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Marbo's Magic takes out the Maitland Cup

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Marbo's Magic (pictured) cemented his position as New South Wales' most exciting young sprinter with a devastating victory in the final of the Group 2 PPK Mining Maitland Gold Cup (450m) on Friday night.

Starting as the \$4.10 third favourite behind gun Victorians Big Ticket (\$3.90) and Aston Bolero (\$3.90), the son of El Grand Señor and Willow Blaze began evenly with the field from box five, but was given room to move in the early stages and was able to burn off his competitors in the charge towards the turn.

On the bend and quickly joining him on the outside was Aston Bolero (box six), which loomed as a massive threat, with the rest of the field headed by Rosco The Weapon (box eight).

Swinging for home and Aston Bolero and Marbo's Magic were still going stride for stride, with the latter able to kick clear half way down the home straight, clearing out to record a one and one quarter length win in 25.04.

Aston Bolero stuck on well for second, with roughie Sleek Master (\$27.90) (box seven) finishing off strongly to fill the trifecta back in third.



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Trained by Paul Braddon, Friday's win was the 11th for Marbo's Magic from just 12 career starts. The only time he has tasted defeat on the racetrack was on debut when running second at Goulburn after missing the kick.

Marbo's Magic had last week set best of day figures winning his heat, posting a near-record 24.80.

The \$36,000 winner's cheque took Marbo's Magic's career earnings to \$56,388, with the title added alongside his thrilling Temora Cup victory from early March.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Ritza Lenny (\$6.90), 5th Rosco The Weapon (\$28.40), 6th Big Ticket (\$3.90) 7th Black Driftwood (\$22.30) and Bob's Uncle (\$6.10).

Marbo's Magic is a Black dog whelped April 2014 by El Grand Senior from Willow Blaze (Goodesy x Leumeah Girl). He is raced, trained and was bred by Paul & Pam Braddon at Cowra in New South Wales. He has now won 11 races and been placed on one occasion from his 12 starts. The Maitland Cup first prize of \$36,000 brings Marbo's Magic's overall prizemoney to \$56,388.

The Maitland Cup was first run in 2003 and was awarded Group 3 status, paying \$12,000 to the winner. Due to track conversion the race was not conducted in 2004, but every year it has been run it has been supported by the Maitland Supporters Club and in 2005 and 2006 the Maitland Branch of the GBOTA has joined the Supporters Club as co-sponsors. The races current Sponsor P.P.K Mining joined in 2014.

Maitland 457m - Grass Track **Thread Prince** 26.72, 2004 Track Conversion - not conducted, Maitland 450m - Loam Track 2005 **Whatuira Banner** 25.46, 2006 **Needa Mint** 25.62, 2007 **Run The Risk** 25.09, 2008 **Awesome Hustler** 25.43, 2009 **Magnifique** 25.14, 2010 **Elite Blue Size** 24.93, 2011 **Elite Blue Size** 25.07, 2012 **Oaks Road** 25.16, 2013 **Black Magic Opal** 24.92, 2014 **Paw Licking** 25.05, 2015 **Space Craft** 25.08.

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