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# Second Group 1 for Dyna Villa

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Dyna Villa (\$2.20) continued his meteoric rise up the sprinting ranks, taking out the Group 1 Ladbrokes Paws Of Thunder (520m) at Wentworth Park on Saturday night.

Jumping from box eight, Dyna Villa was able to cross from the wide draw and hold out the early pacesetters to lead going through the first turn. From there, Dyna Villa entered another gear, pulling away from his rivals to win by 2 1/2 lengths in 29.69.

Assertive Bella (\$4.70) held on well for second place with Kerrigan Bale (\$11.90) a further 4 1/2 lengths away in third.

Dyna Villa made some history, with the Jenny Hunt-trained chaser becoming the first greyhound to win the Paws Of Thunder and Melbourne Cup.



**Dyna Villa in action last week at Wentworth Park**

And Dyna Villa will not be resting on his laurels with the dog's handler Joe Briffa, spokesman for trainer Jenny Hunt, indicating the dog will be back at Wentworth Park for next Saturday night's heats of the National Derby.

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"The Perth Cup heats are a week later but Western Australia is a long trip so I reckon Jenny will opt for the National Derby series in Sydney," Briffa said.

"This dog is simply a great chaser."

Dyna Villa took his record to 19 wins from 30 appearances and has already earned more than \$600,000 in prizemoney.

While Dyna Villa's dominant effort was tremendous, run of the night (and possibly year) came in the Group 2 Ladbrokes Summer Distance Plate (720m), in which Space Star, staged a breathtaking performance to win.

Space Star (\$1.30) copped a severe check in the early stages and gave fellow Victorian Starc (\$6.30) a huge start, only for the Robbie Britton-trained stayer to run him down in the final stages.

Amazingly Space Star was able to cover the 720m in 42.18, 0.2 faster than he posted in his all-the-way heat win a week earlier.

Robbie Britton has won dozens of group races but even he was gob-smacked at Space Star's effort.

"That was a run and a half," a beaming Britton said after the race.

"I didn't see him get hit in the early stages and when he dropped back sharply I thought he had broken down.

"Then when he got going again I still believed he was gone and could not get anywhere near the leader from where he was."

Meanwhile, Dyna Nico won the tenth running of the Collerson. Jumping smartly it was a one act affair, with the Andrea Dailly trained sprinter leading throughout for the Wheelers.

Wentworth Park now turns to the heats of the Group 1 National Futurity on Friday night, while the National Derby heats will headline Saturday's card.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order Whittaker (\$13.00), Maximum Lil (\$18.50), Spring Leaf (\$14.10), Shoulders (\$6.80) and Coolabah Jet (\$11.90).

Dyna Villa is a Black dog whelped October 2012 by Collision from Roxio Bale (Droopys Vieri x Francesca Bale). Dyna Villa is raced Brendan Wheeler and trained by Jenny Hunt. He has raced 30 times for 19 wins and nine placings. After adding the \$100,000 first prize for the Paws of Thunder his stake earnings stand at \$629,990.

After the placings in the Summer Plate the field finished in the following order Pumped Up Zarr (\$20.30), Double Rinse (\$38.80), Big Kat (\$27.90), Serena Nimbus (\$18.40) and Zipping Rory (\$9.50).

Space Star is a Black dog whelped June 2012 by Bekim Bale from Tonta Tears (Kiowa Sweet Trey x Tears) he is raced by Camilla Limon and trained by Robert Britton at Lara in Victoria. Space Star has raced 29 times for 17 wins and eight placings with prizemoney of \$146,700.

Listed below are the past winners of Paws Of Thunder which was formerly known as the St.Leger and first run in 1957. The NSW NCA restructured the prizemoney and the race name in 2001. It is now conducted by the GBOTA.

1957 **Idle Sign**, 1958 **Ebony Minda**, 1959 **Super Samson**, 1960 **Constant Raider**, 1961 **Elsie Moss**, 1962 **Black Top**, 1963 **Miss Warcroft**, 1964 **Revival King**, 1965 **Daily Tide**, 1966 **Sunset Fire**, 1967 **Another Glitter**, 1968 **Zoom Top**, 1969 **Beau Brin**, 1970 **Size Seven**, 1971 **Romantic Top**, 1972 **Likely Light**, 1973 **Trella Light**, 1974 **Busy's Chief**, 1975 **Mighty Aussie**, 1976 **Palaver**, 1977 **Fine Arama**, 1978 **Oberon Lily**, 1979 **Lord Raleigh**, 1980 **Glider's Son**, 1981 **Promises Free**, 1982 **Winifred Bale**, 1983 **Winston Lass**, 1984 **Beach Rhythm** 1985 **Another Flash**, 1986 **Memories Gate**, 1987 **See Yah**, 1988 **Grizzly Bear**, 1989 **Jessica Kate**, 1990 **Dixie Lass**, 1991 **Little Denver**, 1992 **Iago**, 1993 **Leon Mal**, 1994 **Zazziam**, 1995 **Nine Inch Nails**, 1996 **Tamborine Dancer**, 1997 **Elle's Commando**, 1998 **Waiwera Marika**, 1999 **Stately Bird**, 2000 **Some Secret**, 2001 **Suellen Bale**, 2002 **Modern Assassin**, 2003 **Winsome Shot**, 2004 **Kobble Rock** 2005 **Pure Octane**, 2006 **Suave Fella**, 2007 **Leprechaun Pace**, 2008 **One Tree Hill**, 2009 **Cindeen Shelby**, 2010 **Lochinvar Marlow**, 2011 **Fancy Will**, 2012 **(Not Held)** 2013 **Sheikha** and 2014 **Iona Seven**.

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