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NEATLINEHOMES

Rain Shines Down for Shepparton and Giles

The Neatline Homes Group 2 Shepparton Cup Final, feature event of the 2007 Racing with the Stars Carnival at Petstock Park Shepparton, came to a stormy end on Saturday November 3rd with heavy rain falling prior to the running of the Cup.

But the rain did not stop the Peter Giles trained Overflow Breaker (\$14.50) who went one better after qualifying for the Group 2 event running second in his heat on Monday night. Overflow Breaker who comes from the prestigious breeding lines of his trainer (Surf Lorian X Floodfawn) was ultra impressive after giving Shepparton All Star victor Vee Man Vane (\$2.50 fav) the dream start he wanted but powered passed the early pace speed star to win by a neck in 25.18 then followed promising New South Wales chaser Awesome Hustler (\$27.60) trained by Steven Konkolics. Handler and the daughter of Giles, Lauren Gorman was elated with the win which made it Overflow Breaker's thirteenth win from only twenty starts and now has won prize money in excess of \$54,000 – and you can bet there will be more to come from the brindle dog who is just over two and a half.

Queensland owner Paul Felgate brought Overflow Breaker the day the pup was whelped. "I was in an Irish Pub with Gilesy and Dennis Trewin when he got the phone call that Floodfawn had whelped a litter to Surf Lorian. I said I'll have a pup out of the litter and he sold me Overflow Breaker for \$8,000 there and then on the spot. Dennis brought one as well it races as North Sea. We were on one of our trips to the Irish Coursing, as time went on I kept inquiring as to when he was going to send the pup up to me and he kept making excuses saying he had a nice race down there for him and he'd start him off down there. I now know why he didn't want to part with him, he was the best pup in the litter. Didn't worry me I would have hung onto him if I had him as well. He never charged me for rearing or breaking in, it's has worked fine." Felgate said.

Ironically Felgate was at Ipswich with the favourite in the Ipswich Cup final Iron Steed he had no luck at all hurting his back muscle and will be out for three months. A couple of hours later he won the Shepparton Cup.

Local Tatura trainer Jim Auld earlier in the evening scored with Jim Bob in an impressive display just after the skies opened up in the GRV VBIS Maiden Final – A Star in the Making. Jim Bob stopped the clock at 25.61 and after the heavy wet conditions there is no doubt more of this greyhound will be seen around Victorian circuits. Jim Bob defeated Tiga Mika by six and a quarter lengths followed third by Hot Market.

AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

In a touching win Wangaratta Cup winner Proven Wiz took out the Ron Nestor Memorial special event for the McGrath Syndicate. Shepparton Greyhound Racing Club commemorated the passing of greyhound figure Ron Nestor by honouring his memory with the special event after his passing in March 2006 – Nestor was one of few people who had never missed a Shepparton Cup Final and the Committee at the time decided to make sure that spirit remains forever for a true gentleman of the sport. Having known Ron Nestor personally and being all the 'Proven' greyhounds' biggest fan Sandra McGrath's smile lightened up the complex for all to see. Trained by John McClland Proven Wiz ran over the top of Bazthrill and Old Phil finished third for Ron Giles.

Despite the stars of the evening sky being dampened by much needed rain at Shepparton's Petstock Park the sparkle of the evening was certainly not washed away.



Handler Lauren Gorman and Overflow Breaker

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Nitro Nori (\$7.00), 5th Wild Storm (\$24.00), 6th Tyler's Man (\$4.20) 7th Axe Handle (\$5.60) and Winoki (\$19.90).

Overflow Breaker is a Brindle dog whelped February 2005 by Surf Lorian from Floodfawn (Awesome Assassin x Floodgate). He is raced by Paul Felgate and trained by his good friend Peter Giles. Overflow Breaker has won 13 of his 30 starts and has been placed on five occasions and with the \$25,000 first prize for the Shepparton Cup it took his current stake earnings to \$57,190.

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The Shepparton Cup has always been a well sought after country cup and a one time a very important lead up race for the Melbourne Cup. It has been won by some brilliant greyhounds over the years none better than Hall of Famer and local superstar Highly Blessed. Other Melbourne Cup winners included Master Giant and Kantarn Bale. While like Highly Blessed, Bahama Image went on to win an Easter Egg. The race was run over the 440 metres at the old Shepparton Showgrounds until its closure in 2004.

1973 **Garner Bin**, 1974 **Morning Glow**, 1975 **Tivashley**, 1976 **Marungi Boy**, 1977 **Near History**, 1978 **Relle Louise**, 1979 **Mannerism**, 1980 **Proven Bold**, 1981 **First Question**, 1982 **Golden Impulse**, 1983 **Blue Echo**, 1984 **Blitzem Bill**, 1985 **Thorgil Magic**, 1986 **Thorgil Magic**, 1987 **Nan's Pal**, 1988 **Fantasy Boy**, 1989 **Pure Talent**, 1990 **Highly Blessed**, 1991 **Bomber Gleeson**, 1992 **Master Giant**, 1993 **Head Honcho**, 1994 **Thorgil Tex**, 1995 **Hanson Diamond**, 1996 **Bahama Image**, 1997 **World Title**, 1998 **Ashigga**, 1999 **Star Of Mine**, 2000 **Kantarn Bale**, 2001 **Salong Bale**, 2002 **Knockabout Wok**, 2003 **Puzzle Prize**, 2004 **Whisky Assassin**, 2005 not run and 2006 **Slater**.

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