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Magic Night at the Bool

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Early speed was the order of the night at Warrnambool on Wednesday when renowned speed demons Black Magic Opal (\$1.70) and Magic Diva (\$5.00) won the Group 2 Warrnambool Cup and Group 2 Warrnambool Classic respectively.

Both greyhounds led all the way from Box 5, with Black Magic Opal part of a Trifecta in the Warrnambool Cup for trainer Jason Thompson, whose greyhounds Innocent Til (2nd) and Ronan Izmir (3rd) filled the minor placings.

"He makes his own luck in the way he begins," Thompson said after the win. "Warrnambool is a great place to race and to run first, second and third in a race like this is an enormous thrill."



Black Magic Opal race s away to win the Warrnambool Cup (Pics Clint Anderson)

Meanwhile, Magic Diva's owner Peter Brown said her win in the Warrnambool Classic was reward for consistency.

"She has run first or second in 13 of her past 14 starts," Brown said.

Peter's son Darren trains Magic Diva, who won in 25.21sec, while Black Magic Opal won in 24.97sec.

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After the winner the field finished in the following order 2nd Innocent Til (\$5.10) 3rd Ronan Izmir (\$8.90) 4th Deadly Vane (\$12.00), 5th Walk Hard (\$8.80), 6th Godric Gryfindor (\$33.40) 7th Ollie Bale (\$20.00) & Dr. Don (\$40.70).

Black Magic Opal is a Black dog whelped May 2011 by Magic Sprite from Awesome Opal (Most Awesome x Opal Glow). Black Magic Opal is raced Black Opal Syndicate and trained by Jason Thompson. He has raced 47 times for 35 wins and six placings. After adding the \$43,750 first prize for the Warrnambool Cup his stake earnings stand at \$585,215.

Listed below are the past winners of the Warrnambool Cup it is believed the Cup was conducted on the old Warrnambool track as far back as 1961 but records since 1972 show that many a top performer has won the feature event over the years.

1972 **Tien Shan**, 1973 **Natural Power**, 1974 **Uba Lass**, 1975 **Sylvan Prince**, 1976 **Busy Penny**, 1977 **Tem Dasher**, 1978 **Roisheen's Son**, 1979 **Imaturner**, 1980 **Tempix**, 1981 **Kuda's Talent**, 1982 **So Blue**, 1983 **Lady Lilly**, 1984 **Super Mira**, 1985 **Kilmarney Lad**, 1986 **Larrikin Lewis**, 1987 **McWilliam Boy**, 1988 **High In Space**, 1989 **Gun Fury**, 1990 **Hard Rain**, 1991 **McGuane**, 1992 **Bomber Gleeson**, 1993 **Nova Express**, 1994 **Fitzroy Express**, 1995 **Midnight Flirt**, 1996 **Marrant**, 1997 **Another Currency**, 1998 **Macorna Lad**, 1999 **Honcho Classic**, 2000 **Kantarn Bale**, 2001 **Sweet Silkab**, 2002 **Kantarn Bale**, 2003 **Francesca Bale**, 2004 **Harvey Bale** 2005 **Sun Hero**, 2006 **Brilliant Lee**, 2007 **Axe Handle** 2008 **El Galo**, 2009 **Hanify's Impact**, 2010 **Nova Surf**, 2011 **Arsonist**, 2012 **Dyna Bert** and 2013 **Ronan Izmir**.



Magic Diva leads all the way to win the Warrnambool Classic

After the winner the field finished in the following order 2nd Dream It (\$2.80), 3rd Sir Hugo (\$47.70) 4th Cosmic Station (\$7.10), 5th Watta Good Dee (\$22.30), 6th Trail Blazing (\$10.80) 7th Elite Diva (\$12.80) and Little Regus (\$4.00).

Magic Diva is a Black Bitch whelped July 2012 by Elite State from Encampbell (Brett Lee x Wickepin Web) she is raced by the Peter Brown and trained by Darren Brown at Lara in Victoria. Magic Diva has raced 39 times for 21 wins and 11 placings, adding the Classic's first prize of 75,000 her overall stake earnings went to \$120,001.

The Warrnambool Classic was first conducted by the club in 1991 with greyhound pups nominated in record numbers during early 1990. Like any event of its type the actual race is very difficult to win given the length of time involved from rearing to racing. The Honour roll contains some outstanding winners some of which have gone on to win group one features and in the case of Brett Lee inducted into the AGRA Hall Of Fame.

1991 **Kinta's Way**, 1992 **Wild Pirate**, 1993 **Dinney's Host**, 1994 **New Locomotion**, 1995 **Prince Of Thiefs**, 1996 **Blue Volcano**, 1997 **Fine Carousel**, 1998 **Witch Honcho**, 1999 **At The Helm**, 2000 **Our Daisy**, 2001 **Brett Lee**, 2002 **Zed Three**, 2003 **Brumby Lad**, 2004 **That's Critical**, 2005 **Ace Hi Rumble**, 2006 **Auf Wiedersehen**, 2007 **Deception Bay**, 2008 **Lynlea's King**, 2009 **Bordain**, 2010 **Cosmic Chief**, 2011 **Compacto**, 2012 **El Brooklyn** and 2013 **Premier Event**.

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