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"CLASSY FIELD ENGAGED FOR THE WINTER CARNIVAL CUP"

GARRARD'S HORSE & HOUND

The Garrard's Horse & Hound Group 1 Winter Carnival Cup final has brought together a magnificent field of top sprinters, all vying for Group 1 glory
[Here is the Queensland GRA'S David Brasch's review of the heats.](#)

Owner Dennis Trewin reckons it's long enough since he won a Group 1 Winter Carnival Cup ... five years in fact.

Trewin and partner Tina Womann landed Trew Millions a winner of a Cup heat (520m) at Albion Park last Thursday night in devastating fashion.

He scored by two and a quarter lengths over Dyna Forte with a length and a quarter to Queen Lauryn finishing on well for third.

The winner ran 30.05 for his 29th career victory.

Trewin and Womann won the Winter Carnival Cup five years ago with Trew Million's older full brother Trewly Special (Brett Lee-Chloe Jones).

Trewin got Trew Millions as a pup in payment for the Brett Lee frozen semen straw breeders Paul and Diane Bartolo used.

"I supplied the straw for Brett Lee and we got this dog pup as payment," said Dennis.

"He's been very unlucky running second in a couple of Group 1 finals including the Perth and Brisbane Cups."

Trew Millions was knocked down at the start of last week's Group 2 Gold Coast Cup at Albion Park when finishing seventh behind Velocette.

"He was out of business from the moment the boxes opened," said Trewin.

Trewin describes Trew Millions as a bad traveller but he has tripped him about the country in a bid to cure those problems.

"He was always a problem on planes," said Dennis. "But he's getting better now."

Trew Millions had the race won when he began brilliantly from his six box and led through a 5.70 first section.

He was well clear into the back straight through a middle section of 11.72 but came home strongly in 12.63.

Dyna Forte, using his rails box, finished on well for second but Queen Lauryn, badly checked at the start, ran on gamely in the straight for third

A few weeks ago premier Victorian trainer Graeme Bate was reluctant to send his Group 1 star Velocette to Albion Park.

He was worried about the prospect of his Australian Cup winner running into the finish-on lure.

Three weeks later he is a devoted fan, of the dog and the lure.

Velocette landed last week's Group 2 Gold Coast Cup and on Thursday night led throughout to win his heat of the Group 1 Winter Carnival Cup (520m) at Albion Park.

He scored by four and a quarter lengths over Hanify's Impact with three and a quarter lengths to Spiral Glory in third.

"I reckon it will be Australia-wide before too long," said Bate of the finish-on lure.

"The lure at Albion Park is the best I've seen. I have got all the dimensions and taken them back to Geelong.

"They ran 80 or 90 trials on the lure at Geelong last weekend and everyone loved it."

Bate said he was particularly concerned about Velocette running into the finish-on lure.

"He is a mad dog on the arm, but the lure at Albion Park is the right height and I have no concerns about it,"

he said.

"(Brisbane Club employee) Jason Irwin was fantastic in the help he gave me with all the dimensions for the lure."

Velocette will stay in Queensland for the next week in the care of Mal Pearson and Nick Tzouvelis in the lead-up to the Cup final.

"Mal worked with me for a year and I wouldn't leave the dog with him unless I was confident he would do exactly what I want. And Nick is just great," said Bate.

"Velocette had a bit of a shoulder worry after the Australian Cup and I have been working on it since then, but it's right now. I'll check him over in the morning before I go home and he'll be right at his top for the final."

Bate was happy with his dog's performance from the wide draw but is adamant he is best suited from closer to the rails.

Velocette has now won 24 of his 52 starts.

Greyhounds Queensland director Paul Felgate reckons Matching Outcome is fast becoming his favourite dog ... at the moment.

Matching Outcome (Just The Best-Same Result) led throughout to win his heat of the Group 1 Winter Carnival Cup (520m) at Albion Park last Thursday night.

He scorched through a 5.64 first section before running 30.05 to win his heat by two and a quarter lengths.

He downed Cindeen Shelby with three and three-quarters to Rumble Supreme in third.

Matching Outcome also won at The Meadows last Saturday night and both nights he started at \$13.

