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Marlow Crowned Paws Champ

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Hunter Valley sprinter Lochinvar Marlow capped off a marvelous month for connections, scooping Saturday night's Group One Rock Energy Drinks NCA Paws Of Thunder at Wentworth Park.

Lochinvar Marlow an easy winner of the Paws of Thunder (Pics Craig Youll)

Exiting box one in the $100,000 to-the-winner finale, Lochinvar Marlow ($5.40) drove through in the early stages and from there the issue was never really beyond doubt, streaking away for an eight length victory in 29.90s.

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Kennelmates Cosmic Planet ($47.00) and Cosmic Chief ($3.70) finished second and third respectively, ensuring connections didn't leave Wentworth Park empty handed.

There were euphoric scenes directly after the race; with the Gordon family in full voice upon the realisation their charge had snared a more than deserved group one victory.

The win was also a glowing reflection on trainer Robert Smith who had Lochinvar Marlow's preparation timed to perfection for Saturday night's Group One Paws Of Thunder.

Lochinvar Marlow has been one of New South Wales most consistent sprinters over the past 12 months, and Saturday night's win will almost certainly see the son of Bombastic Shiraz line-up in the Group One Topgun at The Meadows later this month.

The consistent rain didn't deter race-followers with a strong crowd on hand to witness the Paws Of Thunder decider.

V8 Super Car driver Jason Bagwanna was in attendance to sign autographs for on-course patrons – a promotion that proved to be extremely successful.

Evergreen sprinter Magnifique took out the other feature on the program – the Collerson, named after top racing scribe, Jeff Collerson.

Jeff was on hand to present Bruce and Julie Fletcher with the trophy, following the win of their chaser, who carved across a hot field from box eight to win in 30.12s.

The fastest time of the night was recorded by Jason Mackay's excitement machine Kinga Zac, skipping over the 520 metres in a sizzling 29.76s.

Happy team indoors for the Presentation of the Paws of Thunder

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order Enry Walt ($14.90), Proven Jett ($18.20), Greywinds Doll ($8.00), Smooth Fancy ($2.40) and Supreme Odessa ($30.90).

Lochinvar Marlow is Black Dog whelped July '07 he is by Bombastic Shiraz from Sensation Lee (Brett Lee x Grigorieva). He is raced by Clare Gordon and trained by Robert Smith the Group 1 Paws Of Thunder win took his record to 32 starts for 17 wins and seven placings and prizemoney earnings of $167,845.

Listed below are the past winners of Paws Of Thunder which was formerly known as the St.Leger and first run in 1957. The NSW NCA restructured the prizemoney and the race name in 2001.

1957 **Idle Sign,** 1958 **Ebony Minda,** 1959 **Super Samson,** 1960 **Constant Raider,** 1961 **Elsie Moss,** 1962 **Black Top,** 1963 **Miss Warcroft,** 1964 **Revival King,** 1965 **Daily Tide,** 1966 **Sunset Fire,** 1967 **Another Glitter,** 1968 **Zoom Top,** 1969 **Beau Brin,** 1970 **Size Seven,** 1971 **Romantic Top,** 1972 **Likely Light,** 1973 **Trella Light,** 1974 **Busy's Chief,** 1975 **Mighty Aussie,** 1976 **Palaver,** 1977 **Fine Arama,** 1978 **Oberon Lily,** 1979 **Lord Raleigh,** 1980 **Glider's Son,** 1981 **Promises Free,** 1982 **Winifred Bale,** 1983 **Winston Lass,** 1984 **Beach Rhythm** 1985 **Another Flash,** 1986 **Memories Gate,** 1987 **See Yah,** 1988 **Grizzly Bear,** 1989 **Jessica Kate,** 1990 **Dixie Lass,** 1991 **Little Denver,** 1992 **Iago,** 1993 **Leon Mal,** 1994 **Zazziam,** 1995 **Nine Inch Nails,** 1996 **Tamborine Dancer,** 1997 **Elle's Commando,** 1998 **Waiwera Marika,** 1999 **Stately Bird,** 2000 **Some Secret,** 2001 **Suellen Bale,** 2002 **Modern Assassin**, 2003 **Winsome Shot**, 2004 **Kobble Rock** 2005 **Pure Octane,** 2006 **Suave Fella,** 2007 **Leprechaun Pace,** 2008 **One Tree Hill** and 2009 **Cindeen Shelby.**

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