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**Alpe climbs top of the  
mountain, wins Hume Cup**

*Big night for Alpe D'Huez and Farmor Las Vegas in Group racing bonanza*

**By George Farrugia**

Alpe D'Huez used a favourable box draw to cause an upset in this year's Group 1 Hume Cup over 600 metres at The Meadows for training duo Kelly and Brett Bravo. Starting at the lucrative odds of \$11.30, the son of Bombastic Shiraz and Joop Muse found himself in a lovely position soon after box rise, sitting behind early leader Easton Bale (\$27.70) after race favourite Bookkeeper (\$1.70) found bother early, mainly thanks to a tardy beginning.



**Alpe D'huez races away with the Hume Cup** (All Pics Clint Anderson)

Racing down the back, Alpe D'Huez closed in on the frontrunner, looking very ominous as they reached the final bend. As they crossed the line, the fawn chaser strode to a three-length win in 34.33 over Bookkeeper, who lost no admirers with a gutsy second-placed effort after bombing the start.

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But the spoils were with Alpe D'Huez, a greyhound ravaged by injury during his 44-start career, with Group 1 victory justification for his untapped ability.

Owned by the Horizon Gold Racing Syndicate, Alpe D'Huez pushed his prizemoney to over \$132,000 with Monday night's victory.

Earlier in the night, the Robert Britton-trained Farmor Las Vegas continued his rich vein of form with an outstanding Best of Night 29.71 victory in the Group 3 RSN Silver Bullet over 525 metres.

The son of Knocka Norris and Farmor Cee You positioned second with a lap to run, eventually proving too strong for early leader Dark Warrior in one of the quicker runs at the track for 2013.

The night was another huge success for The Meadows, with a large crowd witnessing another super night of racing at the Broadmeadows circuit.



**Alpe D'huez with Bronte, Kelly and Brett Bravo.**

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Born Ali (\$11.40), 5th Proven Impala (\$4.00), 6th Lektra Grey (\$34.20) 7th Dyna Willow (\$23.20) and Hala Belle (\$18.80).

Alpe D'Huez is a fawn dog whelped February '10 he is raced by the Horizon Gold Racing Syndicate and is trained by Kelly Bravo at Lovely Banks in Victoria. Alpe D'Huez is by Bombastic Shiraz from Joop Muse (Where's Pedro x Zarbo). The Group 1 Hume Cup win took his record to 44 starts for 18 wins and 14 placings and prizemoney earnings of \$132,450.

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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 2010 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 last 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**, 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**.

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