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Schweppes Vic Peters Classic to the Northern Rivers again with "Watch The Web"

The Group One Schweppes Vic Peters Memorial Classic at Wentworth Park last Saturday night was taken out in a driving last stride finish to Northern Rivers sprinter Watch the Web.

Watch The Web with Johsa Gardoll, Bill Mangafas, Schweppes Tony Coorey, J & T Ford and Trainer Reg Gardoll

Favourite for the age classic was the Don McMillan trained Winsome Force ($2.20) unfortunately from the awkward draw of five the Blue dog missed the start got into bother and was never a genuine chance. Early leader into first corner was Victory Glen but through the catching pen and into the back straight Victory Glen really took over and opened up a nice break of a couple of lengths. Sweet Hand was chasing hard with Watch The Web and Tricode Star the best of the rest. Victory Glen went for home when they straighten for the run to the judge. Not to be denied Watch The Web knuckled down to the task at hand driving up along the rails he flew on the line to get and win by a head.

Time recorded for the 520 metres was 30.12 with sections of 5.46, 13.94 with a run in time of 16.18. Watch The Web is a black dog whelped August 2003 by Awesome Assassin from Missy Web (Star Title x Sticky Web).

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The win gave Lismore owner-trainer Reg Gardoll great delight and he spoke with Sky Channel's Michael Radley after the win. "Marvelous, absolutely marvelous we came here and thought we were a chance and now we have won I'm ecstatic. He proved tonight he has some strength I think a lot of people thought he might be a speedy squib but he's strong enough over 520 metres I don't think he'll go much further than 520, but he has run down dogs before."
"It's the first time we have been in a group one and we have collected. I think we can count our lucky stars that we've got there first time. The thing with these group one races, it's not much point chasing them if don't think you have a dog that can win one."
"He was always a dog that might be a chance, he showed from day one he was above average. But in the last month he has gone ahead in leaps and bounds, once he run 30.14 then came back and broke 30 running 29-9 I started to think he may be half a chance in this final. It's a big thrill to win, a really big thrill." Gardoll said.

Like last years winner Cheeky Renegade, Watch The Web qualified for the semi's by winning the Lismore Classic in early October when he beat Regal Keroma in a best of the night 30.15. Watch The Web has started in 21 races for 13 wins three placings and the $50,000 first prize swelled his over all stake earnings to $60,215.

When asked about his future Gardoll responded with his plans for Watch The Web. "We'll go back to Brisbane for a Young Guns series, there is one on up there on the 18 of November, then we'll give him a crack at the Brisbane Cup if goes okay in the Young Guns".

Dashers Bow 1954 Winner

The Schweppes Vic Peters Classic was first run as the Harold Park Classic from 1951 until 1960. The event changed its name in 1961 to the Vic Peters Memorial Classic and commemorates the memory of legendary GBOTA administrator the late Vic Peters.

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1969 Winner the mighty Milimsimbi

Listed below is the star studded array of past winners, among the honour roll are some of the best sprinters ever to race in the history of the sport.

1951 **Sharid,** 1952 **Happy Kay,** 1953 **Cola Minda,** 1954 **Dasher's Bow,** 1955 **Knight Ruler,** 1956 **Smooth Event,** 1957 **Cantee,** 1958 **Montana Jet,** 1959 **Festival Time,** 1960 **Pine Top,** 1961 **Rocket Mac,** 1962 **Black Top,** 1963 **Seraphino / Test Pattern (DH),** 1964 **Bongearon,** 1965 **Daily Tide,** 1966 **African Ballet,** 1967 **Mr. Spot,** 1968 **Sammie Sparrow,** 1969 **Milimsimbi,** 1970 **Shapely Escort,** 1971 **Real Words,** 1972 **Woolley Wilson,** 1973 **Kim's Monaro,** 1974 **Cell Block,** 1975 **Alpha Brava,** 1976 **Black Derby,** 1977 **Rocket Monaro,** 1978 **Tegimi,** 1979 **Scott Of Minmi,** 1980 **Bavarian Aztec,** 1981 **Gleefullee,** 1982 **King Seagull,** 1983 **Inch Time,** 1984 **Brother Fox,** 1985 **Daisy Doll,** 1986 **Spanish Dance,** 1987 **Alice Irene,** 1988 **Worth Doing,** 1989 **Alyssa Belle,** 1990 **McVella,** 1991 **Alastic Rebel,** 1992 **Sparkling Spirit,** 1993 **Leon Mal,** 1994 **Barney Blue,** 1995 **Placid Boy,** 1996 **Tricky Wind,** 1997 **Bobniak,** 1998 **Bigbad Luther,** 1999 **Flash Joan,** 2000 **Go Wild Teddy,** 2001 **Toll Security** 2002 **Long Stitch,** 2003 **Collision,** 2004 **Cheeky Renagade.**

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