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# **Shell Shocked Delivers Group 2 Success in WA Derby**

Promising young chaser Shell Shocked could not have been more impressive in winning his WA Derby heat last Saturday, winning by five lengths and clocking the fastest time (30.11).

However after drawing awkwardly (box 7) in last night's final he drifted out to a starting price of \$9 with Tabtouch fixed odds. Ramifications (box 8) started a warm favourite ahead of Monaro Monelli (box 1), Eisenhower (box 4) and Victorian My Silver Chisel (box 5).

As the boxes opened everything changed when outsider Junk Yard Wolf (\$32.30) erupted, landing in front as a surprise leader. Shell Shocked received a nice shepherd across to second ahead of Monaro Monelli (\$3.70) and Ramifications.



**Official Photo Finish of the WA Derby Final**

Leaving the back straight they were the four winning chances and when Junk Yard Wolf and Monaro Monelli bumped, Shell Shocked dashed to the front.

The son of Bekim Bale broke away to win by two lengths. Junk Yard Wolf ran a mighty second ahead of Monaro Monelli who was a further length away in third, time for the final was 30.18.

In-form Western Australian trainer Enzo Crudeli rates Shell Shocked as the fastest greyhound he's trained but says the exciting homebred youngster needed the early luck he found in Saturday night's Group 2 Brittons Formal Wear WA Derby final.

Shell Shocked, a son of Bekim Bale and Whispering Ling doesn't turn two until July, was having only having his tenth start. Shell Shocked has now won 5 of 10 for the Nambeelup trainer and is set for a big future.

Runner-up to Topology in the Mandurah Derby last month, Shell Shocked had put the writing on the board with a best of night 30.11 heat success the week before, however punters didn't overly rate his chances sending him to the boxes at \$8.50 on the tote.

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It has been a meteoric rise to prominence but come as no surprise to Enzo Crudeli with Saturday night win the highlight of his training career.

“He’s only 22 months old but he would be the fastest dog I’ve had in the kennel,” Crudeli said.

“When he was 17 or 18 months old he trialled 27.42 around Mandurah. That is humming!

“He can begin all right but he’s very strong and his last section is usually pretty fast.

“He won two qualifying trials from boxes two and one but his first seven starts were from five, six, seven and eight. He was beaten in a few of his early races but he was coming home strongly and he’s beginning a bit better now with more experience.

Crudeli has been enjoying plenty of success recently, largely with former Wheeler chasers, including Dyna Nihilist, runner-up in the Group 1 Galaxy last month; however Shell Shocked is a breeding success story.

“We bought Shell Shocked’s mother Whispering Ling off David Hobby towards the end of her racing career to breed with her,” Crudeli explained.

“Whispering Ling was a pretty good short-courser but she could only run 400m. But she was out of Peter Giles’ line, which is usually pretty strong. Her first litter was to Dyna Tron and then we went to Bekim Bale for her second litter looking for strength and it’s turned out pretty good.”

After the placings in the Derby the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> My Silver Chisel (\$5.80), 5<sup>th</sup> Ramifications (\$2.90), 6<sup>th</sup> Blank Space (\$29.20) 7<sup>th</sup> Eisenhower (\$7.30) and West On Gaz (\$13.80).

Shell Shocked is raced by the Ten Eighty Syndicate and is trained by Enzo Crudeli at Nambeelup in West Australia. He is a Black dog whelped July 2014 by Bekim Bale from Whispering Ling (Where’s Pedro x Paddy’s Ember). Shell Shocked has won five of his 10 starts and with the \$40,000 first prize for the WA Derby it took his current stake earnings to \$57,930.

Listed below is the WA Derby honour roll, this feature for age restricted dog pups was first conducted at Cannington in 1976. Since that time it has been a well sought after major event on the WA Calendar each year. Most notable winners would be Swift Glade (1983) a brilliant sprinter who campaigned successfully in the east under the guidance of Graeme Bate. Prince Of Tigers (1997) he brilliantly won the Group 1 National Sprint final in Adelaide in 1997 and had his career tragically cut short by injury. Reggemite (1998) arguably the best ever sprinter to come out of the west he won a Sandown Shoot Out in 1998 and was runner up in the Top Gun to the all-conquering Rapid Journey. Plus recent winner Victorian Sun Hero (2004) who also enjoyed a wonderful race career, reaching no less than 17 group race finals, for four wins and eight placings. He made five group one’s winning the Perth Cup and amassed \$316,950 in prizemoney. Plus who will forget 2009 winner super star High Earner, he went to become the highest stake winner in history for a period.

**1976 Rajundi, 1977 Mister Toewyte, 1978 Wind Warning, 1979 Dark Gramoi, 1980 Pop's Jester, 1981 Power Play, 1982 Mum's Jester, 1983 Swift Glade, 1984 Zelrob, 1985 Icy Fox, 1986 Janarlee Tiger, 1987 Black Review, 1988 Cheatin' Charmer, 1989 Tim's Chariot, 1990 Liz's Champ, 1991 New Temlock Two, 1992 Eljay, 1993 Nikemos, 1994 Michael's Tears, 1995 Steve's Pride, 1996 Frogmore Ferrari, 1997 Prince Of Tigers, 1998 Reggemite, 1999 Paddy's Fault, 2000 Blue Catona, 2001 Clear Havoc, 2002 Osti's Warrior, 2003 Regal Bazz, 2004 Sun Hero, 2005 Magic Trance, 2006 Spitfire Jet, 2007 Mandagery Man, 2008 Octanol, 2009 High Earner, 2010 Pedrosa, 2011 Allen Elroy, 2012 Jordy Pordy, 2013 Boris Fields, 2014 Tiggeralong Amigo and 2015 Fun Boss.**

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