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Hanify's Impact first out and first home in the Cup with the Classic going to Bordain.

PEARCEDALE trainer Jason Thompson showed the advantage of having three greyhound contenders in the group two Warrnambool Cup (450m) last night when the underrated Hanify's Impact (\$16.00) caused an upset.

Thompson's raging hot favourite El Galo missed the start hopelessly and was back midfield at box rise, allowing Hanify's Impact to blast clear in the early stages and set up a winning break.

The Collision-Miss Hanify bitch defied the attempts of second favourite Gardam Prince (\$3.10) to run her down in the run to the finish line with group performer Taipan Bale (\$11.20) coming from last to flash home for third.

Hanify's Impact clocked 25.28 seconds for the cup and took her race record to 32 starts for 19 wins and lifted her prizemoney by \$28,000 to \$145,000.

Of the beaten brigade, El Galo was most disappointing and never looked a winning chance after blowing the start.

He will have to wait a couple of more weeks now to challenge for the Australian prizemoney record of about \$530,000 held by former New South Wales star chaser Rapid Journey.

"I saw him miss the jump and saw her (Hanify's Impact) jump to the front," Thompson said.

"It was a big surprise but a pleasant one.

"It was a terrific race. I didn't think she had much of a chance against El Galo.

"She used the box pretty well. There was a bit of trouble behind her and she hung on well."

Thompson said he has had Hanify's Impact in his kennel for 12 months after NSW owners sent her to him in June last year.

"She's been in some good races. She came second in the Melbourne Cup, second in the Horsham Cup and won the Shepparton Cup.

"She's right at her peak at the moment," he said.

Thompson's other cup starter Fedex finished fourth.

Gardam Prince was gallant running second and stamped himself a star of the future.

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After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Fedex (\$21.40 fav), 5th Dancing Lights (\$22.50), 6th Remo Rubik (\$10.40) 7th Fidel Bale (\$10.40) and El Galo (\$2.10 fav).

Hanify's Impact is a Blue-Brindle bitch whelped May 2006 by Collision from Miss Hanify (Allegro Jet x Pale Mist) she is raced by the Sterado Syndicate and trained by Jason Thompson Hanify's Impact has raced 34 times for 20 wins and four placings, adding the Cup's first prize of \$26,000 her overall stake earnings went to \$133,015.



Hanify's Impact after the cup win with trainer Jason Thompson

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** and 2008 **El Galo**.

Classic Performance by Bordain

RESERVOIR greyhound trainer Max Wintle produced a little bit of magic last night to win the \$100,000 Warrnambool Classic (450m) with stayer Bordain (\$8.60).

The most experienced greyhound in the field bounced straight to the front from box rise, then took up a trail behind early leader Kafelnikov and swept to the front in the run to the line to record an impressive win.

The Premier Fantasy-Trendy La Maze dog has made his mark as a middle distance and stayer and holds the record over 650 metres at Shepparton.

For Wintle to target the Classic and freshen the dog up to get the maximum speed out of him early was applauded as a super effort.

Wintle, 75, has trained for over 60 years and has had finalists in two Australian Cups.

Favourite Kafelnikov (\$3.20) stuck to his task well to run second, with the Norm McCullagh-trained Explosive Rhode (\$25.80) working home well to finish third with another local, the Colin Kelly-trained Supersmart Piper, fourth.

An excited Wintle said Bordain exceeded his expectations.

"Going up to the home turn I said 'gee this dog's got it'," he said.

"I was very excited coming down the straight.

"He gave the other dog a couple of lengths head-start and then went on to win."

Wintle said it was by far Bordain's biggest win.

"He's won 14 races now. He's in on Friday night at Geelong," he said.

"I've had this dog since he was a baby. He's a wonderful dog.

"I thought he was just a nice chance with some luck. I think he's used up all his luck now."

When persistent showers fell before the \$60,000-to-win Classic, experience was going to be crucial and Bordain took his race record to 34 starts for 14 wins and 14 placings, with prizemoney now at \$90,000.

Of the beaten brigade Born Louie struck trouble early and Kings Mark failed to get a clear passage in the first section of the race.

Warrnambool Greyhound Racing Club general manager Matt Ansell said the Classic and cup night attracted a bumper crowd.

"Since I've been here its by far the best crowd we've had.

"Everything just fell into place for us and it was a sensational night."

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Supersmart Piper (\$5.10), 5th Rustic Wizard (\$12.70), 6th Wadelock Tiger (\$19.50) 7th Born Louie (\$4.30) and King's Mark (\$6.30).

Bordain is a Black dog whelped December 2006 by Premier Fantasy from Trendy La Maze (Trendy Leigh x Penny La Maze) he is raced and trained by Max Wintle. Bordain has raced 34 times for 14 wins and 15 placings, adding the Classic's first prize of \$60,000 his overall stake earnings sky rocked to \$88,900.

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 and 2008 Lynlea's King.

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Max & Geoff Wintle with Bordain after the presentation

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