



## MEDIA RELEASE



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### **“Super field for another Classic 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 Aceland Stud, when one of the brilliant sprinters that have qualified will take home a cheque for \$75,000. The home town Hobart record holder Bergermeister was impressive when winning in 26.05. With the locals delighted to have five of the finalists Rewind a greyhound that has raced with success in Victoria ran the equal quickest of the night a sizzling 25.78 with sections of 5.04 and 10.97.



**Local star Rewind equal best of the night heat win**

In form sprinter Dyna Tron made his third group 1 final in succession when he jumped straight to the front then raced away to win by seven lengths in equal best of the night time of 25.78. Other heat winners included Graeme Bate’s David Bale in 26.23, Rewind’s litter sister Clyde’s Angel in 26.16. Plus Hobart track record holder Bergermeister (26.05), Galtee Again (26.05) and long shot Sandbanker (26.51). The Daily camp qualified their second finalist with Geelong Cup runner up Dyna Bert in a fast 25.85. It is certain to be a keenly contested final with a number of chances.

# AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

## GROUP ONE – ACELAND STUD HOBART 1000

**\$75,000 to the winner**



### **Bergermeister**

20 starts 11-2-1 (\$16,100)

**Bit Chilli – She Be Nimble**

Blue Dog December '07

Owner: **M A & R Clarke**

Trainer: **Michael Stringer**

**Hobart best:** 25.71 Rec (8) (10 Starts 9-1-0)

**Inform local star he holds the track record here which he set in July at 25.71. Impressive heat winner in 26.05 defeating the classy I'm A Fencer and Shereen Bale. Has only raced 20 times 10 starts here at Hobart for nine wins. Certainly has a solid chance from box 1. Went fast early clocking 5.09 first section if he can do it again will be in the firing line, expect a forward showing.**



### **Dyna Tron (VIC)**

44 starts 22-6-4 (\$341,348)

**Collision – Gold Rush Bale**

Red Brindle Dog February '09

Owner: **Brendan Wheeler**

Trainer: **Andrea Dailly**

**Hobart best:** 25.78 (7) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

**Superstar sprinter in exceptional form third Group 1 final in a month after winning the Group 2 Geelong Cup, won the Melbourne Cup and runner-up in Brisbane Cup. Looks well suited by the track and distance. Very impressive heat win in equal quickest 25.78 first start on the track. Well drawn to again make his presence felt a repeat of last week's run would put him in the finish. Very hard to beat.**



### **Clyde's Angel**

37 starts 13-8-7 (\$45,615)

**Collide – Ricky's Angel**

Black Bitch February '09

Owner: **TJ & E Penny**

Trainer: **Terry Penny**

**Hobart best:** 26.03 (4) (5 Starts 4-1-0)

**Smart local sprinter she has recently raced with success in Victoria. Has won four from five on the track and with a bit of luck in running could feature. Has to get up on the speed early as this is a very classy final. Place chance best in this company.**



### **Galtee Again**

39 starts 15-5-0 (\$25,025)

**Meticulous – Who's Girl**

Black Dog January '09

Owner: **Patrick Higgins**

Trainer: **David Crosswell**

**Hobart best:** 26.05 (8) (11 Starts 5-3-0)

**Another local sprinter with talent, good effort to win heat defeating star sprinter Radley Bale in 26.05 his fastest win at Hobart from five. Horror draw in this company, he will start big odds and is going to need some luck to feature, has the polish of veteran mentor David Crosswell, but a place chance looks best.**



### **Sandbanker**

21 starts 9-1-2 (\$12,780)

**Collision – Baretta Betty**

Black Dog March '09

Owners: **Tom Astbury**

Trainer: **Ted Medhurst**

**Hobart best:** 26.10 (3) (8 Starts 4-1-1)

**Caused a major upset in the heat winning at big odds rolling local superstar Damek. Jumps from a tough draw in five and would have to improve on last week's winning time of 26.51. Has won here in 26.10 hasn't raced against this sort of class before, a place chance is best.**



## **Dyna Bert (VIC)**

36 starts 12-9-6 (\$62,502)

**Collision – Gold Rush Bale**

Red Brindle Dog February '09

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer : **Andrea Dailly**

**Hobart best:** 25.85 (2) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

**Second finalist for the Dailly's he chased his kennelmate and brother home in the Geelong Cup. Quite impressive last week first up on the track leading all the way in 25.85 from an inside draw. Looks well suited here, ran 5.14 and 11.09 good solid sections so he is not without a chance just seems to race in the shadow of Dyna Tron. Each-way chance.**



