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Thompson's Memorable Moment

By Michael Floyd

Diminutive chaser Got A Moment created history at Sandown Park last night when she claimed the world's richest greyhound race, the \$500,000 TAB Melbourne Cup.

The least fancied of Pearcedale trainer Jason Thompson's three finalists, Got A Moment (\$11.60) began cleanly from box 2 but was headed by Desalle Bale (\$9.20) through the first turn.



Got A Moment holds off Glen Gallon to win the Melbourne Cup (All Pics Paul Munt)

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Got A Moment railed through to take the lead down the back straight before Hurunui Hitman swept around the outside to assume the lead.

However the Geelong Cup winner couldn't open a margin of more than a neck, and on the turn for home Got A Moment again railed through to regain the lead.

Dual Group 1 winner Glen Gallon switched off heels and in a thrilling run to the line, Got A Moment prevailed by a neck in 29.37 seconds.

It was a tenacious win for the smallest greyhound to contest the TAB Melbourne Cup series, and her win came as no surprise to her trainer.

"I thought she was the best boxed of our three but everything still has to go to plan," said Thompson.

"I thought a couple of times she was going to get checked out of it in the run but she's got a big heart to push through the way she did and then hold off the fast finishing Glen Gallon."

Got A Moment only arrived in the Thompson kennel eight weeks ago, having been sent down to the leading Victorian mentor by owner/breeder Dianna Buxton on the recommendation of mutual friend, Reg Kay. Thompson knew from the moment she arrived he had something special.

"She settled in so well. We only had her for two days and you'd have thought she'd been at home her entire life.

"Then she started trialling really quickly and we probably rushed her a little bit to get her here. But everything went to plan and she enough to time to have her right for tonight. Everything went perfectly."

Remarkably, Jason met Dianna for the first time on TAB Melbourne Cup night.

"I'd spoken to her a lot on the phone, but tonight was the first time we'd met.

"She's a real character. She'll certainly enjoy this win having bred the greyhound and doing all of her early preparation. She deserves a lot of credit, she did a really good job."

The win was Got A Moment's fourth in as many starts at Sandown Park and 13th in 28 starts for her career. Despite entering the race with lowest prize money total of all finalists, now sits 19th on the all-time prize money earners list with \$398,721.

Further group race glory awaits Got A Moment with a return to her home track at Albion Park next Thursday night for the heats of the Sky Racing Brisbane Cup.

The win continues an amazing year for the Thompson kennel, with Got A Moment the fifth individual Group 1 winner for 2012, and his third Group race victory in November.

Got A Moment is a Brindle bitch whelped February 2010 by Collision from Splitting Hairs (Banker Hud x As Moments Go). She is raced and was bred by Dianne Buxton from Logan Reserve in Queensland. Transferred to Victoria in September she is trained by leading Australian mentor Jason Thompson from his property at Pearcedale. Got A Moment has raced 28 times for 13 wins and seven placings with her win in the Melbourne Cup the \$350,000 first prize took her current stake earnings to \$398,721.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th General Destini (\$21.40), 5th Proven Nitro (\$6.90), 6th Don't Knocka Him (\$4.30) 7th Desalle Bale (\$9.20) and Linden Magpie (\$7.80).

Listed below is the honour roll of winners of the Melbourne Cup.

1956 **Rocketeer**, 1957 **Rookie Rebel**, 1958 **Marine Jet**, 1959 **Capital King**, 1960 **Chief Rane**, 1961 **Bybrae**, 1962 **Saskagay**, 1963 **Saskaview**, 1964 **Rocket Streak**, 1965 **Kinta's Son**, 1966 **Cheltenham Lass**, 1967 **Swan Opal**, 1968 **Mr Spot**, 1969 **Milimsimbi**, 1970 **Chris' Dandy**, 1971 **Gerard The Gent**, 1972 **Gold Grotto**, 1973 **New Mariner**, 1974 **Kwik Metal**, 1975 **Dynamic Dean**, 1976 **Carrington Jade**, 1977 **Milepost**, 1978 **Tangaloa**, 1979 **Acclaim Star**, 1980 **Black Aztec**, 1981 **Satan's Shroud**, 1982 **Kid Scandal**, 1983 **Lady Lilly**, 1984 **Rustic Venture**, 1985 **Sydney Dingaan**, 1986 **Legendary Kid**, 1987 **Speedy Mick**, 1988 **Hua**, 1989 **Fair Sentence**, 1990 **Highly Blessed**, 1991 **Fox Hunt**, 1992 **Master Giant**, 1993 **Silver Chisel**, 1994 **Light Of Fire**, 1995 **City Blitz**, 1996 **Henry Hand**, 1997 **Roanokee**, 1998 **Rapid Journey**, 1999 **Kantarn Bale** 2000 **Go Wild Teddy**, 2001 **Classic Capri**, 2002 **Excite Ability**, 2003 **Bombastic Shiraz**, 2004 **Hallucinate**, 2005 **Closing Argument**, 2006 **Betty's Angel**, 2007 **Shanlyn Prince**, 2008 **Surgeon**, 2009 **Lord Ducal**, 2010 **El Grand Senior**, 2011 **Dyna Tron** and 2012 **Got A Moment**.

