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Egg all a “Blaze” for Max and Evelyn

Unheralded before his near record 30.47 win over 535m at Richmond on February 22, Blazing Token (\$10.00) completed a remarkable turn-around after a career threatening injury to take out last Saturday night’s Group 1 Golden Easter Egg Final at Wentworth Park.

A son of the remarkable Token Prince, Blazing Token –a rising three year-old – stepped out for only the 17th time in his career in the \$150,000 to the winner final and, after trailing leader Lorna Moira and One Tree Hill for 350m, made a race-winning move at the end of the back straight.

Lorna Moira – as is her wont – made a bee-line for the rails from box seven at box-rise and led through the first turn but One Tree Hill was in hot pursuit.

At the end of the back straight, One Tree Hill angled to the inside of Lorna Moira and found room to move but the pair collided and Blazing Token swept clear.



Blazing Token wins the Easter Egg

Race favourite Winoki, which had been slow to begin from box one and fourth in the middle stages, followed Blazing Token past the trouble and looked a fleeting threat but the real challenge failed to materialise.

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On the line, Blazing Token had 1 1/4 lengths to spare over Winoki (\$3.60) in a solid 30.16. One Tree Hill (\$4.00) battled away for third, just ahead of Persian Spy.

Post-race, trainer-breeder Max Burdekin gave praise to leading Newcastle veterinarian Peter Yore.

“He had nearly seven months off and his gracilus (back) muscle was rock hard,” Burdekin said.

“But Peter worked on it constantly and he trialed 30.65 first run back at Richmond, and I knew he was right then.”

Blazing Token's time away from the track came after finishing four in a heat of the Geelong Young Star series in early July and he did not return until mid-January on his home track at Richmond.

A clean start proved critical to Blazing Token's win but it was all over at the start for those drawn inside Lorna Moira. Lucky Alive (box six), Trew Millions (five) and Cool Effort (four) were given little room to move early on and were out of contention before the first turn.

The action was up front and Blazing Token made all the right moves.

The Burdekin family have raced some outstanding performers.

Western Beau, Western Sparkle, Western Haze, Sparkle Parade, Gembrook are but a few of the stars bred and raced by Max and Evelyn Burdekin.

Most Awesome won at Dapto Puppy Auction Classic and an Australian Cup for Max but a Golden Easter Egg is the icing on the cake.

What about Blazing Token's future plans? “It up to the dog I think it takes a lot out of them a three week series. He seems bright enough this morning but I have to have a look at how he pulls up during the rest of the week. I had thought about the Maitland Cup heats on Thursday but I don't think I'll go there, might look at Perth but that may suit us either. He has done a mighty job to get this far so I won't be pushing him hard at all. I certainly would like to get down to Melbourne and trial him at the Meadows and Sandown looking forward to some of the bigger races later in the year.” Burdekin concluded.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Persian Spy (\$26.00), 5th Lorna Moira (\$26.00), 6th Trew Millions (\$5.50) 7th Lucky Alive (\$12.00) and Cool Effort (\$5.50).

Blazing Token is raced, trained and was bred by Max & Evelyn Burdekin he is a Fawn dog whelped June 2005 by Token Prince from Sassy Gem (Light Of Fire x Gemfire). Blazing Token has won nine of his 18 starts and has been placed on four occasions and with the \$150,000 first prize for the Golden Easter Egg it took his current stake earnings to \$169,700.



A Happy Team on the Victory Dias after the Egg (All Pics Craig Youll)

Listed below is the Golden Easter Egg honour roll it has been won by some superstar sprinters over the years including five Hall of Famers. First conducted in 1990 when won by the Jim Coleman trained Ultra Sense the race quickly took pride of place in the Harbour city. It is one of most sought after on the AGRA Group racing calendar and each year attracts the best sprinters racing in the country, all vying for not only the outstanding first prize but also the glory and their place in history as winners of the Egg.

1990 **Ultra Sense**, 1991 **Highly Blessed**, 1992 **Jessica Casey**, 1993 **Billy Binjang**, 1994 **Mancunian Girl**, 1995 **Malawi Law**, 1996 **Tenthill Doll**, 1997 **Bahama Image**, 1998 **Rapid Journey**, 1999 **Faithful Hawk**, 2000 **Stately Bird**, 2001 **Brett Lee**, 2002 **Carlisle Jack**, 2003 **Cyrus The Virus**, 2004 **Bogie Leigh**, 2005 **Paua To Burn**, 2006 **Edie Beuchamp** and 2007 **Slater**.



