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BOGIE BRAVE'S DERBY TRIUMPH

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A chance meeting at the 2006 Hall Of Fame awards in Tasmania was the catalyst for Bogie Brave's tenacious win in Friday night's Group 2 World 4 Pets sponsored Richmond Derby, which propelled three-time National Championship trainer Jason Mackay back to a big race triumph.

In compelling circumstances, Bogie Brave, bred and owned in Queensland by Les Bein of Bogie Leigh, the dam of Mackay's latest star by Bond, renown, gave the hard marking trainer compensation after his grand veteran Snozz was unlucky in last year's Richmond Derby Final.

Group success has largely eluded Mackay since the phenomenal career defining years as he won National Distance Championships in 2004 with Classy Customer in Perth and Texas Gold in Sydney in 2005, then when Immortal Love won the Sprint crown in Launceston in 2006, Mackay and Bein met with mutual admiration.

For Bein, Friday night's Derby victory had special significance.

"It's Bogie Leigh's third and last litter," Bein explained.

"She's had health problems and it's special because it's her first progeny to win a Group race, although we've had several of her pups in finals.

"Jason and I got to know each other in Launceston. I wasn't happy with aspects of racing in Queensland and thought Bogie Brave would have more options and tracks in NSW.

"Also Jason has a reputation as getting the best out of problem dogs, as a muscle man and a real straight shooter."

Mackay expanded as the celebrations continued after Bogie Leigh overwhelmed dual Group winner Magnifique and then held off Clark No Ee in the \$25,000 to the winner Derby.

"Les and I got talking at the function in Launceston in '06 when Bogie Leigh was inducted and Immortal Love won the National Sprint," Mackay recalled.

"Les told me he thought I did a decent job with old Immortal Love and said he'd like to send me a good dog to train one day and we shook on it.

"I didn't think much more about it until the phone rang and eventually here it is in Bogie Brave.

"He's won a Group 2 and near \$50,000 in prizemoney, so it has been great for Les and also last year Snozz was unlucky behind Cool Flight.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity from Les and it's a rap because his trainer is Tony Brett and he's as good as there is.

"We've been on the wrong end of big race luck for a while, but it finally came our way. Along the way this young dog has beaten Take The Kitty and Magnifique, class Group dogs.

"Bad boxes have plagued him, but if you turn up with the right dogs for long enough it will come your way."

Bein and Mackay consider Bogie Brave just a couple of tenths below top class but he is young, still improving, so they will go into the Golden Easter Egg now.

"It's another level but massive money and if you've got the big motor and the heart with a young dog, who knows!" Mackay adds.

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Indeed Bogie Brave (\$10.80) gave Magnifique (\$7.50) a similar start in Friday's final as he did when beating NSW Greyhound Of The Year Take The Kitty in a Gosford Gold Cup heat.

Bogie Brave also contested the National Derby series at The Gardens, won by Elite Blue Size, so when a major race success finally came his way it wasn't overdue.

Most form students couldn't see any way that Neville Brown's Swift Fancy, with a favourable box three draw and a near record 30.26 heat win, could lose.

Also Swift Fancy's flying heat win saw the 30.79 and 31.01 of the other heats pale into insignificance.

However Brown was ever mindful that pre-race favourite and boom sprinter Goodesy failed to make the final.

While prominent from the boxes, Brown's fear that Magnifique would be the 'hang up' proved accurate as the Fletcher star carved across, Swift Fancy baulked, lost momentum and all chance allowing Bogie Brave to position perfectly and sweep clear.

Steve Lambley's Clark No Ee (\$5.10) snatched second from Magnifique, but there was just over a length between first and third, with the 30.91 winning time putting things into perspective.

But for Bogie Brave the Easter Egg now beckons with all the form and heart any owner and trainer could wish for.

Meanwhile, in Friday night's \$10,000 to the winner Globe Memorial Super Maiden Final at Richmond, exciting newcomer Awesome Bender brought former NSW Young Trainer of the Year Kristy Sultana back to prominence with an impressive 30.87 win.

The John Tyrrell-bred youngster won his Super Maiden heat in a brilliant 30.33 and is a younger brother to retired Group performer Smart Betsy and also closely related to 2007 National Sprint champion Bit Chili.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Reign Over Me (\$23.40), 5th Swift Fancy (\$1.90), 6th Dark Sea (\$61.30) 7th Tyson Magic (\$7.20) and Fox Hand (\$29.30).

Bogie Brave is raced by Les Bein and trained by Jason Mackay at Richmond Vale NSW. He is a Black Dog whelped November 2007 by Bond from Bogie Leigh (Just The Best x Hypo Havoc) he has raced 23 times for 10 wins and 12 placings and with the \$25,000 first prize for the Derby his overall stake earnings went to \$46,905.

Listed below is the Richmond Derby honour roll first run up the straight 320 yards in 1957 it then changed to a grass circle over 537 metres in 1974. In a major revamp the club put down a new loam surface and track re-shape in 1999 and the Derby is now run over the new distance of 535 metres.

1957 Lilac's Luck, 1958 Some Clue, 1959 Sudden Glory, 1960 Little Budgie, 1961 Dodger's Luck, 1962 Gold Packet, 1963 Flying Myobb, 1964 King Ming, 1965 Top Mitch, 1966 African Ballet, 1967 Fleetfoot Joe, 1968 Red Park, 1969 -1973 "Not Held" 1974 Roomatic, 1975 Ainslie Boy 1976 Wade Park, 1977 Woodburn Wonder, 1978 Leon Kuley, 1979 Major Willa, 1980 Papuana, 1981 Timeaclog, 1982 Peter Glider 1983 Opal Columbus, 1984 Bindall's Hope / Ceamy Koco (DH) 1985 Rapid Supreme, 1986 Tiger Country, 1987 Buka Sunset, 1988 Maggiore, 1989 Rumpus Brandi, 1990 Whisky Bale, 1991 Kedo's Image, 1992 Tallest Peer, 1993 National Leader, 1994 Wiljarra, 1995 Fabian, 1996 Antique Vision, 1997 Spanish Master, 1998 Murphy's Benji, 1999 Royal Pilgrim, 2000 Stately Bird, 2001 Zingalong Red, 2002 Tourist Dan, 2003 Cyrus The Virus, 2004 Spring Secret, 2005 Gozo Master, 2006 Cool Matt, 2007 Laurie's Tigers, 2008 Mandagery Man and 2009 Cool Flight.

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