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Jimmy Newob's Brilliant Horsham Cup Win

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Red Cliffs owner Keith Bowen had only come to know too well the solace of finishing behind champion greyhound Aston Dee Bee.

As the most prolific greyhound sprinter in Australia in recent times, Aston Dee Bee had collected the Melbourne Cup, Ballarat Cup and Warragul Cup over the past few months and looked set to add to his collection coming out of box eight at the Horsham Cup on Saturday night.

But while experts fell over themselves to declare Aston Dee Bee a near certainty, the \$1.80 favourite was outgunned as Jimmy Newob (\$4.90) finally swept in to take the glory after a series of runs that saw him finish near enough but not close enough.



Jimmy Newob races away with the Horsham Cup (Pic Clint Anderson)

"It's a huge relief to finally win a group race with him, and to finally turn the tables on Aston Dee Bee," Bowen, a part owner of Jimmy Newob, said after the slick win in 27.07sec.

"He ran sixth to Aston Dee Bee in the Ballarat Cup and ran second to him in the Warragul Cup."

And the rivalry extends even further than that, with Jimmy Newob threatening to dominate several times on the big stage in recent months, only to fall just short of taking the win.

But Horsham was his time to shine.

"He also ran second to Black Mumbo in the Group 1 Harrison-Dawson and just a couple of weeks ago he ran second in the (Group 2) Bulli Gold Cup," Bowen said. "So he has been knocking on the door for a while now."

Bowen explained how he and brother John came to own Jimmy Newob, who was bred in NSW by Joseph Baldacchino.

"Mum died three years ago and left us a little bit of money, but it wasn't enough to buy the leg of a horse."

"So we decided to buy a greyhound pup and I noticed a young litter by Cosmic Rumble, who was the number two sire at the time, out of Nosey Rozy, who won nine from 15. So we bought the pup from Joseph and he turned out to be Jimmy Newob," Bowen said.

Jimmy Newob is a relatively recent addition to Kelvyn Greenough's kennel, having been trained for most of his career by Barry Fullerton.

Since entering the Greenough kennel in January he has had eight starts for four wins, three seconds and a third and started in three Group 2 finals.

He won the Horsham Cup by four lengths over Aston Dee Bee, with reserve Gregorovitch (\$57) third.

The win took Jimmy Newob's record to 20 wins from 44 starts, with the \$47,000 first prize taking his career earnings up to \$207,344.

Searching (Dennis Trewin) won the \$10,000 Sylvia Penny Memorial (410m) and Trouper (Karen Leek) took out the \$10,000 Horsham Cup Consolation (485m).

After the placed runners the rest of the field finished in the following order. Alpha Georgiou (\$30.90), Out Of Range (\$6.30), Solitary Girl (\$13), Tempo Dinero (\$7.90) and Super Sook (\$52.80).

Jimmy Newob is raced by the Newob Syndicate and trained by Kelvyn Greenough of Pearcedale in Victoria. Jimmy Newob is a Blue dog whelped May 2015 by Cosmic Rumble from Nosey Rozy (Disintergrate x Zealous Zoe). He has won 20 of his 44 starts and has been placed on 16 occasions and with the \$47,000 first prize for the Horsham Cup it took his current stake earnings to \$207,344.

Listed below are the previous winners of the Horsham Cup, famous for many years when run as an Easter carnival. The race has been won by some of the best sprinters to ever grace Victorian race tracks.

1978 Temsonny, 1979 Chukka Khan, 1980 Tempix, 1981 Time Bonus, 1982 Satan's Shroud, 1983 Virgo Rose, 1984 Propellant, 1985 Savage Touch, 1986 Aidan, 1987 Buka Sunset, 1988 Hay Dinney, 1989 Daisy Clover, 1990 Go Georgie, 1991 Rare Drop, 1992 Noble Stranger, 1993 Casino Tom, 1994 No Object, 1995 Midnight Flirt, 1996 True Type, 1997 Another Express, 1998 Lansley Bale, 1999 Legs Ahoy, 2000 Kantarn Bale 2001 Classic Capri, 2002 Timjim Bale, 2003 Monsters Inc, 2004 Brumby Lad, 2005 Foreign Legion, 2006 Marungi Blaze, 2007 Winsome History, 2008 Kendale Bale, 2009 Velocette, 2010 Our Toyman, 2011 Enry Walt, 2012 Dyna Tron, 2013 Peter Rocket, 2014 Crump and 2015 Margins, 2016 Zambora Brockie, 2017 Not Held.

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