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Iva Vision of Greatness

By Mick Floyd Sandown Racing Manager

Iva Vision confirmed itself as one of the country's premier greyhounds after leading all of the way in the Group 2 Macro Meats Shootout at Sandown Park tonight.

Trained by Queenslander Peter Young and represented by his father Brian, Iva Vision provided the pair with the biggest win of their training career in claiming one of greyhound racing's most sought after titles.

"He jumped a lot better than he did last at his last start, but I knew there were some really strong dogs in the race and when Oakvale Destiny loomed on the back straight I thought it would test him out. But he's never been passed in a race when leading and fortunately he hung on," said Brian.



Iva Vision winning the Sandown Shoot-Out (Pics Clint Anderson)

Iva Vision began well to lead the four-dog field to the first turn, where Oakvale Destiny (which gained a start following the scratching of Banjo Boy) shifted out and checked Awesome Project which in turn checked Allen Deed to allow the Queenslander to open a three length lead down the back straight.

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Despite Oakvale Destiny's best efforts, Iva Vision held on to claim the \$50,000 first prize by 1¼ lengths in 29.27 seconds.

Following the box draw the previous Thursday, Iva Vision opened as much as \$8 for the final, a price good enough coax Brian out of a decade long punting hiatus.

"I haven't had a bet for 10 years – probably longer – I can't remember the last time I had a bet. But when I saw him at \$8 in a four dog field, I thought I have to have a few dollars on him. Then the next day I saw he was \$7.50 so I thought I'd have a few dollars more," he said with a laugh.

Iva Vision would eventually start the race at \$4.50 – the longest priced Shootout winner since Silver Saul in 2002 and the second longest priced winner in the race's 16 years history.

By little known sire Ivan Brown – which won just four races in his 12 race career for \$4,150 in prize money and which has just nine litters on the ground – Iva Vision has exceeded all expectations the Youngs had set their kennel star.

"We bred the litter with the hope of winning a few races at Albion Park but it was pretty clear early on that he was a bit special. Everyone said we have to travel with them, not that we're very good travellers, but we're getting more experience with it.

"We are fortunate to be able to stay with the Greenoughs while in Melbourne and I can't thank them enough for opening their doors and welcoming me in."

The win was Iva Vision's second Group title following his Group 3 South Australian Derby win in September, improving his overall record to 12 wins from 18 starts with three minor placings, and took his prize money to \$109,200.



Jackie Greenough with Brian Young and Iva Vision after the Shootout win

Iva Vision will remain in Victoria following tonight's win in preparation for next Thursday night's TAB Melbourne Cup heats. The winner of each heat will progress to the world's richest greyhound race, the \$600,000 TAB Melbourne Cup on Friday 21 November.

For further information about the TAB Melbourne Cup, visit www.superdogs.com.au

Iva Vision is a Black Dog whelped March 2012 by Ivan Brown from Visualization (Surf Lorian x Leataro). He is raced by the Conlon-Miller-Young Syndicate and trained by Peter Young at Morayfield in Queensland. Iva Vision has raced 18 times for 12 wins and three placings and his stake earnings stand at \$109,175.

The first Shoot-Out was contested in 1998 and it's fair to say the concept wasn't entirely embraced. Hall Of Fame superstar of the time Rapid Journey's connections didn't chose to participate openly declaring they didn't support the concept. In fact the Sandown Club only received three nominations, Time Framer from Victoria who started long odds on favourite and finished last Golden Butter from New South Wales and Western Australian Reggemite, a brilliant sprinter of his time he led all the way to win easily by three and half lengths. Since 98 the race has become well accepted and years following the first running the club received between seven and 10 nominations hoping for a start in the winner take all feature. However in 2008 the club decided on a dramatic change to the race when they dropped the \$5000 entry fee and opened the Shoot-Out up to all comers. They were rewarded with a host of nominations and wonderful fields to choose from. The race also dropped back to a Group 3 event but lost no apparent impact at all and received similar if not more media coverage than it had in previous years. That format has remained since 2008 and the race was elevated to Group 2 status this year. Since the free entry became the norm and the field is chosen by the club and GRV Grader there has been many a controversy as to the inclusion of a number of runners. However in the main the fields have been accepted as correct, leaving many connections disappointed on not getting a run. The race is the only type of its kind on the Group calendar and it is quite unique with no perceived rules regarding who should be in or out of the final line-up.

Group 2/3 Shootout Honour Roll

Year	Winner	Trainer	Time
1998	Reggemite (WA)	Allan Britton	29.74
1999	Great Wish	George Kantzidis	29.83
2000	Go Wild Teddy (NSW)	Mark Bell	29.71
2001	Junior Whisky (NSW)	Judy Hayley	30.00
2002	Silver Saul (SA)	Angela Modra	29.90
2003	Bombastic Shiraz	Darren Cairns	30.17
2004	Whisky Assassin	Jason Thompson	29.69
2005	Bond (NSW)	Darren McDonald	29.38*
2006	Jaimandy Coops	Paul Donohue	29.63
2007	Cool Effort	Darren McDonald	29.71
2008	Mantra Lad	Graeme Jose	29.86
2009	Velocette	Graeme Bate	29.66
2010	Cosmic Chief	Darren Brown	29.33
2011	Bekim Bale	Andrea Dailly	29.13
2012	Proven Nitro	Jason Thompson	29.14
2013	Xylia Allen	Graeme Bate	29.07
2014	Iva Vision (Qld)	Peter Young	29.27

* Track record

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