

Memories



IT'S December 1985, and the **Mugavin** family is taking all before them in their new venture into greyhound racing.

Kevin and wife Val run a farm at Killarney in Victoria's south-west. They have six sons and three daughters and as well as greyhound racing, Aussie rules is their passion.

	The Grand Silver	Prairie Flash
Youthful Spring*		April Twilight
	Regal Queen	Shane's Legacy
SCENIC SPA		Jersey Queen
	Temlee	Tivoli Chief
Ceduna Babe		Temora Lee
	Diro's Doll	Black Diro
		El Anita

Sons Noel, Brian and Kevin Jnr all played in the local Hampden League, while Noel played for Fitzroy and Richmond in the VFL.

Daughter Mary was married to Brian Brown, captain-coach of Hampden, and her sister Jill was married to Swans champion Bill Picken.

Kevin Jnr was the greyhound influence in the family. The Mugavins had put their faith in the broodbitch **Val Matesse** (Temlee- Dark Debutante) and she had produced such class acts as Currency Lass and Blue Lightning for them.

Currency Lass had won 22 races and \$25,000 in stakes including the Sapphire Classic, while Blue Lightning won 20 races.

Val Matesse at the time had a four months old litter by **Tangairn**, Blue Lightning a two months old litter by Satan's Shroud, and Fancy Val a 10 week old litter by Tangairn.

In Sydney, former Queensland Form guide employee **Bruce Beach** joined the Greyhound Recorder. Bruce had also been secretary at Grafton club and assistant at Bulli and had a short stint with the GRA in Queensland.

At the Gabba, Rich Manner (Tivoli Fables-Brazen Best) ran 33.15 to beat a luckless Trixie's Flight to win the state final of the National Sprint for Mick Lisgos. Tasmanian champ **Busy Vintage** was leased for 12 months to NSW studmasters Rick and Dick Anderson and would join former Victorian Tangairn. Busy Vintage (Highland Summer-Tiny Port) was the 1984 National Sprint champion and had been runner-up to **Brother Fox** in the Hobart Thousand. In all he had started 49 times for 26 wins and 10 seconds. He had won 15 races at Hobart.

Sire Highland Summer had won 37 races in Tassie, and dam Tiny Port won the Hobart Gold Cup. Busy Vintage's litter brother Highland Port had been second to **Chariot Supreme** in the Hobart Thousand.

Owner-trainer David Crosswell leased his dog to the Andersons for a year. He would stand for \$400.

At Harold Park, Daisy Doll (Admiral Lynch-Gallant doll) landed the Vic Peters Memorial for veteran trainer Les Castle.

Castle had earlier in the year won the Young Star Classic with Lord Buttons.

	Tivoli Chief	Tivoli Dreamer
Tivoli Fables		Heather's Ile
	Glitter Story	Glitter's Hope
RICH MANNER		West Side Story
	Secret Tiv	Tivoli Dreamer
Brazen Best		Secretly
	Dasha's Darlin'	Dasha Spice
		Bere Vee

Daisy Doll downed Holstein Boy and Flying Bee Bee for owner Freda Plowes.

Suzanne Gwenda scored a 10-1 upset to take out the Olympic Park Distance Title over champion stayer Sheila's Teresa and Scarlet Alexis.

The daughter of **Stoney**-Gwenda Maree took her record to 17 wins and 26 placings from 55 starts and her stakes to \$20,000. It was her 13th win in the city

and sixth at Olympic Park to add to her Anniversary Trophy at the track.

She was the pride and joy of ownertrainer Terry Reid who rated her his best in 14 years of training.

Olympic Park record holder **National Star** started odds-on favourite but finished unplaced.

Star sprinter **Eaglehawk Star** was retired to stud. The son of Tangaloo-Country Coast won the 1985 Australian Cup and was runnerup in the National Sprint and Melbourne Cup.

He had also been a finalist in the Maturity and in all won 23 and was placed seven times in 34 starts for \$85,000 in stakes. He would stand at a fee of \$400.

The White Horse Scotch Whiskey Cup (704m) at the Gabba went to **Tokyo Princess** (King Tokyo-Dancing Duchess).

She ran 41.84 to down Amanda Flash and Cool Linen for owner Doug Harold and his trainer, brother Danny.

The bitch had won the Interstate Challenge at the Gabba beating National Star earlier in the year.

Over at Angle Park, the National Sprint was won by local hero **Scenic Spa** (Youthful Spring-Ceduna Babe).

A \$125 pup buy when the runt of the litter, Scenic Spa downed Storm Glade and Queenslander **Rich Manner** in 30.70.

Raced by Deryk Daws and Paul Daminato, he was trained by Marijane Jovanovic who had been South Australia's leading trainer for some time.

Boom South Australian youngster **Taj Rossi** continued his great run of success with victory in the Labor Day Cup at Angle Park as odds-on favourite.

The Gary Mellor trained dog added to his SA Derby and WA Young Star Classic victories in the St Leger. He was to be set for the SA St Leger and Silver Chief in Victoria.