

Big changes for Auction series



Pat Carrington and Oreo

IPSWICH Club has announced major changes to the Highland Smash Repairs Auction series for those pups sold in 2004.

The changes were announced immediately after Fools State led throughout to win the 2004 Auction final adding to her already imposing record.

The Elle's Commando-Spark Again bitch, owned by Jim Osborn and trained by Reg Kay as was the case with her half brother Greyhound of the Year Elite State, had already won the Group 2 Queensland Futurity at Albion Park. But the Ipswich club stole the thunder by announcing plans for a revamped series, adding a 431m race.

Pups sold at the 2004 Auction in October will be eligible for a \$56,000 series in April 2006 over 520m.

But the club has also added a \$19,000 series in October 2006 over 431m.

This apparently stemmed from a lack of nominations for the race series this year. Fools State continued the remarkable run of Osborn and Kay when she led throughout to land the

\$33,000 winner's cheque. She scored by a length from the fastfinishing Oreo (Token Prince-Northern Wish) in 30.72 with two and a quarter lengths to Rylee's Reward in third. Farmor Force was fourth.

To the time of the Auction victory Fools State boasted a remarkable record of 14 wins and four placings from just 21 starts.

And there was no resting on her laurels for Fools State who immediately after the Auction won the rich Group 2 Ladies Bracelet (520m) at Wentworth Park in Sydney.

Kay also had a major hand in the preparation of 1999 Auction winner Hypnotic Trans.

"We are blessed with a bitch with early speed, and you can see what that does for you," Kay said after the win.

Fools State looked in danger several times in the run, but held on gamely in the straight specially when northern galloper Oreo flashed up late.

It was a fantastic effort from Oreo who made her owner-trainer Pat Carrington, formerly of Mount Isa, as proud as the winning connections.

2004 Ipswich Auction (520m)

1 FOOLS STATE \$1.70

(Elle's Commando-Spark Again)

Owner: Jim Osborn

Trainer: Reg Kay

2 OREO \$23.40

(Token Prince-Northern Wish)

3 RYLEE'S REWARD \$3.90

(Shape Shifter-Queen Size)

Others: 4 Farmor Force \$18.70, 5 Yo Yo

String \$8.60, 6 Big Rooster \$18.30, 7

Temnick Star \$34.10, fell Snazzy Fool

\$22.90. **Time: 30.72.**



Reg Kay with Auction final winner Fools State.



Box 1
Rylee's Reward



Box 5
Yo Yo String



Box 2
Temnick Star



Box 6
Fools State



Box 3
Snazzy Fool



Box 7
Farmor Force



Box 4
Big Rooster



Box 8
Oreo

Semi-final pics courtesy Sharon Morris.