## **Rewind**

41 starts 26-6-4 (\$87,935)

**Collide – Ricky's Angel**

White & Black Dog February '09

Owner / Trainer: **Morris Strickland**

**Hobart best:** 25.78 (1) (9 Starts 7-2-0)

**Back on his home track after racing in Victoria with plenty of success, he was most impressive last week recording the equal best time of the night 25.78. Has an exceptional record on the track nine starts for seven wins. Well drawn to run a big race can come down of the bank with his fast sections 5.04 and 10.97 and take a good position. He is certainly a solid winning chance.**



## **David Bale (VIC)**

24 starts 8-8-5 (\$51,845)

**Bartrim Bale – Dyna Beauty**

Black Dog November '09

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Graeme Bate**

**Hobart best:** 26.23 (1) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

**G Bate's only finalist he has drawn okay in eight after winning his heat from the one when he railed up well to lead most of the way. Would have to improve on his 26.23 to be a winning chance, but he is only lightly raced with his best in front of him. Box eight is never a disadvantage on a one turn track. With a bit luck in running could run a place.**



## **Radley Bale (VIC)**

89 starts 32-19-6 (\$446,513)

**Big Daddy Cool – Minkara Bale**

**Grand campaigner he has had a super consistent year finished second in his heat behind Galtee Again. Certainly a chance if he gains a start.**



## **Portrait Ignites**

8 starts 4-1-0 (\$5,395)

**Where's Pedro – Pretty Larkhill**

**Local chaser with three wins on the track was runner-up in her heat behind Dyna Bert unlikely to gain a start, big odds if she does.**



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

**Peter Hayes**

1<sup>st</sup> Rewind

2<sup>nd</sup> Dyna Tron

3<sup>rd</sup> Bergermeister

**Greg Fahey**

1<sup>st</sup> Rewind

2<sup>nd</sup> Bergermeister

3<sup>rd</sup> Dyna Tron

**Shane Yeats**

1<sup>st</sup> Bergermeister

2<sup>nd</sup> Rewind

3<sup>rd</sup> Dyna Tron

Local Market for the Aceland Stud Hobart 1000:

<b>\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Aceland Stud Hobart 1000 (461m)</b>			
<b>Box</b>	<b>Greyhound</b>	<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Price</b>
 <b>1</b>	<b>Bergermeister</b>	<b>Michael Stringer</b>	<b>\$4.50</b>
 <b>2</b>	<b>Dyna Tron</b>	<b>Andrea Dailly</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
 <b>3</b>	<b>Clyde's Angel</b>	<b>Terry Penny</b>	<b>\$17.00</b>
 <b>4</b>	<b>Galtee Again</b>	<b>David Crosswell</b>	<b>\$21.00</b>
 <b>5</b>	<b>Sandbanker</b>	<b>Ted Medhurst</b>	<b>\$34.00</b>
 <b>6</b>	<b>Dyna Bert</b>	<b>Andrea Dailly</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>
 <b>7</b>	<b>Rewind</b>	<b>Morris Strickland</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
 <b>8</b>	<b>David Bale</b>	<b>Graeme Bate</b>	<b>\$17.00</b>
 <b>9</b>	<b>Radley Bale (RES)</b>	<b>Graeme Bate</b>	<b>\$17.00</b>
 <b>10</b>	<b>Portrait Ignites (RES)</b>	<b>Keith Nichols</b>	<b>\$34.00</b>

## What's happening on race night?

The Hobart Greyhound Racing Club is giving away a lucky gate prizes to the value of \$100 (cash, ipods and a Playstation 3 console).

Bookings have been brilliant and all goes well for a bumper crowd. Jimbo the Clown, balloons and face painting will give the kids plenty to do and lollies no doubt will be in abundance.

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 (Peter Staples) 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 30<sup>th</sup> 1935, Morgan and his original committee established the Hobart Cup as the Classic race of the year and it was run on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 COURSE CLUB PTY. LTD.

**PROGRAMME**

<p><b>The MacRobertson Cup</b>   <b>The Von Alwyn Cup</b> <b>£50 HANDICAP</b> <b>£10 HANDICAP HURDLE</b> <small>(Kindly donated by Sir MacPherson Robertson, K.C.M.G.)</small> <small>(Kindly donated by J. Von Alwyn, Esq.)</small> <b>For 48 Dogs at a Guinea</b> <b>For 8 Dogs at a Guinea</b></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 Queenslander Octane Show.

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** and 2010 **Octane Show** .



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