Crowd Inspires Stayer to her Fourth Group 1

The magical Miata, the girl that acted as a catalyst to greyhound racing's ever increasing popularity has lit up the track once again, winning the Group 1 Solo Bold Trease (715m) at Sandown on Thursday night.

The mighty West Australian stayer didn't have it all her own way in the race, with the extremely talented Jethro taking the early lead out of box 6, with Miata (\$1.50) slightly missing the start from Box 2 and copping an early check.

Jethro (\$4.20) continued his amazing form and broke to a six length lead rounding the winning post, with Miata bridging the gap.

Down the back straight Miata started to make up ground as Jethro began to tire, and as they entered the home straight there was a thunderous roar from the enormous crowd, as Australia's sweetheart drew level with Jethro and then overtook him.

All those on track were willing the champion home and the fawn flashed that has captured the nation's attention duly delivered.

"Jethro set her a challenge and she had to dig really deep tonight and I'm just so proud of her," trainer Paul Stuart said, "She's just amazing."

"This is a much better feeling than last time we were in a big race at Sandown (Sandown Cup) when she was beaten," he said.

"She has won four Group 1's this year which is incredible and they are all special in their own right but tonight was a great performance," a jubilant Stuart said.

Miata's career record now stands at 34 wins and four placings from 42 starts and she has amassed a staggering \$551,000 in prizemoney.

Stuart indicated that all going well she will return to Victoria around Christmas time for the Group 1 Sale Cup.

The largest crowd seen on course for over two decades was a fitting reward for the hard working administration, catering and track staff at Sandown.

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Miata is a Red Fawn bitch whelped October 2009 by Bombastic Shiraz from Winsome Bluebird (Lansley Bale x Winsome Duchess). She raced by Nicole Wheeler-Whye & Paul Stuart and trained by Paul Stuart at Oakford in Western Australia. She has now won 34 races and been placed on four from his 41 starts. The Bold Trease first prize of \$100,000 brings her overall prizemoney to \$551,258, fourth on the all-time list.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Bell Haven (\$11.10) 5th Mimicking (\$32.50), 6th Erica Allen (\$36.70) 7th Maccaboy (\$29.20) and She's Purring (\$30.40).

TAB Melbourne Cup night was a tremendous success for the club, with the largest crowd in modern history witnessing a memorable night of greyhound racing. The big crowd helped the Club top \$1million in TAB turnover on a meeting for the sixth time in as many years. The overall figure of \$1.3 million was an industry record. TAB turnover up an incredible 28% on the meeting, and featured a record TAB quaddie pool of \$552,681 up 61.8% from 2011.

The Sandown team led by CEO Greg Miller introduced a number of changes to how Cup night is run and promoted over the last few years and the results have been stunning. The big crowd enjoyed a wonderful night of excitement and atmosphere plus a host of entertainment and action.



The Mighty Miata winning the Bold Trease Carnival Cup

Bold Trease Carnival Cup Honour Roll.

1999 **Chain Of Lagoons**, 2000 **Mr Boswell**, 2001 **Sara Magee**, 2002 **Naughty Nita**, 2003 **Proven Adonis**, 2004 **Arvo's Athena**, 2005 **Texas Gold**, 2006 **Sargent Major** and 2007 **Cash Express**, 2008 **Fallen Zorro**, 2009 **Drill' Em**, 2010 **So Seductive**, 2011 **Ziping Malfoy** and 2012 **Miata**.

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