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**Lismore Cup to the Regal Lauryn**

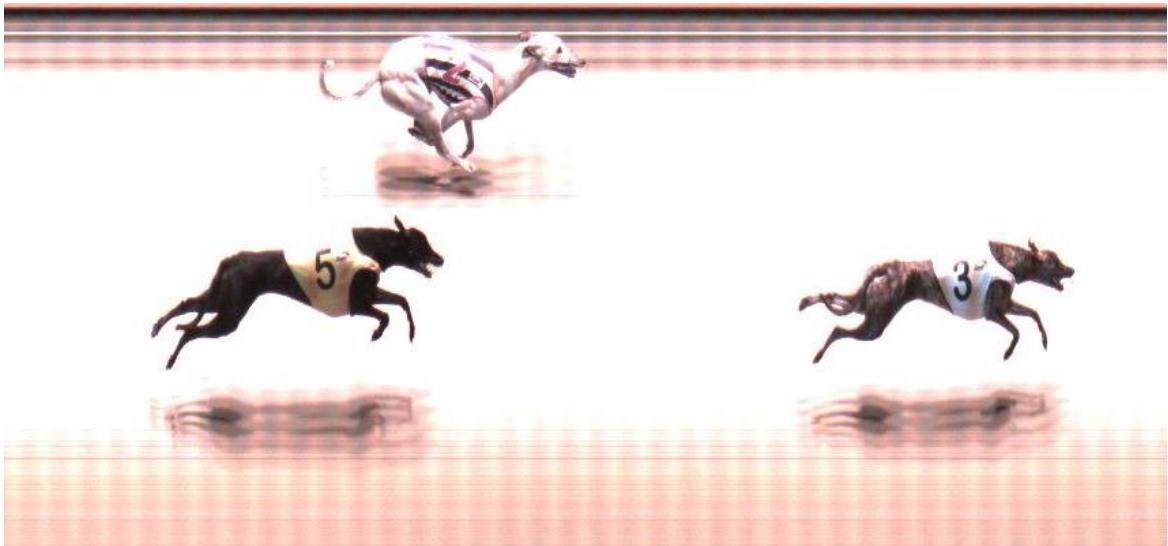
**By Paul Dolan**

Queenslanders are making the group 2 Lismore Cup their own following another victory in the race last night.

The Len Antonio owned Tony Brett trained Regal Lauryn (\$10.00) took out the \$40,000 to the winner Cup in runaway style. Starting at \$10, Regal Lauryn beat the \$3.20 favourite Edge (\$3.40) for local trainer Jan Finneran. Frank and Edie Hancock's Battistuzzi (\$4.70) finished third.

Regal Lauryn gave Brett his third victory in the Lismore Cup. He won the first running of the race on loam with champion bitch Bogie Leigh in 2003. The track had been a grass surface prior to then. And Brett trained 2009 winner Robo Raptor.

Regal Lauryn began fast from her box three draw but as is her tendency, shifted wide at the first turn.



**Regal Lauryn proves too good in the Lismore Cup**

“At that point Edge had plenty of room to get through on the inside and did that. Regal Lauryn then stayed out wide before finishing too powerfully,” Brett said.

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Regal Lauryn is by Surf Lorian out of 2008 Queensland greyhound of the year Queen Lauryn which Brett trained. Her sister and, in fact, the only other member of the litter, Miss Lauryn, also made the final of last night's Cup and finished fifth.

"Even though they are sisters, they race in different manners. Regal Lauryn can begin and show pace whereas Miss Lauryn is racing like she will be a good 700 metres performer eventually," Brett stated. Len Antonio made the trip from Ipswich to Lismore last night.

"Lennie was stoked. He gets a real buzz when his greyhounds win and he gets very emotional too," Brett said.

"It was a bit emotional for me too. It's a pretty special thing when you have trained the dam and see the next generation winning good races."

"I was rapt that Regal Lauryn was able to run such a fast time (29.96) given that she stayed wide for most of the race."

