



MEDIA RELEASE



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“Walk Hard the one to beat in Hobart 1000”

After a night of spectacular greyhound racing when eight heats of the keenly contested Group 1 Hobart 1000 took centre stage over the 461 metres at Hobart’s Tattersall’s Park. We once again look forward to next Thursday night’s rich final sponsored by Tattsbet, when one of the brilliant sprinters that have qualified will take home a cheque for \$75,000. The home town Hobart star Rewind made it nine wins in succession with a conformable heat win in 26.22. Narrowly beaten in last year’s final by Dyna Tron the track specialist will be looking to go one better in next week’s final. Fastest heat winner was lightly raced Victorian Walk Hard he emerged as a potential superstar recording a breathtaking 25.81 but that came as no surprise given the dog had solo trialed in 25.69. He appears the one to beat if he can repeat his heat effort in the final.



Fastest heat winner Victorian Walk Hard

Others heat winners to impress were recent Ballarat Cup winner Maverick Tiger (26.16), Victorians Under Threat (26.21), Shepparton Cup winner Blackalls Boss (26.25) and Burnt Fuse (26.30). Two other locals made the final Custodian (26.41) and Dark Warrior (26.29) for veteran mentor Ted Medhurst.

AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

GROUP ONE – TATSBET HOBART 1000

\$75,000 to the winner



Under Threat (VIC)

11 starts 5-4-1 (\$11,045)

Premier Fantasy – Alotta Mojo

White & Black Dog December '10

Owner: **Tribal Syndicate**

Trainer: **Darren McDonald**

Hobart best: 26.21 (7) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Smart Victorian youngster he impressed with his heat win in 26.21. Has only raced 11 times for five wins and Hobart his best effort so far. Certainly has a solid chance from box 1. Went fast in the second section clocking 11.17 if he can do it again will be in the firing line, expect a forward showing.



Burnt Fuse (VIC)

70 starts 30-13-7 (\$41,645)

Knocka Norris – Ebony Jess

Black Dog February '09

Owners: **King Syndicate**

Trainer: **Brendan Pursell**

Hobart best: 26.30 (6) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Grand campaigner from the mainland a regular FFA winner on Victorian horse shoe tracks. Great career with 30 wins from 70 starts. First Group 1 and a thrill for connections in the twilight of his race days. Might just be a bit outclassed here but will try his heart out. Place chance best.



Walk Hard (VIC)

18 starts 7-6-1 (\$35,560)

Bit Chilli – Miss Bling

Black Dog September '10

Owner/ Trainer: **Nicole McRae**

Hobart best: 25.81 (1) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Young dog with exceptional ability was outstanding in his heat recording the fastest winning time of 25.81 just outside the track record. Had trialled solo quicker and it was reported he tore up his kennel bedding last week. Nice draw and his second sectional a very quick 11.05, appears the one to beat if he comes out running. Locals have him favourite.



Rewind

76 starts 48-14-6 (\$179,105)

Collide – Ricky's Angel

White & Black Dog February '09

Owner / Trainer: **Morris Strickland**

Hobart best: 25.78 (1) (21 Starts 17-4-0)

Star local talent he has also raced with success in Victoria. Runner-up last year narrowly beaten in a photo and will be looking to go one better this year. Has an exceptional record on the track with 21 starts for 17 wins. Comes into the final after winning nine on the trot, his fastest winning time here is 25.78 more than good enough to win. He is certainly a solid chance of scoring a deserving hometown Group 1.



Custodian

55 starts 12-12-5 (\$19,705)

Shanlyn Prince – Chiki Boss

Black Dog February '09

Owner: **Michael O'Brien**

Trainer: **Steven O'Brien**

Hobart best: 26.31 (8) (10 Starts 3-2-0)

Caused a major upset in the heat winning at big odds rolling interstate stars Desalle Bale and Nolan. Jumps from a tough draw in five and would have to improve on last week's winning time of 26.41. Has won here on three occasions but hasn't raced against this sort of class before, a place chance is best.



