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Razen Toast creates top Easter treat for Trainer

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Winning trainer Darren Russell was happy to enjoy a quiet Easter Sunday after his newly acquired greyhound Razen Toast won the latest Ipswich Magical Puppy Auction final.

It was not that Russell had a huge celebration in the wet conditions at the Ipswich Showgrounds on Saturday night. It was more a case of the Queensland trainer still getting used to Razen Toast.

Russell took on the auction pup in January, watching her finish fourth in her series heat and coming second in the semi-final.

With greyhounds like War Picture and In The Picture fancied in the final, Razen Toast (paying \$11.90 the win) capitalised on her box one draw.

She secured the lead before dashing to victory in the Group 2 final over 520m. In the Picture (\$9.50) was second, ahead of With A Gee (\$3.40) third.

It was Russell's first success in the prestigious auction series, with \$38,150 going to winning connections.

"I gave her a good chance off the red box," Russell said relaxing yesterday at his Innisplain property near Beaudesert.



Photo finish of Razen Toast winning Action Series

"I thought she could lead so that was half the battle."

The brindle bitch whelped on October 27, 2012 has four wins, three seconds and three thirds from 22 starts.

With a dozen greyhounds in work, Russell accepted the opportunity early this year to see how Razen Toast would fare.

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"It was a bit of a rush to get her there but she peaked nicely for the final," the former Lismore Cup winning trainer said.

Russell said the raining conditions suited greyhounds on the inside.

"It was wet all night, which probably helped her," he said.

"It's pretty hard to come from behind when it rains."

The heats were run in similar conditions on Ipswich's sand track.

But still getting to know his new racing acquisition, Russell wasn't aware how Razen Toast was named.

After Saturday night's win, that's something he'll be asking the Beaudesert-based owners.

"It's a weird name isn't it? It's not something you associate with a group winner," he laughed.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Pacific Champ (\$16.40), 5th Waikarie Magic (\$5.80), 6th Maywyn's Keeper (\$25.10), 7th War Picture (\$2.60) and Maywyn's Ying (\$28.80).

Razen Toast is a October 2012 Black Bitch by Collision from Tessarina (Bond x Yo Yo String). She is raced by the Kyammy Ptn Syndicate and trained by Darren Russell at Innisplain in Queensland. Razen Toast has now raced on 22 occasions for four wins and six placings and the \$40,000 first prize for the Auction Series took her overall stake earnings to \$46,025.

It was the 24th staging of the Auction Series for the Ipswich Club and another successful one, the race has consistently uncovered talented pups that are given the opportunity to race for big prizemoney at the start of their race careers.

The Ipswich Auction Series has had a number of different sponsors since it commenced in 1989 it was called the Sci-Fleet Ford Auction series for three years, then from 1992 until 1994 it was the Celcast Auction Series. In 1995 for one year it was the Roofshield Auction Series and then the race was taken over by the Rob Lowe Car Company from 1997 until 2001 when the Highland Smash Repairs became the sponsor until 2013. Listed below is the full honour roll of the past winners.

1989 **Milluna Miss**, 1990 **Our Gold Coin**, 1991 **Slick Myth**, 1992 **Impulsive Gamble**, 1993 **Marry Me Mary**, 1994 **Perro Star**, 1995 **Pride Of Stef**, 1996 **Nobody's Fool**, 1997 **Blazing Honour**, 1998 **Travel Train**, 1999 **Hypnotic Trans**, 2000 **Stylish Bandit** 2001 **Pacific Flash**, 2002 **Happy Chappy**, 2003 **Awesome Design**, 2004 **Fool's State**, 2005 **Don Paco**, 2006 **Rylee's Revenge**, 2007 **Go Makatam**, 2008 **Elise Odette**, 2009 **Rail Raider**, 2010 **Iron Force**, 2011 **Pedro's Thunder**, 2012 **Rob Pines**, 2013 **Fyre Out** and 2014 **Are Ate**.

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