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***Cup and Track Record to
Xylia Allen***

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LEADING Victorian trainer Graeme Bate had warned that few greyhounds in Australia could beat Xylia Allen when she got a clear run and she proved that in devastating fashion in last night's \$57,000 Launceston Cup final.

Xylia Allen (\$4.30) blitzed a quality field to score a runaway win and smash her own track record set in last week's heats.

Recording a sensational 29.09 seconds, she proved far too good for her kennel-mates Fully Advanced (\$5.30) and Schroder Bale (\$4.90) to give Bate the trifecta.

Bate had five finalists, matching the feat of leading Tasmanian trainer Ted Medhurst, who had five runners in 2007 and also filled the trifecta with Capriccio, Winsome Lonesome and Punk Atron.



Xylia Allen races away to win the Launceston Cup (Pics Peter Hayes)

Bate said after Xylia Allen's 29.35 heat win that she was an "awesome" greyhound.

"She is one of the fastest I've ever trained and that's a big statement," he said.

"However, she is very big for a bitch at 31 kilograms so she takes time to get going and always needs a bit of luck getting a clear run."

There was no such problem last night, as Xylia Allen jumped quickly and settled a clear second.

She chased Fully Advanced down the back straight before taking an inside run on the home turn and zooming clear.

Punters gambled against Xylia Allen because of an awkward draw in box 5 and her starting price of \$4.30 was generous given her heat win.

Bate has now won three Launceston cups after previous success with Wongawillicath in 2006 and Radley Bale last year.

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Earlier in the night, the Debbie Cannan-trained Parisette made amends for an unlucky second in the heats with a runaway win in the Launceston Cup Consolation.

But dual greyhound of the year Rewind's unlucky run in big races continued when he was badly checked in the early stages before recovering to finish fourth.

Parisette began only fairly from box 2 but railed through to be second entering the back straight then went inside the leader Cointreau Cap to hit the front on the home turn.

Cointreau Cap held on to finish a distant second, just in front of Tadmoo Dunoon.



A Happy Team Post Presentation

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Imry Bale (\$4.00), 5th Rob Pines (\$24.00), 6th Justin's Dream (\$42.00), 7th Pop's Max (\$6.30) and Xenos Bale (\$11.00).

Xylia Allen is raced by Janice Wheeler and is trained by Graeme Bate at Lara in Victoria. By Turanza Bale form Wheeler's brood bitch Tayah Bale (Droopy's Vieri x Francesca Bale). She is a Black Bitch whelped April 2011 she has won seven of her 17 starts and has been placed on five occasions and with the \$40,000 first prize for the Launceston Cup it took her current stake earnings to \$55,020.

The time-honoured event is one the oldest feature finals in Australia it was first run in 1936 and has no doubt seen its fair share of drama over that long period of time. They have had a dead heat in 1942 and dual winners with Mystery Bridge 75/76 and the mighty Fine Horizon in 1999 and 2000 plus, the 2006 winner a last to first performance by Victorian Wongawillicath, in 2007 the cup was won by Capriccio provided a trifecta for trainer Ted Medhurst. While in 2009 the cup saw a win to dual Tasmanian Greyhound of the Year Big Moose. Last Year the Cup was won by Victorian trained chaser Radley Bale.

The Launceston Club conducted the Cup from 1936 onwards at the old White City complex until the club moved to the new track at Tasman Park in 2005 and Monday night's Cup was the eighth staged on the circuit located inside the Mowbray Racecourse and Harness track. Listed below is the full honour roll.

1936 **Win Sheen**, 1937 **Loch Neagh**, 1938 **Gambol**, 1939 **Polly Sheen**, 1939 **Aberdeen**, 1939 **Dan's Gift**, 1940 **Dancoma**, 1941 **Black Orchid**, 1942 **All Dixie / Shirarch (DH)**, 1943 **Some Carlton**, 1944 **Young Progress**, 1945 **"Not Held"**, 1946 **Losma Lady**, 1947 **King Goldsby**, 1948 **Chief Agricola**, 1949 **Erin's Ace**, 1950 **Sheehan Lass**, 1951 **Dawn's Duty**, 1952 **Some Ben**, 1953 **Rusty's Hope**, 1954 **Martin Bluff**, 1955 **My Cheetah**, 1956 **Royal Kara**, 1957 **Murmungee**, 1958 **Ebony Minda**, 1959 **Woodford Pride**, 1960 **Nippy Cola**, 1961 **Western Idol**, 1962 **Dottie Too**, 1963 **Ophir Gold**, 1964 **Pine Birch**, 1965 **Macdillon**, 1966 **Hoodwinker**, 1967 **Ophir Glitter**, 1968 **Persian Opera**, 1969 **Michael Craig**, 1970 **Society Dancer**, 1971 **Janker's Star**, 1972 **Dalmore Prince**, 1973 **Mountain Rock**, 1974 **Jamin John**, 1975 **Mystery Bridge**, 1976 **Mystery Bridge**, 1977 **Dynamic David**, 1978 **Fire Tasson**, 1979 **Spotted Toby**, 1980 **Highland Summer**, 1981 **Anymore Anne**, 1982 **Dinkum Castle**, 1983 **Glendale Irish**, 1984 **Sheila's Teresa**, 1985 **Blue Breeze**, 1986 **Falcon Prey**, 1987 **Glenavon Raider**, 1988 **True Vintage**, 1989 **Going National**, 1990 **Blazenka's Flyer**, 1991 **Painted Hilux**, 1992 **Talkaman**, 1993 **Wary's Desire**, 1994 **Flash Billy**, 1995 **Zoom Fox**, 1996 **Two Codes**, 1997 **Pezza's Tiger**, 1998 **Olympic Vision**, 1999 **Fine Horizon**, 2000 **Fine Horizon**, 2001 **Top Shiraz**, 2002 **Jeanie's Queen**, 2003 **My Boy Speedie**, 2004 **Final Image**, 2005 **Obie Trice**, 2006 **Wongawillicath**, 2007 **Capriccio**, 2008 **Akka Boy**, 2009 **Big Moose**, 2010 **Gardam Prince** and 2011 **Fisherman** and 2012 **Radley Bale**.

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