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Tassie Star powers to Group 1 Glory for Greenough

Big night for Jethro and Grigorieva Bale in Group racing bonanza

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The freakishly talented Jethro overcame a slow start and a poor draw to claim this year's Group 1 Hume Cup at The Meadows on Monday night.



Brilliant Jethro races away to win the Group 1 Hume Cup (All Pics Paul Munt)

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Drawn in box five in a quality field, the son of Head Bound and It's A She expectedly began slowly before settling on the fence in fourth place with a lap to run. With Bubba's Dream hightailing in front, Jethro (\$3.10) slowly began to reel in the leaders, powering home over Destini Fireball (\$4.60) to claim the \$75,000 winner's cheque in 34.60 over the 600-metre journey. Grand old campaigner Don Chendo (\$10.50) – who looks to have run his last race – finished third in another solid performance.

Jethro's win was the 22nd of his career from 47 starts, pushing his prizemoney to over \$138,000 – a figure set to grow substantially on the current form of the Kel Greenough-trained star.

Earlier in the night, the Andrea Dailly-trainer Grigorieva Bale took out the Group 3 RSN Silver Bullet in fine style, running down early leader Sapporo in 30.09, who was also overtaken by Premier Boloney, who came from well back to finish second. Owned by Paul Wheeler, Grigorieva Bale is out of former Meadows track record holder Turanza Bale and Kingston Bale.

His win was the 12th of his career from 34 starts, with the Group 3 win seeing his prizemoney reach \$92,595.

Wife of trainer Kel Greenough, Jackie, was jubilant when talking of the winner and said that there is more to come from the up-and-coming star.

"I knew he was going to get in trouble, it just depended how much trouble," Jackie said "I always had confidence in his strength to run the greyhounds in front down and I'm just very proud of him."

"He's a natural stayer and after we saw him run in the National Distance Championship, we knew that he was a very good greyhound," Jackie said.

Jethro will now go onto the heats of the Group 1 Solo Bold Trease on November 15 and on current form may be able to challenge mighty West Australian Miata.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Bubba's Dream (\$12.10), 5th Lektra Jay (\$14.20), 6th Johnny Ringo (\$10.60) 7th Langi Bale (\$4.30) and Franklin Hero (\$15.90).

Jethro is White & Black dog whelped April '10 he is raced by Leigh Alexander and is trained by Kel Greenough at Pearcedale in Victoria. Jethro is by Head Bound from It's A She (Bond x Iza Tora). The Group 1 Hume Cup win took his record to 47 starts for 23 wins and 14 placings and prizemoney earnings of \$138,105.

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 last year it 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 this year 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 and 2004 Triple Trio 2005 Jacarrest, 2006 Sargent Major, 2007 Technoman, 2008 Fallen Zorro, 2009 Amity Bale 2010 Flash of Light and 2011 Shintaro Samurai.



Kel and Jackie Greenough with Jethro post-race.

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