



MEDIA RELEASE 22nd December 2017



Third Hobart 1000 for Rob Britton

From Shane Yates Tasracing Website

Rock Up Top (\$11.70) gave Rob Britton his third Group 1 Hobart Thousand victory in a thrilling final in Hobart on Thursday night.

The 2017 edition of Australia's longest running Classic was one for the ages with only a neck separating the first four chasers on the line, in the most exciting finish in the rich history of the time honoured Feature.

The favourite Kouta Mayhem had been challenged strongly by the Ted Medhurst prepared High Treason to the turn into the stretch and was left a sitting duck halfway up the home straight.



Rock Up Top storms home to win the Hobart 1000 (All Pics Peter Hayes)

The challenges came left, right and centre with Rock Up Top hitting the front in the shadows of the post, only to have Print The Money (\$5.10) swoop late out wide on the track and its kennel-mate Blue Gum Hill (\$5.40) surge through late in the centre.

When the judge examined the print there was plenty to look at, the margins coming up as a head, by a short half-head, with Kouta Mayhem a short half-head away fourth.

Continued Page 2...

High Treason ran a gallant race from box six, he went head and head with Kouta Mayhem but just couldn't cross the Melbourne Cup placegetter, which had drawn favourably in box one.

Shane Whitney's Two Bills began fairly but drifted back early to find itself last off the back straight.

Even though the final result will read that the Gold Cup winner ran sixth, he was closing in late to cross the line with High Treason, only 2.5 lengths from the winner.

Yogi Mac tried valiantly in the pressure cooker of the Group 1 Final but found the tempo too hot while last year's winner Zipping Bruiser finished well back.

The Seona Thompson-trained sprinter Aqua Cheetah somewhat made up for the disappointment of missing the final by .001 of a second by taking the Bob Brown Memorial Hobart Thousand Consolation final in convincing style.

After the placed runners, the field finished in the following order 4th Kouta Mayhem (\$2.20), 5th High Treason (\$25.30), 6th Two Bills (\$6.90) 7th Yogi Mac (\$17) and Zipping Bruiser (\$34.10).



Rock Up Top in the centre at the presentation after his Hobart 1000 win

Rock Up Top is raced by Gerard Targett and trained by Robert Britton at Lara he is a Black dog whelped May 2015 by Spud Regis from Proven Wag (El Galo x Blu Pie Girl). Rock Up Top has won 10 and finished a place 16 times from his 54 starts and with the \$75,000 first prize for the Hobart 1000 it took his current stake earnings to \$133,705.

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. In 2011 the winner was Dyna Tron who was later judged the AGRA & Victorian Greyhound of the Year, he narrowly beat local champ Rewind.

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**, 2012 **Blackall's Boss**, 2013 **Paw Licking**, 2014 **Above All**, 2015 **Unlawful Entry** and 2016 **Zippering Bruiser**.

For more information please contact:

Neil Brown
GCA Publicity Officer
Tel: 03 97691234
Mob: 0438 042 838

David Simonette
GCA Executive Officer
simonette7862@gmail.com