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**Bookkeeper adds up a stunning time in his
heat of the Group 1 Hume Cup**

By Neil Brown

The Glenn Dainton trained Bookkeeper looks the greyhound to beat in the Group 1 Hume Cup at The Meadows on Melbourne Cup eve after a stunning track record performance in his heat of the Hume Cup.

The talented sprinter come middle distance performer stunned the crowd on Top Gun night leading all the way over the 600 metres in 34.05. The time lower the previous record of 34.07 held by Nellie Noodles and was set in March 2010. Even more impressive was the first sectional split of 8.82 which equaled the record set by the mighty Paua To Burn in November 2005.

Bookkeeper maintained a steady five to six length break over the brilliant Proven Impala for almost the entire trip, racing home with a powerful finishing burst in a sensational 12.33 to stamp himself as the greyhound to beat in Monday week's \$75,000-to-the-winner final. Despite drawing box six.

Andrea Dailly goes into the final with two chances after impressive efforts from Lektra Grey (34.41 third best of night) heat win and Easton Bale, who prevailed in driving finish to outgun Evie's Entity in 34.66.

Other heat winners were Born Ali for Rob Britton in 34.37, Alpe D'Huez in 34.60 for Kelly Bravo and Dyna Willow who defeated some well fancied performers for Steve Collins in 34.68.

The Hume Cup had plenty of depth with six heats and it has thrown together an outstanding final of the best middle distance chasers going around at the minute.

Monday week's meeting will also see the running of the Group 3 RSN Silver Bullet, with fields to be released on Wednesday.

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AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

GROUP ONE – HUME CUP

\$75,000 to the winner



Alpe D'huez

43 starts 17-8-6 (\$57,450)

Bombastic Shiraz – Joop Muse

Fawn Dog February '10

Owner: **Horizon Gold Racing Syndicate**

Trainer: **Kelly Bravo**

Meadows best: 34.60 (1) (2 Starts 1-1-0)

Slow out but comes home hard. Handy run in his heat but not overly quick time. Not without a chance if he can stay out of trouble coming from the rear. Place chance best.



Easton Bale

55 starts 11-8-8 (\$72,375)

Meticulous – Blachura

Black Dog March '11

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Andrea Dailly**

Meadows best: 34.66 (3) (6 Starts 1-1-2)

Came again in the home straight last week to win in a photo. It was his first win here from six starts on the track. Time very steady 34.66 and he would have to improve to trouble the more fancied finalists. Place chance best if he can be up near the lead.



Proven Impala

80 starts 31-11-10 (\$322,195)

Velocette – Thanks Blue

Black Bitch October '09

Owner: **Larissa Darragh**

Trainer: **Joe Borg**

Meadows best: 34.22 (2) (6 Starts 4-1-1)

By far the best performed middle distance chaser in this final. Has won over 320 thousand in a stella career and loves this circuit with four wins here. Chased home Bookkeeper last week in track record time and will prove hard to beat in the final. Class act.



Lektra Grey

61 starts 12-8-7 (\$55,377)

Trewly Special – Elektra

Black Dog January '11

Owner: **Philip Lenehan**

Trainer: **Andrea Dailly**

Meadows best: 34.41 (6) (10 Starts 1-1-2)

Better known as a 700 metre chaser but has performed okay at middle distance. Finally broke through for his first win here over the 600 after 10 starts. Handy effort in 34.41 and has been racing well of late in city class. Chance if can stay in touch with the leaders as he mainly races off the speed and comes home hard.



Dyna Willow

26 starts 9-5-4 (\$52,365)

Collision – Horizon Bale

Red Brindle Bitch June '11

Owner: **Brendan Wheeler**

Trainer: **Steve Collins**

Meadows best: 34.68 (1) (4 Starts 1-1-1)

Had box one last week for a steady win in 34.68 would have to find a fair bit to trouble some of these off that run. In saying that she beat some handy dogs last week. Has been racing very well of late and with some luck in running could feature. Place chance best.



Bookkeeper

34 starts 15-7-1 (\$74,315)

Bombastic Shiraz – Smashing Amy

Black Dog February '11

Owner: **Frances Goodwin**

Trainer: **Glenn Dainton**

Meadows best: 34.05 REC (8) (5 Starts 4-0-0)

Went like a jet last week broke the record and equaled the first split along the way. Very quick run of 34.05 the record has stood since 2010 and the first split since 2005. He has been racing brilliant since mid-year and has an imposing record here of four from five. Certainly the one beat and if runs up to last week time will win.



