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# *Are Ate's Auction Series*

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It came as no surprise that the favourite won the feature race at Ipswich on Saturday night. The surprise was the manner in which he won.

The \$1.80 favourite Are Ate took out the group 2 \$40,000 to the winner Rosewood and District Community Bank Magical Puppy Auction final. But the son of Lochinvar Marlow and Long Long Mama didn't lead all the way, as most people expected would happen.



**Are Ate charges to the line to win his semi-final of the Auction Series (Pic Rick O'Donnell)**

From box six, Are Ate dwelt slightly when the lids when up. Jan Warner's Masai Princess (\$6.10) from box three held Are Ate out going around the first bend and set up a lead of around three lengths along the back stretch. Masai Princess led for home but Are Ate came to the outside and finished too powerfully to score by one and a half lengths in 30.64. The 2011 winner Pedro's Thunder holds the race record at 30.64 seconds.

Masai Princess held on gamely to take the second prize of \$7,000. Coach Little (\$18.20) for Patricia Carrington was two lengths further back third, for an earn of \$3,000.

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Rachel Scott trains Are Ate for a syndicate named the "Quad Dog Partners."

"Obviously this is a big thrill," Scott said. It was the second group race win for Are Ate who took out the group 3 Devonport Cup in January when in the care of top Tasmanian trainer Anthony Bullock.

Scott said the next mission for Are Ate will be the group 2 Brandon's Queensland Derby later this month at Albion Park. Heats are on Thursday, April 24.

"He has won at Albion Park earlier on in his career in 30.40 and 30.56 so he knows the track. And he's improved a fair bit since those wins which were last year," she said.

Jan Warner said second placegetter Masai Princess would take a similar path to Are Ate, although not to the Queensland Derby of course.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Oh that's Nice (\$7.10), 5<sup>th</sup> Royal Albert (\$9.60), 6<sup>th</sup> Melody Serenade (\$20.60), 7<sup>th</sup> Femme Jolie (\$11.90) and Ipswich Melody (\$36.10).

Are Ate is a October 2011 Black dog by Lochinvar Marlow from Long Long Mama (Vesuvio x Eyre Intent). He is raced by the Quad Dog Ptn Syndicate and trained by Rachel Scott at Park Ridge South in Queensland. Are Ate has now raced on 44 occasions for 14 wins and 10 placings and the \$40,000 first prize for the Auction Series took his overall stake earnings to \$85,380.

It was the 23rd 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** and 2013 **Fyre Out**.

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