Dark Warrior

7 starts 7-0-0 (\$9,570)

Where's Pedro – Shanlyn Supreme

Black Dog January '11

Owner: **Fast Track Racing Syndicate**

Trainer: **Ted Medhurst**

Hobart best: 25.18 (6) (4 Starts 4-0-0)

Very impressive youngster he is unbeaten seven from seven and four here at Hobart. Trained by veteran leading mentor Ted Medhurst he has a solid future, this is no easy assignment for a young dog on the way up, went okay last week but might find this class a bit beyond him at this stage of his career. Place chance best.



Maverick Tiger (VIC)

21 starts 12-4-0 (\$94,305)

Big Daddy Cool – Shanlyn Lass

Brindle Dog April '10

Owner: **Maverick Syndicate**

Trainer: **Kelvyn Greenough**

Hobart best: 26.16 (4) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Outstanding Victorian one turn specialist he comes into the final after winning the Ballarat Cup. Impressive heat win in 26.16 he had to battle with Nitro Cee most of the way. Sure to improve with another week in Hobart under his belt. Well drawn to run a big race can come down off the bank with his fast sections of 5.12 (best last week) and 11.18, taking up a good position. He is certainly a solid winning chance. In good hands Kel knows how to get them home in a Group 1.



Blackalls Boss (VIC)

56 starts 26-10-4 (\$105,025)

Hallucinate – Blackalls Beauty

Red Fawn Dog February '09

Owner: **Vince Tullio**

Trainer: **Michelle Mallia-Magri**

Hobart best: 26.25 (2) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Shepparton Cup winner and runner-up to Maverick Tiger at Ballarat he too is a horse shoe specialist well suited by the track. Impressed last week winning in 26.25, has drawn okay in eight after winning his heat from the two when he railed up well to lead most of the way. Box eight is never a disadvantage on a one turn track. With a bit of luck in running, he is a solid chance.



Veyron Bale (VIC)

13 starts 5-3-1 (\$25,300)

Meticulous – Blachura Bale

Youngster with 13 starts for five wins finished behind Under Threat in his heat. Certainly a chance if he gains a start.



Nitro Cee (VIC)

44 starts 15-13-6 (\$43,035)

Nitro Burst – Naomi Cee

Ballarat Cup finalist beaten only two lengths by Maverick Tiger last week, place chance if she got a start.



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Local expert's selections for the final are as follows.

Peter Hayes

1st Walk Hard
2nd Rewind
3rd Under Threat









Greg Fahey

1st Rewind
2nd Walk Hard
3rd Under Treat

Shane Yeats

1st Maverick Tiger
2nd Rewind
3rd Walk Hard

Local Market for the Tattsbet Hobart 1000:

\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Tattsbet Hobart 1000 (461m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
 1	Under Threat	Darren McDonald	\$4.50
 2	Burnt Fuse	Brendan Purcell	\$17.00
 3	Walk Hard	Nicole McRae	\$2.50
 4	Rewind	Morris Strickland	\$7.00
 5	Custodian	Steven O'Brien	\$51.00
 6	Dark Warrior	Ted Medhurst	\$15.00
 7	Maverick Tiger	Kelvyn Greenough	\$4.50
 8	Blackalls Boss	Michelle Mallia-Magri	\$10.00
 9	Veyron Bale (RES)	Andrea Dailly	\$13.00
 10	Nitro Cee (RES)	Wayne Vassallo	\$17.00

What's happening on race night?

The Hobart Greyhound Racing Club is giving away a lucky gate prizes to the value of \$1000 (cash, ipad and a Wi console).

Bookings have been brilliant and all goes well for a bumper crowd. Santa will be on course and will be boxing a dog in the first race. Afterwards he will entertain the kids with bags of lollies, balloons etc.

The Club have orchestrated a 45 minute window after the Thousand Final to allow for the presentation and Sky Channel have been great in assisting promotion with a live host (Dave Carlson) and the traditional box cam will be on SKY1.

The History of the Hobart 1000

The Hobart Thousand was the brainchild of M.A. (Arthur) Morgan, widely regarded both in Tasmania and on the mainland as one of the founding fathers of greyhound racing in Tasmania, and one of the greatest administrators the sport has seen. Morgan was inducted into the AGRA Hall of Fame in 2009. The Hobart 1000 remains the longest running Classic event on the Australian greyhound-racing calendar.

