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Hobart 1000 win dedicated to Dad

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VICTORIAN trainer Michelle Mallia-Magri dedicated her first Group 1 triumph to her father Charlie Mallia after her kennel star Blackalls Boss (\$7.10) outgunned local star Rewind (\$4.80) to win the \$106,000 Tattsbet Hobart Thousand over 461 metres at Tattersall's Park last night.

Rewind looked set to atone for his narrow defeat in last year's Thousand final when he sped clear after finding the lead and with race favourite Walk Hard (\$3.00) being checked and bumped from pillar to post on his way to the top turn.

The huge crowd roared as Rewind turned for the long run home in front but Blackalls Boss was stalking him and when the leader left the rail Mallia-Magri's dog dived back to the rail and eventually gained the upper hand and went on to defeat Rewind by a length with the luckless Walk Hard over two lengths away third.



Blackalls Boss proves too good for Rewind in the Hobart 1000

"I don't know how to describe how I'm feeling at the moment," an emotional Mallia-Magri said after the race.

"I feel for Rewind because he is a champion dog in his own right but I am very happy to have won this race - it means so much to me."

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The trainer said she kept her maiden surname in her title (Mallia) so that if ever she had a dog that won a big race her father would get some recognition.

"If I had have given away my maiden name then my Dad would have had no more recognition."

"I wouldn't be standing here today and have the knowledge I have today if it wasn't for my father."

Blackalls Boss has been a revelation since joining the Mallia-Magri kennel.

He recently won the Group 2 Shepparton Cup and finished second in the Geelong, and Ballarat cups.

His owner Vince Tullio described Blackalls Boss as a "marvel".



The placed runners in the Hobart 1000 after the presentation (Pics Peter Hayes)

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Dark Warrior (\$17.00), 5th Under Threat (\$6.70), 6th Burnt Fuse (\$25.00) 7th Maverick Tiger (\$4.30) and Custodian (\$42.00).

Blackall's Boss is a Red Fawn dog whelped February 2009 by Hallucinate from Blackalls Beauty (Solve The Puzzle x Rondor's Opal). He is raced by Vince Tullio and trained by Michelle Mallia-Magri at Lara in Victoria. He has now won 26 races and been placed on 14 occasions from his 57 starts. The Hobart 1000 first prize of \$75,000 brings Blackalls Boss' overall prizemoney to \$180,025.

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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.

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. Last year's winner Dyna Tron was later judged the AGRA AND Victorian Greyhound of the Year.

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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