"I've had a great win on him both times," said Paul of the dog he put the early polish on before sending him to Victoria to be trained by Tina Womann.

"I gave all my dogs to other trainers after I was made a Director of Greyhounds Queensland," said Paul.

Womann has 14 of Felgate's dogs, Peter Giles has eight.

"But I've got 33 pups at breaking in, and 20 more to be educated later in the year," he said. "And I've also got 27 young ones at home."

They include a litter of Just The Best out of Miss Brook that are three months old. Both were Felgate champions.

Matching Outcome has been a high class dog all his life winning the Molly Campbell Silver Dollars for Felgate last year.

"He was knocked down in a heat of the Gold Coast Cup behind Velocette but still ran fourth," said Paul. "He had that one run on the finish-on lure and when he went back to The Meadows he ran a first section of 5.01 to lead there last Saturday night.

"Only El Galo breaks five seconds for the first section at The Meadows."

Matching Outcome has now won 15 races and been placed four times in 36 starts.

His dam Same Result was royally bred by Brett Lee-Hypo Havoc and a half sister to champion Bogie Leigh (by Just The Best).

Graeme Bate reckons Turanza Bale is as good a galloper as Velocette.

"The difference between them is that Velocette has more early pace," said Bate.

That is the only thing stopping Turanza Bale becoming a Group winner.

Turanza Bale got into another Group final when he proved too strong to win his heat of the Winter Carnival Cup (520m) at Albion Park last Thursday night.

He scored by three-quarters of a length over High Earner with a head to Vintage Octane flashing home for third.

The winner ran 30.02 which equaled the time run by Velocette when he won an earlier Cup heat.

Turanza Bale (Primo Uno-Daishi Bale) took his record to 12 wins and 24 placings in 52 starts.

"He had no luck in last week's Gold Coast Cup," said Bate.

"He was checked out of the boxes and then again at the first turn when he was rushing up to near the lead. That was the end of him."

Turanza Bale finished fifth to kennelmate Velocette in the Gold Coast Cup beaten six lengths.

Bate gave him a huge chance of winning his Winter Carnival Cup heat off the coveted rails draw.

"I couldn't believe no one was tipping him," he said.

Bate said the dog's winning run at Sandown when successful in 29.86 several weeks ago had to be seen to be believed.

"It was the run of the year," he said.

Bate is an unabashed Paul Wheeler fan.

Wheeler bred and owns Turanza Bale.

"He had a few quiet years recently, but since he has bred his outcross bitches back to Australian stud dogs he is winning everything," he said.

Only Glenn Carrington wasn't surprised when Paddy Bell stormed into his second Group final in a couple of weeks when he won his heat of the Group 1 Winter Carnival Cup (520m) at Albion Park last Thursday night.

Paddy Bell (Whisky Assassin-Oreo) rattled home to score by two and a quarter lengths over early leader Azastar with three-quarters to Bogie Bomber in third.

The winner ran 30.18 for his 11th win in 28 starts.

Glenn's wife Pat owns and trains Paddy Bell who was last in the Gold Coast Cup final last week to Velocette.

"There were excuses for his run last week," said Glenn.

"He stumbled when he came out of the boxes and wrenched his wrist.

"We got it right for the Gold Coast Cup final but he stumbled at the first turn when in a bit of strife and aggravated it again."

Carrington said he had iced it all week and the wrist had responded to the treatment.

"He was right for the heats tonight," said Glenn.

Carrington said six months ago that Paddy Bell was a top flight galloper in the making.

"We've taken him along quietly," said Glenn. "He's very strong and will run on when he gets older but we don't want to step him up for a while."

His dam Oreo is the Albion Park 600m track record holder.

GROUP ONE – GARRARDS HORSE & HOUND WINTER CARNIVAL CUP

\$50,000 to the winner



Cendeen Shelby (NSW)

30 starts 18-4-1 (\$69,575)

Bombastic Shiraz – Proper Shelby
Red Fawn Bitch August '06

Owner: **Ray Parkinson**

Trainer: **Kelvyn Greenough**

Albion Park: NBT (1 Starts 0-1-0)

Smart New South Wales sprinter now in the care of leading Victorian trainer Kel Greenough has been racing well of late after a long break. Runner-up in her heat last week behind Matching Outcome in 30.05 at her first start on the track. Has some claims from box one, but would have to lead early to be a winning chance, place looks best.