Greyhound racing commenced in Hobart at the T.C.A. ground on January 30th 1935, Morgan and his original committee established the Hobart Cup as the Classic race of the year and it was run on February 2nd that year. The winner Elwick Boy collected 20 pounds for his owner S. Burton.

Morgan in his great desire to establish Hobart as the leading greyhound track in Australia, saw the Hobart Cup as the way to achieve this. The race was advertised as the Hobart Thousand in 1939 with a first prize

of an Australian record 500 pounds. This started the mass influx of the top mainland chasers, searching for "Thousand Glory", an influx that continues to this day.

The race reverted back to the Hobart Cup for 1942/43, because of financial constraints, and the fact that the mainlanders struggled to get here during the war. Further war restrictions saw the race in recess during 1944 and 1945. When the race resumed in 1946, it was again the Hobart Thousand and was run for a first prize of what Morgan had always wanted it to be, 1000 pounds. It was won by popular Hobartian Dick Baker with his top chaser Ebon's Own, trained by Claude Best. The late 40s and 50s were indeed the halcyon days of the H.G.R.C. When Morgan started up the Maiden Thousand in 1949, (which was the richest Maiden series in Australia until the 1980s) it created a greyhound racing carnival of sorts with leading mainland trainers migrating to Tasmania with greyhounds to compete in the Maiden Thousand, Hobart Thousand double and sometimes Launceston Cup as well. Legendary NSW trainer Charlie "Chika" Morris would often bring up to 20 chasers and stay for 3 months. He did this for decades.

For 9 years straight ending in 1953, the Hobart Club distributed more stakemoney than any other club in Australia and the Hobart Thousand was always the lure for top quality racing and large public patronage. Until 1965 the race was run as a handicap, with Morgan having sole discretion, as was the case with most matters. Since 1965 all runners have been from the same mark.

Ill health forced Arthur Morgan from the helm of Hobart in 1967, but his dream race, known by all simply as "the Thousand", has continued through all the thick and thin that Hobart has encountered, right to the present day, where it is now a National Group 1 race with a first prize of \$50,000.

GRAND OPENING
GREYHOUND
TOP CRICKET RACING Hobart Cup Night
GROUND **RACING** Jan. 30, 1935

Under Direction HOBART SPEED COURSEING CLUB PTY. LTD.

PROGRAMME

<p>The MacRobertson Cup The Von Alwyn Cup £50 HANDICAP £10 HANDICAP HURDLE <small>(Kindly donated by Sir MacPherson Robertson, K.C.M.G.)</small> <small>(Kindly donated by J. Von Alwyn, Esq.)</small> For 48 Dogs at a Guinea For 8 Dogs at a Guinea</p>	
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Prize Money guaranteed irrespective of the number of entries received. Last three performances, if any, to be given.
Entries close at 8 p.m. on FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1935, with the Secretary,
154 Collins Street, Hobart, and Mr. A. Morgan, 93 George Street, Launceston.
It is proposed to hold similar meetings on SATURDAY, 2nd; TUESDAY (Regatta Night), 5th; SATURDAY, 9th FEBRUARY,
1935, when a considerable amount of money will be added to the stakes

LICENSED BOOKMAKERS WILL BE OPERATING **ADMISSION: 2/- (Inc. Tax)**

Advertisement for initial meeting of the Hobart Speed Coursing Club.

An Advertisement for the first Hobart 1000 then known as the Hobart Cup

The most notable effort in the history of the Hobart Thousand must be the training feat of Hilda Williamson of Beaconsfield. She won back-to-back Thousands in 1961/62 with her grand bitch Ophir Doll, and just for good measure made it a hat trick with Ophir Gold in 1963. Another notable feat was that of Beaut Dina. She won the event run in 1976 and was the dam of Scene Control, which won the last ever Hobart Thousand run at the T.C.A. in 1980. Both were owned and trained by Ted and Laurie Rigby of Evandale.

