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Heidi Benz Wins Vince Curry

The Geoff Uhrhane trained Heidi Benz ($7.50) led all the way for victory in Saturday night's $50,750 to the winner Vince Curry Memorial Maiden final at Ipswich.

Spearing out of box three, the daughter of little-known sire Westmead Osprey sired his first Group winner after she reeled off sectionals of 5.45, 18.67 and 12.16 en route to a length and three quarter win in 30.83. Her UK-bred father, a son of Westmead Hawk, now stands at stud in Queensland at eight years of age.

Heidi Benz races away with the Vince Curry in very impressive style Final
(Photo Rick O'Donnell)

The black dog was a Group 1 winner and track record holder overseas and has 40 litters on the ground in Australia.

Tony Brett's Crazy Sexy ($2.00) ran a mighty race from box one to finished second and collect $14,500 in prizemoney. The Adam Hines trained Unaffordable ($12.60), got to third at the first turn and chased hard to finish in that position from the awkward box four draw, taking home $7,500. All placed youngsters would appear to have bright futures for their up and coming race careers.

Unfortunately promising star of the first two weeks of the series Pop The Cork had to be taken out of the final due to the suspension of trainer Reg Kay. He may have started the shortest priced favourite in the events history given what we had seen in the heat and semi-final. However as misfortune prevails for one greyhound it opened the opportunity for others.

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Heidi Benz commenced her race career with a win at Lismore in early December. The smart performance in winning time of 24.39 for the 420 metres suggested above average ability and after a follow up second there a week later she was put away for the Vince Curry.

She won her heat on week one from box five in 30.93 then finished a game second to Norm The Storm leading most of the journey only to be collared late in 30.54 when favourite at $1.90.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Norm The Storm ($5.40), 5th Got A Brother ($7.20), 6th Our Beach Girl ($21.00), 7th For Luck ($14.50) and Okavango ($25.60).

Heidi Benz is a May 2013 White & Brindle Bitch by Westmead Osprey from Berella Ciata (Bombastic Shiraz x Berella Electra). She is raced by the Sovereign Racing Syndicate and trained by Geoff Uhrhane at Churchable in Queensland. Heidi Benz has now raced on six occasions for three wins and three seconds. The $50,750 first prize for the Vince Curry Series took her overall stake earnings to $53,190.

Listed below are the past winners of the Vince Curry Memorial named after famous Queensland broadcaster Vince Curry a caller who excelled calling both Gallops and Harness but never called the greyhounds. When the Ipswich G.R.C. was in its infancy in the early 1980s Vince assisted by arranging for radio 4BC to provide coverage of the new club's Saturday night racing. At that stage no other radio station was interested, 4BC had never covered the greyhounds, and Vince went in to bat for this code. Without his help and assurances, getting greyhound racing started at Ipswich may not have happened.

1984 **Katie's Lad,** 1985 **Irish Quill,** 1986 **"Not Held",** 1987 **Rustic Bridge,** 1988 **Gullpulil,** 1989 **What A Charmer,** 1990 **Balmartin Road,** 1991 **Slick Myth,** 1992 **Captain Standby,** 1993 **Eira Gwyn,** 1994 **Classy Marcy,** 1995 **Laredo Lad,** 1996 **Reliability,** 1997 **Token Prince,** 1998 **Doover Lacky,** 1999 **Just The Best,** 2000 **Pepper Pot,** 2001 **Awesome Attack,** 2002 **Mr. Reliable,** 2003 **Woops A Daisy,** 2004 **Runaway Sally**, 2005 **Vizcaya** 2006 **Winsome Ace** and 2007 **Flying Felicity,** 2008 **Red Aces,** 2009 **High Earner,** 2010 **Auriga Fox** and 2011 **Dance A Jig,** 2012 **Brook Lee,** 2013 **Allez Bridgette** and 2014 **Jungle Junction.**

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