Matching Outcome

36 starts 15-1-3 (\$38,910)

Just The Best – Same Result

Black Dog January '07

Owner: **Paul Felgate**

Trainer: **Tina Womann**

Albion Park best: 30.03 (4) (21 Starts 7-0-1)

Top effort last week when he won his heat in 30.05. One of Tina Womann's two finalists with plenty of experience on the track having won seven when he formally raced in Queensland with owner Paul Felgate. Nice draw and with a bit of luck in running he has an outside chance of upsetting the more popular, place chance best.



Turanza Bale (VIC)

52 starts 12-18-6 (\$95,800)

Primo Uno – Daishi Bale

Black Dog July '06

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Graeme Bate**

Albion Park best: 30.02 (1) (3 Starts 1-1-0)

Talented Victorian sprinter and one three to make the final for veteran champion trainer Graeme Bate. Always thereabouts at group level without cracking it in a big one. Powered home last week to run down the talented High Earner in the equal quickest of the night 30.02. Not without a chance will need some luck early to find a good position.



Paddy Bell

28 starts 11-6-2 (\$19,600)

Whisky Assassin – Oreo

Black Dog May '07

Owner/Trainer: **Patricia Carrington**

Albion Park best: 30.18 (1) (13 Starts 4-3-1)

One of few locals in the final who will start big odds from the tough draw. Recorded his best winning time at Albion Park 30.18 from box one in last weeks heat, however will need a lot of luck to trouble the more fancied, big thrill for connections to race in such a classy group one.



High Earner

24 starts 14-6-3 (\$117,900)

Collision – Double Guess

Black Dog May '07

Owner/Trainer: **Christine Robartson**

Albion Park best: 29.76 (3) (15 Starts 10-3-2)

Brilliant local youngster and dual group two Derby winner this year. Has won ten races on the track with a best winning time of 29.76 a repeat of that performance would see him win the final. However not the best of draws in five but he does come out almost every time and if he found the lead early has a good chance. If anything his last ten metres seems to be where he gets caught a bit. The local hope with some luck.



Velocette (VIC)

54 starts 24-9-2 (\$312,040)

Bombastic Shiraz – Texan Lady

Black Dog August '06

Owners: **Ron McCullagh**

Trainer: **Graeme Bate**

Albion Park best: 29.69 (2) (5 Starts 4-0-0)

Outstanding Victorian sprinter and Group One Australian Cup winner. Has taken a distinct liking to Albion Park with four wins from five starts including a brilliant performance to win the Gold Coast Cup in 29.90. Will start the popular elect, he has been beginning well of late and clocking fast sections. No doubt the one to beat in super form could it be another group one for the maestro.



Trew Millions (VIC)

82 starts 31-18-8 (\$241,040)

Brett Lee – Chloe Jones

Black Dog August '05

Owner: **Dennis Trewin**

Trainer: **Tina Womann**

Albion Park best: 30.05 (6) (9 Starts 2-4-1)

Fantastic old warrior making his second appearance in this race has made a stack of group finals without winning a group one. Marvelous training effort to keep him at the top level for such a long period will need some luck but always does his best, great dog.



Dyna Forte (VIC)

20 starts 9-2-1 (\$65,240)

Droopy's Maldini – Hanicka Bale

Blue Dog July '07

Owners: **Brendan Wheeler**

Trainer: **Graeme Bate**

Albion Park best: NBT (2 Starts 0-1-0)

Another very smart sprinter from the Graeme Bate kennel made the Maturity final and won the Dawson, finished second last week to Trew Millions at his only start on the track would need to improve to win as he comes from behind in most of his races, place chance.



Hanify's Impact

39 starts 22-6-0 (\$147,120)

Collision – Miss Hanify

Finished second to Velocette last week is a very smart group winner not without a chance if she gets a start.



Azastar

31 starts 12-2-4 (\$20,795)

Bombastic Shiraz – Cynthia Stanley

Honest local with seven wins on the track finished second to Paddy Bell in 30.18 last week. Bookmaker's odds reflect his chances if he gains a start.

