



Spotlight on Breeding

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BUZZ'S Image (Jalna's Spark- Buzzorine) was a broodbitch who appeared regularly in the pedigrees of notable greyhounds of the 60s and 70s. She was the dam of the brilliant sprinter Racemhome (TR Gosford 532y) and matrons Busy Beaver, Dashing Julie, Jenny's Portrait and Pebbles Devil.

The latter three appear behind the likes of Waveman, Lady Anthia, Cell Block, Top Portrait and Majestic Miller.

However, the star was Busy Beaver who was mated to Black Top seven times resulting in many feature and city winners, record holders and producers.

Most notable was legendary Zoom Top. Ask old timers who were the best greyhounds to have raced in Australia and her name is one of the first mentioned.

Many consider her the best ever. The NSW Greyhound of the Year in 1968 and 1969, she won 68 races from 136 starts.

Among these were 16 feature races including two Association Cups, two Wentworth Park Gold Cups, a NSW St Leger, Sydney Cup, Summer Cup and even the Richmond Oaks over a straight 320 yards.

Queensland fans got to see her winning the 1968 and 1969 Queensland Staying Championships at Beenleigh, setting a new track record for the 870 yards on both occasions.

She set or equalled 15 track records in her career including the Wentworth Park 790 yds. Zoom Top had two litters.

The first to Thunder Lane was disappointing as it contained no city winners.

A few of the bitches in it became handy producers, most notably Busy Zoom who threw one time Capalaba record holder Laurie's Power.

Storkey Lane, one of the males in the Thunder Lane litter, had his moment of glory at stud by siring one of Queensland's favourite sons, Call Me Roscoe.

This grand campaigner won two Queensland Cups, a Lawnton Cup and the XXXX Trophy at the Gabba as well as running records over 609m at Lawnton and 550m at Bundaberg. Zoom Top's second litter to Benjamin John was much more successful.

Although there were only three pups in it, two were city winners, Madam Zoom (31.12 Wpk) and the classy Zoom's Wealth (30.82 Wpk, 26.37 Hpk) who won 11 city races in Sydney including the 1978 Surf Lifesavers Cup. Zoom Top's descendants have not been heard of since.

Her litter sister, Busy's Charm was also an outstanding stayer. She won 52 races including the 1969 Stayers Christmas Gift at Harold Park and held track records at Singleton (700y) and Wollongong (750y).

Busy's Charm produced Busy's Chief (who won 46 races including six features and then had a very useful career at stud), Supreme Busy (TR Lismore 722m) and broodbitch Busy Sharon who appears behind the good Queensland dogs Harlequin Joe (1990 Bundaberg Cup) and The Big Log (1987 Downs Derby).

This damline is still producing Albion Park winners e.g. the Bobniak-Buckies Wonder

litter headed by Aries Pick.

Others from the Black Top-Busy Beaver matings include Top Bomber (a smart Sydney sprinter who had a fine stud career), Busy Beau (1970 Clarence River Distance C'ship), Top Em All (dam of illfated 1974 Qld Derby winner Ben Hamilton), Busy's Duke, Busy's Gem, Busy Bomber, Zoom Star, Classy Zoom and Zoom Again.

Zoom Again is the bitch behind many of the "Yessam" greyhounds that have performed well on South-East Queensland tracks over the years.

However, the most successful branch of the Buzz's Image damline has been through Classy Zoom.

Her litter to Benny McGrath was outstanding.

It contained Geoff's Bank (TR Wentt Pk 530m - 30.63), Natalie's Image (1978 McCallum's Scotch Whisky Cup Gfn), Solitary Zoom (1977 October Tphy Wpk, 1977 Champagne Stakes Wpk, near record 30.68 Wpk), Solitary Choice (30.89 Wpk), Badge Number (30.93 Wpk) and broodbitch Pancho Girl. Solitary Choice was dam of Spice Of Life (1987 Bulli Gem Sprint) and Pancho Girl was dam of Rare Girl (1985 Wangaratta Cup) and Crescent Gold.

Rare Girl was grand-dam of Sandy Honcho (1995 Canberra Cup) and Wanda Miss (1995 Albury Cup), while Crescent Gold was dam of Chip And Charge (1992 Lawnton Young Star Classic), Golden Chips (1991 Qld Sprint C'ship), Hard Gold (1986 Twba Puppy Classic), Our Gold Coin (1990 Ipswich Auction) and fine broodbitches Crescent Miss, Crescent Queen, Crescent Sally and Eastern Rose.

These bitches appear in the damlines behind Pride Of Stef (1995 Ipswich Auction), Refuel (TR Lawnton 370m, Canberra 310m, Grafton 407m), Papa Mas (1997 Lithgow Golden Muzzle), Ultra Awesome (2001 Sale Puppy

Classic), Ima Monarchist (2001 Ayr Cup, 2001 Mackay Cup) and the top class sprinter Short Model (2000 Winter Carnival Cup, 2000 Flying Amy Classic, 2000 Anniversary Cup Apk).

It was amazing back in the 70s to observe how well this damline clicked with Benjamin John and his sons. Cell Block, Zoom's Wealth, Busy's Chief, Supreme Busy, Ben Hamilton, Natalie's Image, Geoff's Bank and Solitary Zoom all came from this cross.

There is another connection between this damline and the present day. It comes via Bonnie Buzz, a sister to Buzz's Image.

Bonnie Buzz was the fourth dam of Miss Collect, dam of Kim's Collect (1981 Appin 2000), Velladyn (mother of 1989 Capalaba Derby winner Palmtree Jack) and Cogaloo who has her own branch of this line.

She appears behind notable performers Golden King, The Wee Shannon, Hyvella, Ranacin, See Senior, Psycho Cape, Summer Nightmare, Rema Rose, Darby's Rose, Flash Joan and the fabulous litter by Solve The Puzzle- Princess Rema which contains Puzzle Prize (2003 Richmond Cannonball, 2003 Bendigo Cup, 2003 Geelong Cup, 2003 Shepparton Cup, 2003 Ballarat Cup, 2004 Warragul Cup, TR Richmond 400m), Knockabout Wok (2002 Shepparton Cup, 2002 Ballarat Cup, 2003 Warragul Cup, TR Warragul 424m), Rema's Puzzle (TR Taree 392m) and Ironbark Ticker (TR Gosford 400m).

So, while Zoom Top might not appear in the damline of our modern stars, there is still a good chance her sister Classy Zoom may be. Perhaps it will be through her descendants in the Shape Shifter- Queen Size litter who have shown great promise in recent months.

As I write this, Rylee's Reward zips around Albion Park in 30.20 taking his record to 13 wins from 20 starts.