2009	ROBO RAPTOR	30.30

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