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## **WA Triumphs In Flying Amy Classic Thriller**

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Perth Cup champion Uncle Tommy clinched an exhilarating win for the renowned WA-based trainer Steve Withers, achieving his second Group 1 victory, in the TAB Flying Amy Classic Final (520m) at Albion Park on Thursday night.

Uncle Tommy's victory in the \$150,000 winner-takes-all Flying Amy Classic signified a sixth Group 1 title for Casuarina trainer Steve Withers, narrowly defeating Lakeview Emily and Sunset Frazier by three-quarters of a length in a time of 30.12 seconds.

Disregarded in the betting, Uncle Tommy's odds lengthened from \$5 to \$13 by the start of the race from box 2.

Uncle Tommy's victory in the Flying Amy Classic eclipsed the achievements of his sire, Tommy Shelby, by securing Group 1 success in Queensland. The Australian Greyhound of the Year, who raced for Steve Withers, had previously placed third in the Group 1 Gold Bullion Final.



***Steve Withers and Uncle Tommy became the centre of attention following their victory in the G1 Flying Amy Classic Final at Albion Park on Thursday night.***

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The Group 1 TAB-sponsored Flying Amy Classic, with its prestigious \$150,000 winner's cheque, has elevated Uncle Tommy's record to 15 victories from 27 starts, amassing \$435,209 in prize money for the After Party Syndicate.

In a landmark year for group race achievements, the progeny of Tommy Shelby has now notched up five group race victories.

These include Morton's win in the G1 Gold Bullion, West On Boonie's triumph in the G1 Galaxy, Storm Days' success in the G1 Harrison-Dawson, and Uncle Tommy's notable Perth Cup and Flying Amy double.

The QLD Greyhound Winter Carnival at "The Creek" produced yet another record-setting evening with its 12-race program, featuring two group races that paid tribute to the contemporary Queensland legends, Dashing Corsair and Cyndie's Magic.

Tim Britton achieved consecutive wins in the Group 3 TAB Dashing Corsair (710m), following Fast Milkman's upset victory over Mepunga Loaf and Kushti Bok in the winner-takes-all \$30,000 feature, clocking 42.51 seconds from box 3.

Play Nice was the greyhound that earned Tim Britton honours at the event a year ago, while the Britton family solidifies their presence by establishing a strong training base in Queensland.

The Group 2 Garrard's Cyndie's Magic event, over 600 metres, saw the Northern Rivers chaser Fahey's Magic achieve a remarkable double victory, securing the \$75,000 prize for trainer Tyson Barton.

Fahey's Magic, the victor of the Group 1 Golden Sands in January, has now claimed a Group 2 contest, adding to a series of group/listed events over the middle distance hosted by the Queensland Greyhound Racing Club.

The excitement in the Sunshine State is mounting as the QLD Greyhound Winter Carnival at Albion Park continues its climax, with the running the State Of Origin series next Thursday night.

The event will showcase the Group 3 Origin Sprint (520m), Group 3 Origin Distance (710m), and the Origin Match Race (520m), run at the Group Listed level.

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