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Group One Hudson Pacific Maturity Classic Most Open In Years

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Next week's Group 1 \$145,000 Hudson Pacific Maturity Classic looks one of the most open finals in recent history with just three lengths separating all four semi-final winners on Saturday night.

Boom sprinter Hooksy has drawn awkwardly in box seven, with noted speedsters Grand Legacy (box six) and Mepunga Hayley (box eight) surrounding the Jim Auld-trained sprinter.

NSW chaser Shoulders looks well drawn in box two with a noted slow beginner off box one, qualifying after a narrow defeat behind Humphrey Bale (30.18) in semi - final two.

Fastest semi winner Lamia Bale – who scored at the juicy odds of \$22.90 – will begin from box four for trainer Steve Collins after a 29.99 gallop on Saturday night.

The winner of the Group 1 Hudson Pacific Maturity final will net \$100,000 in prizemoney and join an honour roll already boasting names such as Temlee, New Tears, Brett Lee, El Grand Senior, Barcia Bale and last year's winner Marcus Joe. Next Saturday night will also see the running of the Group 2 AWM Distance Championship, worth \$40,000 to the winner.











The July 26 meeting at The Meadows will also see Xylia Allen attempt to become Australia's highest prizemoney earner as she takes on a quality field in the Group 2 AWM Distance Championship over 725

AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

GROUP ONE – HUDSON PACIFIC MATURITY CLASSIC

\$100,000 to the winner

Box Draw and Tab fixed odds for Maturity Classic:

\$100,000 to the winner Group 1 Maturity Classic final 525m				
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	B/T
 1	SISCO RAGE	DARREN MCDONALD	\$8	30.24
 2	SHOULDERS	ANTHONY AZZOPARDI (NSW)	\$4.40	29.94
 3	TAKE CHARGE	STEPHEN MCKENNA	\$18	30.20
 4	LAMIA BALE	STEVE COLLINS	\$23	29.99
 5	HUMPHREY BALE	ANDREA DAILLY	\$15	29.96
 6	GRAND LEGACY	PETER DAPIRAN	\$31	30.17
 7	HOKSY	JIM AULD	\$2.70	29.95
 8	MEPUNGA HAYLEY	JEFF BRITTON	\$3.20	30.00
 9	TRAIL BLAZING (RES)	TINA WOMANN	\$26	30.41
 10	WIND WHISTLER (RES)	ANGELA LANGTON	\$41	NBT

Local expert's selections for the final are as follows.

Ron Hawkswell
 1st Mepunga Hayley
 2nd Sisco Rage
 3rd Hooksy

Rob Testa
 1st Shoulders
 2nd Mepunga Hayley
 3rd Grand Legacy

Eddie Caruana
 1st Mepunga Hayley
 2nd Sisco Rage
 3rd Hooksy

George Farrugia
 1st Hooksy
 2nd Shoulders
 3rd Mepunga Hayley

What's happening on race night?

On Course, Robbie Testa is MC and will conduct interviews in the lead up to the Maturity final.

Face painter on course

There will be plenty of Mystery Bet Combos on sale. (i.e) \$10 worth of bets with bonuses attached, they have proved very popular on other big nights.

Plus the Big Bucks competition- 4 x\$1,000 Bets & 10 \$100 Bets on the Maturity

We will be giving away 2 i-pads.

There are still some fabulous dining packages still available on one of The Meadows' biggest nights. Contact The Meadows on **9355 5222** for more information.

Some Maturity fact and figures

Nineteen favourites have won the Maturity Classic since it was first staged in 1970. Of those ten have started odds on.

The race record at Olympic Park was 29.80 held by Storm Glade, since the race transferred to the

Meadows the fastest winner is Marcus Joe in 29.66.

The longest priced winner is Poetic Magic at \$27.40 he won in 2005.

Graeme Bate has won the race on five occasions with Storm Glade (1985), Hay Dinney (88), Northern Legend (95), Shereen Bale (2011) and Barcia Bale (2012).

