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Dyna Patty to start favourite in Group 1 Maturity Classic

By George Farrugia MGRA Publicity Officer

Dyna Patty has been installed a \$2.50 favourite to take out this year's Group 1 Maturity Classic (525m) at The Meadows after drawing the coveted red alley in Saturday night's \$100,000-to-the-winner final.

The daughter of Fernando Bale and Unix Bale used box one beautifully in her outstanding 29.80 semi-final victory, tracking early leader Blue Hunter before unleashing a powerful burst to qualify for the fourth Group final of her career. Trained by Andrea Dailly, the brindle chaser has won four races at The Meadows, smashing the 30-second barrier in each of those victories, and is the only female to qualify for this year's Maturity Classic.

Husband and wife training duo Brooke and Jamie Ennis go into the final with a two-pronged attack after impressive victories from Barooga Brett and Tritt Tritt.

Barooga Brett kicked off proceedings with a gutsy 30.31 win over Aston Duke and Black Forge in heat two, surging clear in the final stages to qualify for the first Group final of his career. The son of Barcia Bale and Destini Gold will start from box four in Saturday's final. The Ennis' second runner – Tritt Tritt – will hold extra special meaning for the Lara trainers seeing the black chaser is sired by their former star chaser My Bro Fabio. The Matthew Sheahan-owned chaser was last on the first corner before showing his customary finishing burst, racing away to score by over five lengths in 29.97. Tritt Tritt will start from box two – a draw he has a terrific record from, winning five and placing in another two from seven starts.









The other semi-final winner was the brilliant Orson Allen (KC And All – Desalle Bale), who made it nine wins from 15 career starts in an all-the-way 29.86 win – just .05 outside his fantastic PB, which he achieved when winning on debut. The fawn chaser will be looking to give trainer Correy Grenfell his first success at Group 1 level.

The Maturity Classic was first held at Olympic Park in 1970 when won by Phantom's Heir and has since built up an honour roll that includes the likes of Brett Lee, Barcia Bale, Fernando Bale and last year's winner Mepunga Blazer.

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GROUP ONE – MATURITY CLASSIC

Box Draw and TAB Fixed Prices for Maturity Classic:

\$100,000 to the winner Group 1 Maturity Classic Final 525m				
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	B/T
	Dyna Patty	Andrea Dailly	\$2.50	29.73
	Tritt Tritt	Brook Ennis	\$4	29.92
	Wise Piquet	Jeff Britton	\$8	30.05
	Borooga Brett	Brook Ennis	\$8	29.89
	Cavatron	Paul Abela	\$16	NBT
	Orson Allen	Correy Grenfell	\$6	29.81
	Chief's Empire	Darren Brown	\$6	29.97
	Aston Duke	Seona Thompson	\$7	30.18
	My Redeemer (RES)	David Geall	\$5.50	29.90
	Jacqui Shoshone (RES)	David Crawford	\$21	30.28

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

Ron Hawkswell

1st Dyna Patty
2nd Tritt Tritt
3rd Orson Allen

Eddie Caruana

1st Dyna Patty
2nd Orson Allen
3rd Tritt Tritt

George Farrugia

1st Orson Allen
2nd Dyna Patty
3rd Tritt Tritt

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Some Maturity fact and figures

Twenty-one 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 Fernando Bale in 29.50.

The longest priced winner is Poetic Magic at \$27.40 he won in 2005. The Shortest priced winner is Brett Lee at 1.20 when won in 2001.

Graeme Bate 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 are Darren McDonald with Brett Lee (2001) and Hallucinate (2004), Jason Thompson 2007 Run's House and 2009 Aston Trivett and Jeff Britton Mepunga Hayley (2014) and Mepunga Blazer (2017).

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 Dinney (88), Best Of Blue (89), Eureka Man (90), Northern Legend (95), Coriole (99), Brett Lee (2001), Hallucinate (2004), El Grand Senor (2010) Shereen Bale (2012) Barcia Bale, (2013) Marcus Joe and 2015 winner Fernando Bale.

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

Only five bitches have won the Maturity Warrenwood Girl (75), Overflow Love (77), Coriole (99) and Shereen Bale (2011) and 2014 winner Mepunga Hayley.

In the last decade seven of the 11 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	Clay Moss	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	Caledonian 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	Poetic 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
2014	MEPUNGA HAYLEY	Bekim Bale	Mepunga Harmony	4.10	29.79	8	\$100,000	J. Britton
2015	FERNANDO BALE	Kelos Fusileer	Chloe Allen	1.40F	29.50	2	\$100,000	A. Dailly
2016	KILTY EXPRESS	Kilty Lad	Bogie Jewel	3.50	30.17	6	\$100,000	R. Drew
2017	MEPUNGA BLAZER	Premier Fantasy	Mepunga Diamond	2.00	29.81	6	\$100,000	J. Britton



Last year's Winner Mepunga Blazer races away to win the 2017 Maturity (Pic Clint Anderson)

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