Albion Park bookmaker Jeff Walters early betting market on the final is:

\$50,000 to the winner Group 1 Winter Carnival Cup (520m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	Cindeen Shelby	Kelvyn Greenough	4/1
	Matching Outcome	Tina Womann	10/1
	Turanza Bale	Graeme Bate	7/1
	Paddy Bell	Patricia Carrington	10/1
	High Earner	Christine Robartson	3/1
	Velocette	Graeme Bate	2/1
	Trew Millions	Tina Womann	10/1
	Dyna Forte	Graeme Bate	10/1
	Hanify's Impact	Jason Thompson	50/1
	Azastar	Alex Green	50/1

Local Queensland expert's selections for the final are as follows.

David Brasch

1st Velocette
2nd High Earner
3rd Matching Outcome

Paul Dolan

1st Cindeen Shelby
2nd Velocette
3rd Trew Millions

John Brasch

1st Velocette
2nd Cindeen Shelby
3rd High Earner

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE NIGHT

To celebrate the 2009 Winter Chasing Carnival and the Garrards Winter Carnival Cup, the Brisbane Club will be throwing a free party for all ages including music, roving entertainers, jumping castle and the Club will also be giving away a \$500 bet to one lucky punter on the big race.

HISTORY

The Winter Carnival Cup has taken on many different forms over the years and has been conducted also at different times during those years. It was first staged at the Gabba in 1978 and sponsored by famous Queensland brewing company Castlemaine XXXX and known as their Trophy, it was run over the testing 558 metre sprint course. It remained the Castlemaine XXXX Trophy right up until 1992 apart from one year in 1987 when it was called the Christmas Trophy. When racing moved to Albion Park in 1993 the race was called the Christmas Stocking for one year and it continued its Group 1 status that the race had gained in 1991 and maintains currently. The feature dropped back to Group 2 in 1997 and 1998, but returned to Group 1 in 1999. Like many other feature races around Australia in the 90's in was sponsored by the Pet food company Eukanuba from 1994 to 1997 and its subsequent company Nutrience in 1998 and 1999. In the year 2000 the club developed the now successful Winter Carnival at the suggestion of race caller John Brasch and the race became that Carnivals major Group 1 feature the Winter Carnival Cup. It has been won by some champion sprinters over the years and the following is but a few of those stars. Call Me Roscoe 81, Glanzend 82, Acacia Park 84, Dancing Gamble 87, Golden Fox 88, Highly Blessed 90, Icen Princess 92, Toban Leah 94, Flying Amy 95, Roanokee 96, Wine Glass 97, Winged Runner 99, Mint Mojo 2001, Elite State 2003 and Trewly Special in 2004. Listed below is the full honour roll.

At the Gabba 1978 - 1992

YEAR	WINNER	TIME
1978	Brigadier North	33.00
1979	Katie's Disco	32.74
1980	Wings Of Steel	32.92
1981	Call Me Roscoe	32.84
1982	Glanzend	32.60
1983	Duration	32.91
1984	Acacia Park	32.90
1985	Amber Flash	32.89
1986	(Jan) Sharyn's Vogue	33.08
1986	(Dec) Fifi She's Not	32.61
1987	Dancing Gamble	32.75
1988	Fifi She's Not	32.61
1989	Son of Ella	32.63
1990	Highly Blessed	32.47
1991	Soldier On	32.60
1992	Iceni Princess	32.93

At Albion Park 1993- Present

YEAR	WINNER	TIME
1993	National Leader	30.39
1994	Toban Leah	30.35
1995	Flying Amy	29.99
1996	Roanokee	30.06
1997	Wine Glass	30.34
1998	Shady Macbeth	30.28
1999	Winged Runner	30.19
2000	Short Model	30.00
2001	Mint Mojo	30.59
2002	Awesome Machine	30.11
2003	Elite State	29.97
2004	Trewly Special	30.16
2005	Hades Rocket	29.90
2006	Fenceline	29.92
2007	Big Swell	30.06
2008	Made To Size	30.39



Last Year's Winter Carnival Cup winner Made To Size (Pic Corey Pearce)



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