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Senor The Magnificent

Superstar sprinter El Grand Senor (\$2.40) added the Lion Quality Products Warragul Cup to his bulging trophy cabinet with a breathtaking display of sheer speed last night at the Logan Park circuit.

Despite having to contend with the awkward five alley and an opposition as strong as he will meet in any race he contends the powerhouse sprinter exploded off the mat to set sizzling sectional records of 6.38 and 10.99 on his way to a devastating 25.57 victory.

El Grand Senor's sheer speed was on show for the bumper crowd to see as he put some five lengths on a star studded line up in the run to the first turn. While runner up Vee Best Vane (\$31.20) was gallant in defeat and managed to close the gap on the line to 1 3/4 lengths. Radley Bale (\$5.30) finished third five lengths from the winner. The reality is the El Grand Senor was in a class of his own.

Carolyn Jones' pride and joy, and the toast of Gippsland, now boasts an incredible record of 34 starts for 27 wins and 4 placings and a prize money tally fast approaching \$1/2 million.

It is likely that El Grand Senor will now focus on The Meadows with the upcoming Australian Cup carnival on the agenda and based on tonight's performance the hulking son of Where's Pedro and Elgrando Gold will take some stopping in that series as well.

The Cup meeting capped off a successful week of racing for the Warragul Club where the inaugural Warragul Cup Carnival was staged and the six feature finals attracted a massive Australia Day eve crowd and near record turnover figures was recorded.

The main support race to the Cup final was the Goodesy Australia Day Maiden final which was taken out in impressive style by the Kel Greenough trained Roman Shiraz. Beginning quickly from box four Roman Shiraz was never in doubt and clocked 25.93 in securing what was the Greenough kennels eight winner at Warragul during the Carnival.

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Earlier in the night in the Warragul Mitsubishi Distance Challenge final Us Five and Long Gully Arch staged an exciting two dog battle in the straight with Us Five prevailing by a half head over Long Gully Arch and in doing so set a new track record time of 39.35 over the 680m trip.

In the feature short course race of the night Vee Eye Pee went one better than brother Vee Best Vane did in the Cup by taking out the National Greyhound Form Summer Sprint final in impressive fashion.

In the other 400m feature the Andrea Daily trained Lektra Express proved his track record run in Friday night's heats of the 94.3 StarFM Gippsland Dash was no fluke when he shaved another 0.01 off his own time standard when stopping the clock at 22.41 in the final.

The other co-feature on the night was the Baw Baw Cup final where Fat Boy Johnny caused a boilover when he saluted carrying the nine rug in 26.12.

During the Gippsland Sizzling Summer Of Chasing at Sale and Warragul during December and January there have been point score competitions run for the Greyhound Of The Summer and Members Trainer Of The Summer.

The greyhound winner was Tiza King for Julie Chilcott while Warragul committee member David Curtain took out the Trainer of the Summer award



The mighty El Grand Senor in action at Sandown

El Grand Senor is a Black dog whelped April 2008 by Where's Pedro from Elgrando Gold (Elgrando x Sweet Liberty). He is raced trained and was bred by Carolyn Jones at Sale in Victoria. He has now won 27 races and been placed on four occasions from his 34 starts. He has an outstanding record at Warragul over the 460 metres he has raced there on four occasions for as many wins setting a track record twice. The Warragul Cup first prize of \$28,000 brings El Grand Senor's overall prizemoney to \$469,450. His tally moving him to the third highest stake earner in history.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order Enry Walt (\$18.20), Stanford Bale (\$15.90), Mystic Apple (\$30.50), Greta Bale (\$3.90) and High Earner (\$7.20).

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Records of past Warragul Cup winners are bit sketchy, however we do know the first cup run under non propriety racing was won by Melbourne Cup winner Rocketeer and again in 1958 as a lead up race to the Melbourne Cup Marine Jet completed the double. In the 50's Warragul was a very popular Saturday afternoon meeting that later moving to Friday night racing for many years. The race has been won by some of the sports finest sprinters and listed below is the honour roll as we currently know it.

1956 **Rocketeer**, 1958 **Marine Jet**, 1960 **Flash Dasher**, 1962 **Coma's Pride**, 1969 **Sunday Punch**, 1970 **White Post**, 1971 **Red Velore**, 1972 **Make The Scene**, 1973 **Half Your Luck**, 1974 **Sylvan Prince**, 1975 **Plain Stage**, 1976 **Golden Spur**, 1977 **Simon's Twin**, 1978 **Newmore Glenn**, 1979 **Glen's Elect**, 1980 **Tempix**, 1981 **Shamrock Flight**, 1982 **Sartorius**, 1983 **Salem's Pride**, 1984 **Chariot Supreme**, 1985 **Broken Cup**, 1986 **Chariot Of Gods**, 1987 **Peppaloo**, 1988 **Trumbry Ace**, 1989 **Hua**, 1990 **Pure Talent**, 1991 **Sheedy**, 1992 **Brudge**, 1993 **Indoor Boy**, 1994 **Gipsy General**, 1995 **Bonjase**, 1996 **Best Of Bev**, 1997 **Applaud**, 1998 **Hotshot**, 1999 **Fibba**, 2000 **Labyrinth**, 2001 **Big Smig**, 2002 **Carlisle Jack**, 2003 **Knockabout Wok**, 2004 **Puzzle Prize**, 2005 **Sun Hero**, 2006 **Vapour Whirl**, 2007 **Magnificent Love**, 2008 **North Sea**, 2009 **Major Mission** and 2010 **Race Not Held** .

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