The only other trainers to produce more than one winner is Darren McDonald with Brett Lee (2001) and Hallucinate (2004).

Some of the most famous winners and most noted start with Temlee (74), Satan's Legend (78), Pharaoh's Mask (86), New Tears (87), Hay Dinny (88), Best Of Blue (89), Eureka Man (90), Northern Legend (95), Coriole (99), Brett Lee (2001), Hallucinate (2004), El Grand Senior (2010) Shereen Bale (2012) Barcia Bale and last year's winner Marcus Joe.

Winners that have produced winners:- Temlee produced Satan's Legend & Murchison Champ, New Tears produced Northern Legend and Brett Lee produced Hallucinate.

Only four bitches have won the Maturity Warrenwood Girl (75), Overflow Love (77), Coriole (99) and Shereen Bale (2011).

In the last decade seven of the 10 winners started favourite.



The Maturity Classic was first held at Olympic Park in 1970 when won by talented sprinter Phantom's Heir first prize at that time was \$1250. The prizemoney increased marginally until 1975 when it went to \$3,500. In 77 it was \$5,600 and jumped to \$7000 in 79 before going to \$10,000 from 1980 until 1987 the year the mighty New Tears won the race. First prize went to \$15,000 for seven years then to \$20,000 for two years and reached \$30,000 in the year 2000. In 2001 it was worth \$40,000 and the Classic was won by AGRA Hall Of Famer Brett Lee. It was elevated the next year to the amount of \$50,000 and again in 2011 the race increased to \$75,000 to the winner. Then again in 2012 the prizemoney increased to \$100,000 to the winner. Listed below is the Maturity Classic Honour roll highlighted by some of the many stars that enjoyed outstanding careers after winning the feature. The full Honour Roll is listed below.

DATE	GREYHOUND	SIRE	DAM	ODDS	TIME	BOX	STAKE	TRAINER
1970	PHANTOM'S HEIR	Phantom's Return	Dasher's Flight	1/2F	30.31	1	\$1,250	J.Bushell
1971	LINDEN LAD	Claymose	Ophir Gold	3/1	30.75	7	\$1,250	E. Jacobs
1972	NULLA'S CALL	Nulla View	Bacall	15/1	30.63	8	\$2,200	R.Pyers
1973	SHAN'S TEMPEST	Blue Shan	Thunderella	5/2	30.33	1	\$2,000	R. Jeffrey
1974	TEMLEE	Tivoli Chief	Temora Lee	5/4F	30.45	1	\$2,000	F.Cray
1975	WARRANWOOD GIRL	Plunder Road	Ccaledonian Gem	4/5F	30.56	1	\$3,500	J Hickson
1976	AARON KING	Newmore King	Here Comes Sue	1/2F	30.50	1	\$3,500	G.E.Bryant
1977	OVERFLOW LOVE	Overflow Eagle	Sudden Love	4/1	31.06	2	\$5,600	Mrs P Haas
1978	SATAN'S LEGEND	Temlee	Cyclone Liz	5/2	30.26	7	\$5,600	D. Gillard
1979	MARAJAX	Agry	Shane Maree	4/7F	30.29	1	\$7,000	A Brearley
1980	WORTHY WESTON	Weston Pete	Furore	4/5F	30.39	6	\$10,000	B Jacobson
1981	MURCHISON CHAMP	Temlee	Top Kewin	4/1	30.46	5	\$10,000	K.Richards
1982	WYNLEE SPIRIT	Dashing Disco	Busy Sadie	6/1	30.28	5	\$10,000	A.Roberts
1982	ROCKY PYRAMID	Bowetzel	Flinders Tiv	9/4F	30.44	3	\$10,000	F Ladd
1984	BROKEN CUP	Go Club	Marungi Idol	9/2	30.03	1	\$10,000	L.Ketelaar