GLOBE MEMORIAL EASTER CHASE FINAL

Lyn's Daisy Brilliant Winner of the Globe Memorial

Lyn's Daisy the Charlie Dimech-trained bitch demolished a strong field, including champion Queenslander Miss Brook, in Saturday night's Group 3 Globe Memorial Easter Chase at WP.

Fresh from running a personal best Wenty 720 metre time of 42.47sec a week earlier, Lyn's Daisy recorded a near record 42.33 in the Easter Chase.

Charlie Dimech will now take his in-form stayer to Dapto for Thursday night's \$5000 to the winner George Heining Memorial over 724m.

Then he heads to Bathurst for the 700m Trevor Black Memorial at the Sunday twilight TAB fixture on April 13.

Lyn's Daisy, who once tailed out to last in the early stages of her races, was running fourth early in her March 15 Wentworth Park win and ``sat" right behind pacemaker Brush Shiraz on Saturday.

``I have decided to do nothing at all with her between races," Charlie said later.

``Lyn's Daisy is so strong I am finding if she is kept fresh all week she shows more early pace yet remains just as strong at the finish of her races."

The Globe Memorial Easter Chase was first conducted as part of the carnival, as a feature distance event in 2003, listed below are the past winners and their winning time.

2003 **Tipper's Comet** 42.71, 2004 **Irinka Barbie** 42.63, 2005 **Thai Again** 42.86, 2006 **Best Quoted** 42.27 and 2007 **Flashing Floods** 43.25.



MULTIQUIP MAGIC MAIDEN SERIES

Rossi's Magic Maiden

Early speed did it all for Albino Rossi in tonight's Group 3 Multiquip Maiden Final at Wentworth Park.

A son of two-time Richmond Cannonball winner Penny Dancer, Albino Rossi made his Wentworth Park on March 10 and registered a moderate 30.70 win from box five.

Seven days later, he was edged out in a tight three-way finish when second to Caribbean Wave in 30.48. The offering showed improvement and further disclosed his reliable box manners and genuine pace.

And, when it mattered most, Albino Rossi produced a career best offering to register 30.43 and hold on to salute by one length from the late-closing Drifting.

While Albino Rossi was able to lead from box eight and clear the pack at the first turn, the highly talented Thai Alert and Caribbean Wave fared a lot worse with both dogs falling heavily at the first turn.

By the middle stages, Albino Rossi held a six lengths break and the challenger was always going to be Drifting – a noted strong finish which had won his semi final in 30.23.

Elvy Bale, after being slow to begin from box four, secured a run through at the first turn and managed to finish third, a further three lengths away in arrears.

Trainer Ryan Cinello purchased Albino Rossi as a pup and the July '06 juvenile's earnings stand at \$21,215 after five starts.

"Easily the biggest race I've won and possibly the biggest I'll ever win," a composed Cinello said post-race.

Aside from her Cannonball wins at Richmond in 2004 and 2005, Penny Dancer is a former Richmond 400m record holder and was placed in 2004 Group 2 Ladies Bracelet behind Fool's State at Wentworth Park.

From her second litter, her speedy son set the group race record straight at the Ultimo track and, given his scope for improvement, there might be more to come.

The Magic Maiden series was first included as part of the Carnival in 2003 and the past winners are listed below.

2003 **Winsome Revenge** 30.31, 2004 **Infinite Beauty** 30.47, 2005 **Gilderoy** 30.68, 2006 **Modern Supreme** 29.93, 2007 **Breeze It In** 30.19.



NICE PRODUCTS EASTER EGG CONSOLATION

Mandagery Man's Consolation

The remaining Group 3 was the Nice Products Easter Egg Consolation which Mandagery Man, notched up a remarkable 11th win at Wentworth Park on Saturday night. It was another impressive performance from the "Man" he was handy to the lead running down Eiffel Azz to win by a half length in a fast 29.94 following sections of 5.52 and 14.04. Ashes Platinum finished third.

Mandagery Man will make the long trip to WA next weekend for the interstate sprinters challenge.

"There is a Challenge race over 530m at Cannington programmed and that will be a good lead-up for the dog before he contests the heats of the Sky Channel Perth Cup there on April 5," trainer Sam Sultana said at Wentworth Park.

This year's Perth Cup final, a Group One event, is worth \$125,000 to the winner and is programmed for April 12.

The much-travelled Mandagery Man has already won twice at Cannington, with one of his wins being in 30.11sec, just .18 outside Cromlah Bale's track record.

Previous Winners of the Easter Egg Consolation are as follows:

2003 **Sally's Lass** 30.57, 2004 **Sparge Banner** 30.21, 2005 **Miss Bekkie Lee** 30.29, 2006 **Oxley Hero** 29.84 and 2007 **Catmando** 30.35.



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