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\$6000 Ready to Race Purchase wins Warragul Cup

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While Friday night's Warragul Cup might have produced an upset winner in To The Galo's (\$40.60), it was a stunning victory to say the least, and an outstanding advertisement for the Bendigo Ready 2 Race Auction series.

The Cup field assembled was star-studded and there certainly was a host of winning chances. Pop the Cork, Above All, Shared Equity, Fuelish and Big Ticket were some of the massive names engaged, but it was little-known To The Galo's who would upstage them and do it in devastating fashion.



To The Galo's races away too win the Warragul Cup (All Pics Clint Anderson)

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Purchased for \$6,000 at the 2014 Bendigo Ready 2 Race Auction, he won 16 races for former trainer Phillip Smith until he was transferred to Garry Selkrig's kennel two weeks ago. He was terrific in his Warragul Cup heat win before finding the lead in the Cup on Friday, where he sizzled early and never looked like losing, romping home by three lengths and breaking the track record in the process by running 25.34. Big Ticket (\$15.80) finish second and Above All (\$4.50) third.

With his win on Friday night he took his prize-money to over \$122,000 and you would like to think that if he keeps repeating what he did on Friday he will be winning a lot more prize-money, proving that owners don't need to spend much money to reap plentiful rewards.

To The Galo's is a Black dog whelped December 2012 by El Galo from Flossy (Primo Uno x Instructed First). He is raced by the Jetta Can Run Syndicate and trained by Garry Selkrig at Devon Meadows in Victoria. He has now won 19 races and been placed on 16 occasions from his 52 starts. The Warragul Cup first prize of \$47,000 brings To The Galo's overall prizemoney to \$122,880.



After the placed runners the field finished in the following order Aston Bolero (\$12.20), Fuelish (\$5.70), Pop The Cork (\$2.20), Shared Equity (\$7.40) and Spring Missile (\$25.00).

(Happy Team after winning the Warragul Cup.)

Records of past Warragul Cup winners are bit sketchy, however we do know the first cup run under non propriety racing was won by Melbourne Cup winner Rocketeer and again in 1958 as a lead up race to the Melbourne Cup Marine Jet completed the double. In the 50's Warragul was a very popular Saturday afternoon meeting that later moving to Friday night racing for many years. The race has been won by some of the sports finest sprinters and listed below is the honour roll as we currently know it.

1956 **Rocketeer**, 1958 **Marine Jet**, 1960 **Flash Dasher**, 1962 **Coma's Pride**, 1969 **Sunday Punch**, 1970 **White Post**, 1971 **Red Velore**, 1972 **Make The Scene**, 1973 **Half Your Luck**, 1974 **Sylvan Prince**, 1975 **Plain Stage**, 1976 **Golden Spur**, 1977 **Simon's Twin**, 1978 **Newmore Glenn**, 1979 **Glen's Elect**, 1980 **Tempix**, 1981 **Shamrock Flight**, 1982 **Sartorius**, 1983 **Salem's Pride**, 1984 **Chariot Supreme**, 1985 **Broken Cup**, 1986 **Chariot Of Gods**, 1987 **Peppaloo**, 1988 **Trumbry Ace**, 1989 **Hua**, 1990 **Pure Talent**, 1991 **Sheedy**, 1992 **Brudge**, 1993 **Indoor Boy**, 1994 **Gipsy General**, 1995 **Bonjase**, 1996 **Best Of Bev**, 1997 **Applaud**, 1998 **Hotshot**, 1999 **Fibba**, 2000 **Labyrinth**, 2001 **Big Smig**, 2002 **Carlisle Jack**, 2003 **Knockabout Wok**, 2004 **Puzzle Prize**, 2005 **Sun Hero**, 2006 **Vapour Whirl**, 2007 **Magnificent Love**, 2008 **North Sea**, 2009 **Major Mission**, 2010 **Race Not Held**, 2011 **El Grand Senor**, 2012 **Stagger** and 2013 **Nitro Cee**, 2014 **Walk Hard** and 2015 **Ronray Spirit**.

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