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Glen Gallon's Second Winter Cup

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Just about everyone is running out of superlatives for brilliant sprinting greyhound Glen Gallon.

At Albion Park last night, Glen Gallon (\$5.90) turned the group 1 Garrard's Winter Carnival Cup into virtually a one act affair from the start. A quick exit from box seven saw the Tony Brett trained sprinter lead at the first turn. His first sectional was an average 5.76. But then the pressure was applied. Fellow Queensland Top Story (\$26.80) settled second as Glen Gallon reeled out a strong middle sectional of 11.59. He powered home in a very strong 12.45 to score by four and a quarter lengths in race record time of 29.80.

2005 winner, Hades Rocket trained by Darren McDonald in Victoria, held the race record at 29.90. The Albion Park track record is 29.57 to the credit of Made to Size, established in 2008.

Sandra Hunt's Top Story did a grand job to hold second placing and collect \$20,000 for the run. Graeme Bate's Xylia Allen (\$2.40) copped two nasty checks in running but made plenty of ground to run third ahead of Bellagio Lad.

Like Xylia Allen, joint favourite Hello Goodbye from box one got cut out in the run to the first turn as Glen Gallon and Top Story carved across from their wide draws.

First prize of \$75,000 takes Glen Gallon's prizemoney to \$592,877. He is now Australia's third highest prizemoney earner, behind Miata (\$715,508) and High Earner (\$610,070).

Glen Gallon created terrific publicity for last night's race. On Wednesday the Courier-Mail carried a half page feature on the dog. And Channel 9 news aired a story put together by the station's Yvonne Sampson who visited Brett's Grandchester kennels with a camera crew..

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"I can't remember the last time greyhound racing has received such publicity in the mainstream media," Tony Brett said.

"And what gave me a real buzz was that the great man Wally Lewis introduced the story on the news."

Glen Gallon turns four years of age in a few weeks – August 1 to be precise.

"Owner Steve Williams agrees with me that, while the dog is racing so well, we should keep him going.

The dog just loves to race. It's a pleasure to take him to the boxes," Brett said.

Next month's National Sprint Championship is the next mission for Glen Gallon. Queensland heats are at Albion Park on Glen Gallon's birthday, Thursday, August 1, with the state final on August 8. Then there's 16 days to the group 1 final being run this year at the Meadows in Melbourne on Saturday night, August 24.

"I've been spacing the dog's races lately and the National Sprint looks very suitable the way the dates are set," Brett said.

As for those superlatives, the one that was most heard last night was "superstar." How fitting that is.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Bellagio Lad (\$59.80), 5th Hello Good Bye (\$2.30), 6th Tomac Bale (\$13.80), 7th Poetic Mover (\$61.00) and Coal King (\$24.90).

Glen Gallon is Red Brindle dog whelped August '09 he is by Flying Standley from Incoherent (Bombastic Shiraz x Queen Of Tigers). He is raced by Velocity Lo Syndicate and trained by Tony Brett at Granchester in Queensland. Glen Gallon's current record stands at 64 starts for 36 wins and 11 placings and prizemoney earnings of \$596,887.

The Winter Carnival Cup has taken on many different forms over the years and has been conducted also at different times during those years. It was first staged at the Gabba in 1978 and sponsored by famous Queensland brewing company Castlemaine XXXX and known as their Trophy, it was run over the testing 558 metre sprint course. It remained the Castlemaine XXXX Trophy right up until 1992 apart from one year in 1987 when it was called the Christmas Trophy. When racing moved to Albion Park in 1993 the race was called the Christmas Stocking for one year and it continued its Group 1 status that the race had gained in 1991 and maintains currently. The feature dropped back to Group 2 in 1997 and 1998, but returned to Group 1 in 1999. Like many other feature races around Australia in the 90's it was sponsored by the Pet food company Eukanuba from 1994 to 1997 and its subsequent company Nutrience in 1998 and 1999. In the year 2000 the club developed the now successful Winter Carnival at the suggestion of race caller John Brasch and the race became that Carnivals major Group 1 feature the Winter Carnival Cup. It has been won by some champion sprinters over the years and the following is but a few of those stars. Call Me Roscoe 81, Glanzend 82, Acacia Park 84, Dancing Gamble 87, Golden Fox 88, Highly Blessed 90, Icen Princess 92, Toban Leah 94, Flying Amy 95, Roanokee 96, Wine Glass 97, Winged Runner 99, Mint Mojo 2001, Elite State 2003, 2004 Trewly Special, 2008 Made To Size and 2009 Trew Millions. Listed below is the full honour roll.

At the Gabba 1978 - 1992

YEAR	WINNER	TIME
1978	Brigadier North	33.00
1979	Katie's Disco	32.74
1980	Wings Of Steel	32.92

1981	Call Me Roscoe	32.84
1982	Glanzend	32.60
1983	Duration	32.91
1984	Acacia Park	32.90
1985	Amber Flash	32.89
1986	(Jan) Sharyn's Vogue	33.08
1986	(Dec) Fifi She's Not	32.61
1987	Dancing Gamble	32.75
1988	Fifi She's Not	32.61
1989	Son of Ella	32.63
1990	Highly Blessed	32.47
1991	Soldier On	32.60
1992	Iceni Princess	32.93

At Albion Park 1993- Present

YEAR	WINNER	TIME
1993	National Leader	30.39
1994	Toban Leah	30.35
1995	Flying Amy	29.99
1996	Roanokee	30.06
1997	Wine Glass	30.34
1998	Shady Macbeth	30.28
1999	Winged Runner	30.19
2000	Short Model	30.00
2001	Mint Mojo	30.59
2002	Awesome Machine	30.11
2003	Elite State	29.97
2004	Trewly Special	30.16
2005	Hades Rocket	29.90
2006	Fenceline	29.92
2007	Big Swell	30.06
2008	Made To Size	30.39
2009	Trew Millions	30.17
2010	Event Not Held	
2011	Iso Octane	29.93
2012	Glen Gallon	29.86
2013	Glen Gallon	29.80

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