Arguments will always rage over the greatest dogs to win the Thousand. The best interstate chasers to gain victory would have to be Rookie Rebel (1958), Benjamin John (1969), (which ran down the immortal Zoom Top), Black Aztec (1981), and the freak Brother Fox (1985). Amongst the very best of the locals to salute would have to be Ophir Doll (1961/62), along with Royal Griffin (1978), True Vintage (1988), Bomber's a Flyer (1996), Top Shiraz (2000) (who held off the speedster Brett Lee) and Black Caleb (2002) who defeated Melbourne Cup winner Classic Capri. Race record over the 457m trip - 2005 winner Ralph The Mouth 25.60.

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The Hobart 1000 is the oldest feature race final in Australia it was first run as the Hobart Cup at the old TCA circuit in 1935. The race first became known as the Hobart 1000 in 1939, it reverted back to the Hobart Cup for two years in 1942 then was not held during the war years of 1944-45 and when the race recommenced in 1946 it was again known as the Hobart 1000.

Victorian Champion Trainer Graeme Bate hold the record for most number of winners he has won the race on no less than four occasions. Victorian trained greyhounds have won three of the last five Hobart 1000's decided since the race moved to Tattersall's Park at the Elwick Racecourse. Superman, Train A Journey and the 2009 winner Prankster were split by local speedster Little Spaniard in 2008. While last year's winner was AGRA and Victorian Greyhound of the Year Dyna Tron he beat local star Rewind by a nose.

Listed below are the names of many champions that have tasted victory in the time honored event. It is certainly an impressive list of past winners.

1935 **Elwick Boy**, 1936 **Miafort**, 1937 **Loch Maree**, 1938 **On Par**, 1939 **Mr Whackles**, 1940 **Silver Rover**, 1941 **Cavalry**, 1942 **My Kenya**, 1943 **Askalon**, 1944 **"Not Held"** , 1945 **"Not Held"**, 1946 **Ebon's Own**, 1947 **Young Sign**, 1948 **Hero Minda**, 1949 **Erin's Ace**, 1950 **Neat Brandy**, 1951 **Pleasant Foam**, 1952 **Baron Dhu**, 1953 **The Mudlark**, 1954 **Pasha Chief**, 1955 **Minda Go**, 1956 **Baron Woomera**, 1957 **Rising Ace**, 1958 **Rookie Rebel**, 1959 **Peter's Treasure**, 1960 **Bow Rock**, 1961 **Ophir Doll**, 1962 **Ophir Doll**, 1963 **Ophir Gold**, 1964 **Sandy Stone**, 1965 **Fairbairn Lady**, 1966 **Ipswich Low**, 1967 **Fiery Bob**, 1968 **Sue Narila**, 1969 **Benjamin John**, 1970 **Plunder Road**, 1971 **Trion Scout**, 1972 **Beau Palomino**, 1973 **Sue's A Credit**, 1974 **Jamin John**, 1975 **Snowsim**, 1976 **Beaut Dina**, 1977 **Check Vista**, 1978 **Royal Griffin**, 1979 **Astradome Lad**, 1980 **Scene Control**, 1981 **Black Aztec**, 1982 **Kudaleen**, 1983 **Stony Point**, 1984 **Double Time**, 1985 **Brother Fox**, 1986 **Solitary Simon**, 1987 **White Gigolo**, 1988 **True Vintage**, 1989 **Scott James**, 1990 **Bacchant**, 1990 **Shantytown**, 1991 **Jenny's Legacy**, 1992 **Bomber Gleeson**, 1993 **Extra's Boy**, 1994 **Storm Hero**, 1995 **Clint's Pirate**, 1996 **Bomber's A Flyer**, 1997 **Shantung Tiger**, 1998 **Mirren Bale**, 1999 **Latest Lad**, 2000 **Top Shiraz**, 2001 **Black Caleb**, 2002 **Star Witch**, 2003 **Nobody Knew**, 2004 **Regent Thunder**, 2005 **Ralph The Mouth**, 2006 **Superman**, 2007 **Train A Journey**, 2008 **Little Spaniard**, 2009 **Prankster**, 2010 **Octane Show** and 2011 **Dyna Tron** .



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