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***Jagger Swagger lands  
Richmond Derby***

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Jagger Swagger completed a Group double in the space of three weeks when he led from start to finish in last Saturday night's Group 2 Eco Friendly Building Richmond Derby Final (535m).

A short priced favourite from a perfect draw Jagger Swagger (\$2.10) came out of the boxes in full flight and dominated from the outset.

Up and comer Zipping Milo (\$9.90) began quickly from box seven but he could not cross Jagger Swagger.

Zipping Milo was three lengths behind Jagger Swagger of the back but he chased hard to go down by 1 ½ lengths.

Hoover Boy (\$6.30) originally the first reserve gained a start from the rails box and wound up third two lengths behind the runner-up.

The time of 30.35 was fast and equalled the time Jagger Swagger recorded on the track in November.

On February 15 Jagger Swagger came from a rearward position in the middle stages to win the Group 1 National Derby Final.

The black dog posted the fastest Richmond Derby heat time of 30.46 a week before the final.

Jagger Swagger owners Tyrone Whittington and Glen Sprod purchased the dog when a pup from breeder Craig Chappelow.

The dog was broken in by Dennis Barnes at Cudal and he has a tremendous record with 14 wins and six placings from 21 starts.

Jagger Swagger's two Derby wins have boosted his prizemoney by \$115,000 and he has now won \$133,160 on the track.

Jagger Swagger will now run in a heat of the Golden Easter Egg on Saturday night.

While the son of Premier Fantasy is a rare talent and remember he is only two years and two months old his 32 year old trainer Mark Azzopardi is a rising star in the trainers ranks.

Azzopardi has now won a Group 1 and three Group 2s.

His decision to purchase a small property at Appin has paid dividends for Azzopardi who has enjoyed a very successful past six months.

Never short of a word, Azzopardi was over the moon when I caught up with him on Sunday.

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"Rapt - predictions I have made about this dog have all come true," Azzopardi said.

"I have always believed Jagger Swagger would stay later on but I admit to being concerned when Zipping Milo was chasing him on Saturday.

"He is also very strong and ran one hell of a race. The more spacious Richmond track suits Jagger Swagger much better than the other two turn tracks.

"He just needs a bit of room in the early stages. His record is phenomenal and the Easter Egg is next.

"Jagger Swagger plays up in the kennels and each run takes plenty out of him.

"I wish Group 1 winners were seeded into the semi-finals of the Easter Egg and if that was the case Jagger Swagger could have a week off.

"He won't be off the lead all week but I may take him to the beach. He has pulled up okay.

"This dog has not reached his peak yet and a 29.50 run at Wentworth Park is not beyond him.

"Depending on how far he goes in the Easter Egg series the Maitland Cup is an option after the Egg.

"Tyrone and Glen are my major clients and I am so happy for them that Jagger Swagger has done what he has.

"I have ten in work at Appin and a lot more young dogs preparing for racing.

"One of my best, Transcend Time, resumes in a heat of the Maitland Gold Collar on Thursday.

"He won the Bob Payne Winter Stake but he has not raced for six months," Azzopardi added.

Nowra trainer Steve White had a successful night at Richmond with his charges taking out the two main support race, the Frank Kennedy Memorial (618m) and Belfair Cup (717m).

Nowra Spring Classic winner Amadeus Strikes (\$1.30) led all-the-way to win the Frank Kennedy Memorial in a sizzling 35.67.

Amadeus Strikes was a last start Wentworth Park winner.

The Kennedy family were trackside where the popular Frank Kennedy called races for many years. White's Robert Andrew (\$9.70) won the Belfair Cup in 42.20.

After the placings in the Derby the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Mythical Eagle (\$4.20), 5<sup>th</sup> Welden Flash (\$15.20), 6<sup>th</sup> Young Snozz (\$26.50) 7<sup>th</sup> Gradence (\$29.40) and Carlos Pedro fell (\$12.00).

Jagger Swagger is raced by T Whittington & G Sprod and trained by Mark Azzopardi he is a Black dog whelped December 2010 by Premier Fantasy from Surpassing (Collision x Frosty Fruits). Jagger Swagger has won 14 of his 21 starts and has been placed on six occasions after the first prize of \$40,000 for the Derby his current stake earnings stand at \$134,050.

Listed below is the Richmond Derby honour roll first run up the straight 320 yards in 1957 it then changed to a grass circle over 537 metres in 1974. In a major revamp the club put down a new loam surface and track re-shape in 1999 and the Derby is now run over the new distance of 535 metres.

1957 **Lilac's Luck**, 1958 **Some Clue**, 1959 **Sudden Glory**, 1960 **Little Budgie**, 1961 **Dodger's Luck**, 1962 **Gold Packet**, 1963 **Flying Myobb**, 1964 **King Ming**, 1965 **Top Mitch**, 1966 **African Ballet**, 1967 **Fleetfoot Joe**, 1968 **Red Park**, 1969 -1973 **"Not Held"** 1974 **Roomatic**, 1975 **Ainslie Boy** 1976 **Wade Park**, 1977 **Woodburn Wonder**, 1978 **Leon Kuley**, 1979 **Major Willa**, 1980 **Papuana**, 1981 **Timeaclog**, 1982 **Peter Glider** 1983 **Opal Columbus**, 1984 **Bindall's Hope / Ceamy Koco (DH)** 1985 **Rapid Supreme**, 1986 **Tiger Country**, 1987 **Buka Sunset**, 1988 **Maggiore**, 1989 **Rumpus Brandi**, 1990 **Whisky Bale**, 1991 **Kedo's Image**, 1992 **Tallest Peer**, 1993 **National Leader**, 1994 **Wiljarra**, 1995 **Fabian**, 1996 **Antique Vision**, 1997 **Spanish Master**, 1998 **Murphy's Benji**, 1999 **Royal Pilgrim**, 2000 **Stately Bird**, 2001 **Zingalong Red**, 2002 **Tourist Dan**, 2003 **Cyrus The Virus**, 2004 **Spring Secret**, 2005 **Gozo Master**, 2006 **Cool Matt**, 2007 **Laurie's Tigers**, 2008 **Mandagery Man**, 2009 **Cool Flight**, 2010 **Bogie Brave** 2011 **Decembrist** and 2012 **Path To Vegas**.

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