Hala Belle

21 starts 6-4-3 (\$24,125)

Where's Pedro – Aussie Belle

Black Bitch August '11

Owner: **Peter Akathiotis**

Trainer: **Joe Borg**

Meadows best: 34.44 (1) (3 Starts 1-2-0)

Honest middle distance performer she has won here in solid time of 34.44. Chased home Born Ali last week and wasn't a bad run, would need some luck go her way to feature here but is a capable type. Place chance best.



Born Ali

55 starts 10-14-6 (\$79,135)

Velocette – Born Princess

Black Bitch December '10

Owner: **Noel Mugavin**

Trainer: **Robert Britton**

Meadows best: 34.35 (8) (10 Starts 3-1-2)

Another well performed middle distance chaser she made it three wins on the trot here over 600 last week. Two including last week's win in fast time. Hasn't won at this level before but has a chance if she can find the front as her current form suggests she can. Racing well.



Epecially

40 starts 13-8-1 (\$35,785)

Brett Lee – Special Sign

Finished second last week to Alpe D'Huez has not won here and it's hard to see her trouble this lot if he gains a start.



Evie's Entity

30 starts 14-7-1 (\$50,530)

Mogambo – Girl Aloud

Finished second last week to Easton Bale, had every chance of winning and would start big odds if she gained a run here.

Local Market for the Hume Cup Final:

\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Hume Cup (600m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	Alpe D'Huez	Kelly Bravo	\$15.00
	Easton Bale	Andrea Dailly	\$20.00
	Proven Impala	Joe Borg	\$4.00
	Lektra Grey	Andrea Dailly	\$10.00
	Dyna Willow	Steve Collins	\$31.00
	Bookkeeper	Glenn Dainton	\$1.80
	Hala Belle	Joe Borg	\$25.00
	Born Ali	Robert Britton	\$6.00
	Epecially	Peter Knott	RES
	Evie's Entity	Lyn Smith	RES

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

Ron Hawkswell

1st Bookkeeper
2nd Proven Impala
3rd Alpe D'Huez

Rob Testa

1st Alpe D'Huez
2nd Bookkeeper
3rd Proven Impala

George Farrugia

1st Bookkeeper
2nd Proven Impala
3rd Alpe D'Huez

What's happening on race night?

There will be plenty entertainment for the kids, on this family night all free.

There are still some fabulous dining packages still available on one of The Meadows' biggest nights. Contact The Meadows on **9355 5222** for more information.

The Hume Cup was initially called the Lord's Mayors Cup and was first run over 675 yards at North Melbourne in 1960, it moved with the club to Olympic Park and in 1964 became the Lord Mayors Trophy and remained a sprint race until 1988. It then became a distance event until 1994 when it was discontinued. The MGRA due to the tremendous support they are given by the Hume City Council resurrected the feature in 2000 calling the race the Hume Cup. In another change to the event in 2011 the race was conducted over 600 metres for the first time and that will remain the distance in the foreseeable future. The race was elevated to Group 1 status in 2012 when prizemoney went to \$75,000 to the winner. Listed below are the past winners.

1960 **Fair's Orders**, 1961 **Rustling Breeze**, 1962 **Tree Lover**, 1963 **Diropace**, 1964 **Rocket Streak**, 1965 **Cheltenham Lass**, 1966 **Munich Boy**, 1967 **Bold Charmer**, 1968 **Fawn Waters**, 1969 **Dashing Phantom**, 1970 **Mayo Gold**, 1971 **Banca**, 1972 **Flying Stage**, 1973 **Half Your Luck**, 1974 **Temlee**, 1975 **Plain Winnie**, 1976 **Matireka**, 1977 **Shelley O'Reilly**, 1978 **Manteca Boy**, 1979 **Shane's Level**, 1980 **Vibrant King**, 1981 **Striding Ahead**, 1982 **Durante Lad**, 1983 **Castle Ridge**, 1984 **National Poppy**, 1985 **Rumpus Pappa**, 1986 **I'm Nugget**, 1987 **Swift Laser**, 1988 **Regal Kid**, 1989 **Blue Speed**, 1990 **Interest Only**, 1991 **Modern Express**, 1992 **Modern Express**, 1993 **Saltwater Sid**, 2000 **Mr. Boswell**, 2001 **Bentley Babe**, 2002 **Tears Of Jupiter**, 2003 **Oh Behave**, 2004 **Triple Trio**, 2005 **Jacarrest**, 2006 **Sargent Major**, 2007 **Technoman**, 2008 **Fallen Zorro**, 2009 **Amity Bale**, 2010 **Flash Of Light**, 2011 **Shintaro Samurai** and 2012 **Jethro**.





Last year's Winner Jethro (Pic Paul Munt)

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