



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Forty Twenty Scores

#### Northern raider claims second Group success

Forty Twenty claimed the second Group race of his career with a hard fought victory in the \$36,000 Group 2 Maidment Memorial at Sandown Park last Thursday night.

Having his second start at Sandown Park, Forty Twenty (\$5.10) showed great track sense to rail strongly after a poor start and took up second position behind favourite Next Top Model (\$1.60) as they entered the home straight the first time.



Forty Twenty proves too good in the Maidment (All Pic Paul Munt)

Forty Twenty continued to rail, taking the lead as Join The Queue (\$37.70) made his run. However the Central Coast stayer never left the rail in the run to the line and defeated Next Top Model by 2.75 lengths in 42.45.

"To race here at Sandown Park at such a great track is a huge thrill," said ecstatic trainer John Heard.

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"I stayed at Stevan Shinner's place (in Pearcedale) and I've been treated like royalty. It's been a fantastic thrill and I'll back here with Forty Twenty real soon."

The win was Forty Twenty's second at Group level and took his career earnings to almost \$120,000.

Heard will now set his star stayer for the Group 2 Gold Cup at Wentworth Park before taking aim at Australia's richest race for stayers, the \$143,000 Group 1 Radio Sport 927 Sandown Cup.

Earlier in the night, Jason Thompson's exciting youngster Shredded Cheese took out the \$14,500 GOTBA Cup in a slick 29.88.

The \$25,000 to the winner Group 2 Maidment Memorial is the first of an exciting season of staying events at Sandown Park and The Meadows.

The next major is the Group 2 Zoom Top invitational at the Meadows on February 13 followed by the Australian Stayers Trophy, a Group 1 decided on February 20 and 27 as part of the M.G.R.A. Australian Cup Carnival. Then in April Sandown host the Group 3 Lizrene Classic as a lead up event to the Group 1 Radio Sport 927 Sandown Cup worth \$100,000 to the winner on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Smokin' Ichiban (\$17.30), 5<sup>th</sup> Jarvis Bale (\$5.00), 6<sup>th</sup> Kay Cee Power (\$42.10) 7<sup>th</sup> Republican (\$47.00) and Guacamole fell (\$18.70).

Forty Twenty is raced by Ron Bennett and trained by John Heard at North Entrance in New South Wales, he is a White & Black dog whelped March '07 by Big Daddy Cool from Westend Kaitlyn (Token Prince x Louisiana Lass). His career stats stand at 38 starts for 22 wins and 12 placings and with the first prize of \$25,000 for the Maidment Memorial took his prizemoney earnings to \$119,720.



Handler Steve Shinnars with Forty Twenty after the Maidment Memorial Presentation

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The Group 2 final pays tribute to the memory of Roy Maidment who, in 1933, became the Secretary of the National Coursing Association. One of his greatest achievements was the part he played in the formation of the Australian and New Zealand Greyhound Association in 1937 and the subsequent production of our Greyhound Stud Book. He was Secretary of the Association from its inception until 1965.

Roy Maidment was Secretary of the first Greyhound Racing Control Board and assisted the Board in laying the foundation for conduct of a sport that has such a strong following today.

The Maidment Memorial was first run in 1972 but prior to that year was known as the New Years Handicap, Gift and Stake. First conducted in 1957, it has always been run over the long distance.

Listed below is the honour roll of past winners included those known that won the New Years Handicap, Gift or Stake.

1957 **Red Salmon**, 1959 **Montgrove Special**, 1961 **Sprig O'Heather**, 1962 **Lady Cantee**, 1963 **Lady Cantee**, 1964 **Shan's Blossom**, 1965 **Rare Grand**, 1966 **Kewin**, 1967 **Charlie Lee**, 1968 **Lyrette**, 1969 **Fawn Roamer**, 1970 **Delacombe Boy**, 1971 **Miss Kewin**, 1972 **Bubbles' Luck**, 1973 **He's Some Boy**, 1974 **Rellarena**, 1975 **Rellarena**, 1976 **Bolta's Gift**, 1977 **Del Bairn, Babe**, 1978 **Mariner's Joy**, 1979 **Vanadium**, 1980 **Collis Queen**, 1981 **Earth Humour**, 1982 **Lone Voice**, 1983 **The Gallows**, 1984 **Cee Mee Lass**, 1985 **Innocent Man**, 1986 **Club Stroller**, 1987 **Stock Agent**, 1988 **High Intensity**, 1989 **High Intensity**, 1990 **Magic Stroller**, 1991 **Magic Stroller**, 1992 **Judy Takair**, 1993 **Saltwater Sid**, 1994 **Kennel Master**, 1995 **Accolade**, 1996 **Favoured Spirit**, 1997 **Tassie Park**, 1998 **Tonight's Wish**, 1999 **Feel The Magic**, 2000 **Kobble Creek**, 2001 **Fairy Wings**, 2002 **Jedi Lightsabre**, 2003 **Oh Behave**, 2004 **Arvo's Junior**, 2005 **Last Quoted**, 2006 **Mid City Mandy**, 2007 **Miss Grub**, 2008 **Gunnadoo Magic** and 2009 **Gunnadoo Magic**.

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