1985	STORM GLADE	Busy's Chief	Supreme Ocean	11/4	29.80	2	\$10,000	G.Bate
1986	PHARAOH'S MASK	Roy Trease	Forever Eaton	4/1	29.92	3	\$10,000	D.Connor
1987	NEW TEARS	Pretty Short	Starfire Lady	5/4	29.94	5	\$10,000	S.Davies
1988	HAY DINNEY	Chariot Supreme	Mary Baxter	7/4F	29.80	1	\$15,000	G.Bate
1989	BEST OF BLUE	Nation Parade	Blue Louise	5/2	29.96	4	\$15,000	A.Evans
1990	EUREKA MAN	Pretty Fearless	Pride Of Quanne	1/2F	29.82	4	\$15,000	K.Patterson
1991	ENFIELD	Pop Gun	That's Lika Flash	3/1	30.15	6	\$15,000	S.Johannesen
1992	EXECUTIVE CLASS	Fremantle Echo	All The Aces	5/2	29.82	1	\$15,000	M.Taylor
1993	KEYSTONE	Chariot Supreme	Clever Sue	6/4	29.98	2	\$15,000	T.Brown
1994	REFUR	Black Pirate	Corrossa Girl	11/2	30.03	3	\$15,000	R.Halliday
1995	NORTHERN LEGEND	New Tears	Swift Laser	2/1F	29.85	1	\$20,000	G.Bate
1996	ROYAL HONCHO	Head Honcho	Wee Sal	10/9F	30.10	8	\$20,000	G.Edwards
1997 (San)	RUNNING GOLD	Golden Mike	Twiglet	2/1	30.33	7	\$30,000	S.Sorbello
1998 (San)	ADRENALIN STORM	Adrenalize	Storm Vixen	6/1	29.94	1	\$30,000	N.Maurer
1999	CORIOLE	Black Shiraz	Idol Storm	5/1	29.97	3	\$30,000	D.Holmes
2000	ACACIA DEE	Acacia Ablaze	DeeBee	9/2	30.28	4	\$30,000	P. Giles
2001	BRETT LEE	Gun Law Osti	Sobbing Sal	1.20F	29.75	8	\$40,000	D. McDonald
2002	ROCKA COCKATOO	Just the Best	Cockatoo Cabin	3.40	30.63	8	\$50,000	P. Chaker
2003	HALL'S NORTHERN	Legs Ahoy	Karalinga	2.40F	29.98	2	\$50,000	K. Hunt
2004	HALLUCINATE	Brett Lee	Elusive Rebel	1.80F	30.15	1	\$50,000	D. McDonald
2005	POETIC MAGIC	Carlisle Jack	Portic Girl	27.40	30.15	5	\$50,000	K. Mugavin
2006	TRAIN A JOURNEY	Primo Uno	Currency Tears	2.90F	30.11	4	\$50,000	J. Galea
2007	RUN'S HOUSE	Awesome Aassassin	Amy's Sonnet	1.50F	29.80	1	\$50,000	J. Thompson
2008	PADDY'S FLAME	Larkhill Jo	Miss Holly	2.60F	30.03	6	\$50,000	P.Giles
2009	ASTON TRIVETT	Bond	Miss Spicy	3.70	29.89	2	\$50,000	J.Thompson
2010	EL GRAND SENOR	Where's Pedro	Elgrando Gold	2.00F	29.99	1	\$50,000	C.Jones
2011	SHEREEN BALE	Over Flo	Horizon Bale	3.20	29.75	8	\$50,000	G. Bate
2012	BARCIA BALE	Go Wild Teddy	Princess Bale	2.00F	30.03	3	\$100,000	G. Bate
2013	MARCUS JOE	Velocette	Mojo Glory	15.10	29.66	3	\$100,000	B. Maloney



Last year's Winner Marcus Joe holds off race favourite Dyna Nalin (Pic Paul Munt)

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