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Ennis family goes one-two in Silver Chief upset

The lightly raced Enry Walt ($16.20 on SuperTAB) upstaged his more fancied rivals in a devastating display to win the Macro Meats Group 1 Silver Chief in a Best of Night 29.84 over the 525 metres at The Meadows on Saturday night.

The son of Primo Uno and Awesome Saint burnt off his speedy rivals on the first turn, recording a quick split of 5.10 before flying to the second section in a breathtaking 17.64. From there, the race was over, with the 38-kilogram chaser cruising to an easy six and quarter length win over Zenith ($5.70), giving the Ennis family a black-type quinella and a handy $65,000 in prizemoney. The locally trained Kilrush ($6.80), who was vying for the early lead, finished third, while favourite Sheoak Ian (box one) finished fourth.

Enry Walt an easy winner of the Silver Chief **(All Pics Paul Munt)**

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In a scary sign of what's to come, Enry Walt was competing in just his eighth race start and will not turn two until next week. He will most likely be set for the major races during the spectacular racing carnival at The Meadows, including the Sky Channel Australian Cup on February 27, worth $150,000 to the winner.

The Meadows heats up again in early February, with popular invitation-only races including The Temlee ($50,000 to the winner), The Zoom Top ($30,000) and The Rookie Rebel ($25,000). However, Group racing in January isn't over just yet, with the Top Cat Video New Year's Cup to be run next Saturday. Star chasers Flash Of Light, Ain't Workin' and Ultra Rumble will battle it out in the $15,000 to the winner decider.

In the Silver Chief after the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Sheoak Ian ($3.10fav), 5th Iso Octane ($10.30), 6th Rev Limiter ($4.90) 7th Heather's Tiger ($22.60) and Papa Cool ($7.60).

Enry Walt with happy connections on a packed dais after the win

Enry Walt was bred is raced and trained by veteran conditioner Gary Ennis at Sandhurst in Victoria. He is a Black Dog whelped January 2008 by Primo Uno from Awesome Saint (Awesome Assassin x Little Saint). Enry Walt has won four of his eight starts and has been placed on four occasions. With the $50,000 first prize for the Silver Chief it took his current stake earnings to $60,280.

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The Classic is one steeped in tradition, first being run in 1964. Directors of the Melbourne Greyhound Racing association saw fit to name The Classic after the greyhound “Silver Chief” who was whelped in 1936 and owned by Ray Herbert. Silver Chief was a “Waterloo Cup” winner in 1939 and performed admirably on the speed coursing circuit as well. He raced in both Melbourne and Sydney and was keenly sought after for stud duties once his racing career was finished.
The cream of racing have won this event referred to as the Derby of Greyhound Racing.
Champions such as Plunder Road, Black Diro, Satan's Legend, Tempix, Chariot Supreme, Ginger, Light of Fire and Awesome Assassin to name a few. Many have gone on to produce sons who have also won the Classic.
The mighty Tempix won in 1978 then produced sons who won in (81) Tempix Image and Bold Assail in 1982.
Australian super sire Chariot Supreme won the race in record time in 1983. His progeny took out the honours in 1986 (Hopeful Supreme), 1989 (Autumn Chariot) and 1991 (Bomber Gleeson).
In recent years Light of Fire won in 1994 then produced greats such as Awesome Assassin and Kantarn Bale. Awesome Assassin went on to sire 2005 winner Ben’s Fury.

Listed below is the star studded Silver Chief honour roll.

1964 **Barunah,** 1965 **Spartan Prince,** 1966 **Phantom's Return,** 1967 **Lord Baden,** 1968 **Dupondy Two,** 1969 **Plunder Road,** 1970 **Black Diro,** 1971 **Michael Takiri,** 1972 **Getaway,** 1973 **Flash Gordon,** 1974 **Petillant,** 1975 **Nigger Chimes,** 1976 **Fritz Mactavish,** 1977 **Satan's Legend,** 1978 **Tempix,** 1979 **San Remo,** 1980 **Mork The Stork,** 1981 **Tempix Image,** 1982 **Bold Assail,** 1983 **Chariot Supreme,** 1984 **Rumpus Pappa,** 1985 **Supreme Spot,** 1986 **Hopeful Supreme,** 1987 **Calamity Kid,** 1988 **Ginger,** 1989 **Autumn Chariot,** 1990 **Enfield,** 1991 **Bomber Gleeson,** 1992 **Nevik,** 1993 **Plugger Fever,** 1994 **Light Of Fire,** 1995 **Zealous Guy,** 1996 **Awesome Assassin,** 1997 **Hotshot,** 1998 **"Not Held",** 1999 **Jamella Prince,** 1999 **Kantarn Bale,** 2000 **Dave's Mentor,** 2001**Burali Bale,** 2002 **"Not Held",** 2003 **Jimmy Neutron,** 2004 **Big Daddy Cool,** 2005 **Ben’s Fury,** 2006 **Closing Argument,** 2007 **Meticulous,** 2008 **Regal Thyme** and 2009 **Fedex.**

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