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Mandy and Miss Spicy score impressively in Angle Park Group Three finals.

Victorian Mid City Mandy struck the first blow of the Adelaide Cup Carnival with an impressive all the way win in the Group Three West End Draught Distance Championship at Angle Park on Thursday.

In a carbon copy performance of her heat win Mid City Mandy (\$2.90 fav) lead from the outset to score by three-quarters of a length from New South Wales group race specialist Best Quoted (\$4.00) and the fast finishing Victorian Spalding (\$5.50) in 42.72, a couple of lengths slower than her fastest qualifying heat time of 42.60. Her sections on the way to victory consisted of 4.27, 16.02 and 29.24.

It was Group success for trainer Loren Gorman who had no less than four of the eight to make the final. With Spaulding finishing third she took home the lion share of the prizemoney on offer.

Mid City Mandy has always been a competitive stayer but over the last month has raced at her very best, prior to arriving in Adelaide she finish runner up in the Sale Cup to Hercules.

A product of a most successful blood line for the Giles camp over the years Mid City Mandy is a December 2002 black bitch by Awesome Assassin from prolific producer Ashlee Jeanine (Gun Law Osti x Floodgate). She is raced by the Back Bar Syndicate and has had 59 starts for 22 wins and 20 placings with West End Distance Final first prize of \$15,000 taking her overall stake earnings to \$87,310. She will now be set for the Association Cup at Wentworth Park with heats on the 14th of January.

The field in finishing order followed 4th Endless Pit (\$18.00), 5th Classy Customer (\$6.50), 6th Media Watch (\$8.50), 7th Estella (\$8.00) and Rocky (\$6.50).

The West End Draught Distance Championship was first run in 1972 and has been won by some classy stayers over the years listed below are the past winners.

1972 **Pommie Dasher**, 1973 **Yodel High**, 1974 **Ascapella Miss**, 1975 **Titus**, 1976 **Minnie, Jubilee**, 1977 **Ibrox**, 1978 **Super Viscose**, 1979 **Bristol Idol**, 1980 **Cool It Pop**, 1981 **Canadian King**, 1982 **Brosna Boy**, 1983 **My Chief's Rusty**, 1984 **Truly Lightning**, 1985 **Truly Lightning**, 1986 **Street Wise**, 1987 **Golden Skimmer**, 1988 **Julep**, 1989 **Stone Free**, 1990 **Spruso's Star**, 1991 **Gem Supreme**, 1992 **Saltwater Sid**, 1993 **True Temptation**, 1994 **Helena's Legend**, 1995 **Zelena's Boy**, 1996 **Keon Star**, 1997 **Valetta Bale**, 1998 **"Not Held"**, 1999 **Cherie's Image**, 2000 **Osti's Joker**, 2001 **Proven Dream**, 2002 **Fly On Bonnie**, 2003 **Black Cherry**, 2004 **Skipper Rip**, 2005 **Best Quoted**.

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The other Group Three race on the card was the Advertiser Interstate Challenge Cup it has been part of the Carnival since 1999 and consists of four local sprinters pitted against four selected starters from the other states.

Here we witnessed an all the way win to Miss Spicy (\$7.00) she proved to good for Victorians Go Forever (\$3.50) and Timing (\$2.70 fav), carving out sections of 4.39 and 16.79, she scored by three and half lengths in 29.62.

The rest of the field in finishing order followed 4th Regional Royale (\$21.00), 5th Casiraghi (\$12.00), 6th Arejay Ace (\$5.00), 7th Satanic Miss (\$17.00) and Zaar (\$6.00).

Miss Spicy has certainly taken to racing in South Australia since arriving in Adelaide in the middle of November she has recorded three wins at Angle Park from four starts and also scored brilliantly in the Group Three Gawler Cup.

The Gawler Cup win was another great result for the partnership of South Australian trainer Troy Murray and Queensland owner Sarah Pringle. They continue to rack up the winners after enjoying success last year with both Saxonator and Estella.

Miss Spicy only had the two runs at Gawler in November, which resulted in the Final victory and an 11 length win in her heat. In the heat she ran 30.78, then pulled out all stops in the Final to hold out kennelmate Casiraghi in a quicker 30.71.

Troy and his father Ray have worked to build a strong record over recent times. Ray also has a strong history of feature race wins over the years.

Miss Spicy is by Just The Best out of Miss Angelique (Fortified Speed x Miss Cruise) and was whelped in April 2003. She has now raced 23 times for 13 wins and six placings for total prize earnings of \$49,995. She began here career in Queensland, with a number of good performances, before moving to Victoria in mid 2005, where she won at both Sandown and The Meadows.

Miss Spicy will now contest next Thursday night heats of the Adelaide Cup and if current form is an indication she will certainly make her presence felt.

Listed below are the past winners of the Interstate Challenge.

1999 **Brookside Cindy**, 2000 **Great Wish**, 2001 **Brett Lee**, 2002 Henerik **Bale**, 2003 **Twain**, 2004 **Big Daddy Cool**, 2005 **Ayeffell**.

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