Cosmic Rumble, now a very successful sire, holds the Lismore 520 metres track record at 29.78. Five of the past six Lismore Cups have been won by Queensland trained greyhounds.

Queenslanders were successful in two other features last night. Jeff Cumming's Seven Straight won the 722 metres Harvey's Towing Distance Challenge in 42.98. Miss Brook holds the record for that distance at 42.63.

Selena Zammit won the Lismore Cup Consolation with Phantom Jewels who romped home in 29.93, about half a length quicker than Regal Lauryn's Cup winning time.

Vicki Wisener was the fourth Queenslander to win a race last night. She scored with Black Attitude in a 420 metres graded race.

After the placed runners in the cup the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Bellagio Lad (\$15.10), 5<sup>th</sup> Miss Lauryn (\$7.20) 6<sup>th</sup> Shabeky (\$5.60), 7<sup>th</sup> Miner's Moss (\$9.90) and Not Held (\$11.40).

Regal Lauryn is a Red Brindle bitch whelped January 2011 by Surf Lorian from Queen Lauryn (Token Prince x Cheeky Sprite). She is raced by Leonard Antonio and trained by Tony Brett, Regal Lauryn has raced 31 times for 14 wins and 10 placings and with Tuesday night's first prize of \$40,000, her stake earnings stand at \$76,545.

The Lismore Club has enjoyed 34 years of been sponsored by the Lismore Workers Club, something quite rare these days furthermore the association is set to continue in 2014.

The Cup has been won by some fantastic sprinters over the years, since it was first run in 1968 when won by Bonnie Beaver, the prizemoney was the princely sum of \$50. It was worth \$500 when John Scholten took over the reins in 1978 that year the cup was won by Deb's Jewel and rose to \$8000 when Rapid Journey won it in 1998.

The Association has gradually increased the prizemoney and this year first prize to the winner is \$40,000 and holds Group 2 status the race was first awarded Group status (Group 3) in 2001. The event is open to the best 32 greyhounds nominated and below is a list of Cup winners since 1968.

## Lismore 512m - Grass Track:

1968	BONNIE BEAVER	N/T
1969	NOT RUN THAT YEAR	N/T
1970	COLONEL QUE	N/T
1971	GOLDESS	N/T
1972	GOLDESS	N/T

1973	SLEEPY QUE	N/T
1974	MISTER OOLLEE	N/T
1975	REFIDEX	N/T
1976	SUGAR BAR	N/T
1977	DEB'S JEWEL	N/T
1978	DEB'S JEWEL	30.56
1979	HARRIS TWEED	30.15
1980	BARETOOP GIRL	30.22
1981	YO YOU DANCER	30.00
1982	CARNIVAL MELODY	26.69
1983	WEE ROBBIE	30.03
1984	WEROSIE AGAIN	29.82
1985	GET BEHIND ME	29.69
1986	ANOTHER FLASH	29.52
1987	SAM'S SHORT	30.14
1988	DAVID'S DYNAMO	30.04
1989	COOMERANG CHIEF	29.92
1990	BUNDY CANE	29.66
1991	BUNDY CANE	29.85
1992	TICKETY BOO	29.73
1993	GOLD STREAM	30.06
1994	PRETTY NELSON	29.69
1995	JURASSIC VAPOUR	29.45
1996	GRYSBOK	30.11
1997	ROANOKEE	29.71
1998	RAPID JOURNEY	29.57
1999	TOOLIBUK	29.73
2000	No Race	
2001	BRIGHT EBONY	29.42
2002	YO YO'S GEM	29.73

### Lismore 520m - Loam Track

2003	BOGIE LEIGH	29.85
2004	FOOL'S STATE	29.65
2005	QUE	30.39
2006	GENISTA GEMINI	30.49
2007	CARNAGE MAKER	30.07
2008	WHIRLEY STORM	29.99
2009	ROBO RAPTOR	30.30
2010	CHACHI	30.26
2011	DUFFY	30.50
2012	IMA GEISHA GIRL	29.91

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