



MEDIA RELEASE

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"Magenta Rose wins exciting Ladies Bracelet"

Magenta Rose utilized the red box to perfection to score an impressive win in the Group 2 Alan Evans Ladies Bracelet at Wentworth Park on Saturday night. Sent to the boxes a \$2.80 favourite she became the third winner of the time honoured event for New South Wales leading trainer Don McMillian. McMillian was successful in 1992 with Short County and 1999 with Nella Lucy.

In a very exciting race the favourite lead early but scouting wider on the track was November Savanna (\$11.80) and down the back straight the two went head and head in search of a clear advantage. Both bitches had clashed in the heat with honours going to the Christine Oldfield trained chaser by a length and a half in 30.38.

However the final was to be a different outcome, as they turned for home still locked together Magenta Rose started to get the upper hand and she pulled away with 30 metres to go recording a solid win. It was her second win from box one at Wentworth Park, she dealt with Perth Cup winner Superman in a heat of the Golden Easter Egg in 30.20 the best of six wins at the track.

Miss Porsca (\$8.20) was an outstanding run third she had stood the leaders up a tidy start down the back and rallied home in a good effort. Margins were one length by three and three quarters and the overall time was a steady 30.56 with sections of 5.50 and 14.17.

The McMillian's were returning from an annual boat cruise and kennel duties have for the past couple of weeks been carried out by long time family friend Victorian Peter Gilmore.

McMillian has no special plans for Magenta Rose and will concentrate on Free For All racing at Wentworth Park. He has won his fair share of them already this year and Magenta Rose adds to his already impressive team. Perhaps there will be a trip down south later in the year to contest the Group 1 Sapphire Crown at Sandown in October.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Our Bette (\$3.80), 5th Miss Slinky (\$19.80), 6th Inspirationlee (\$10.60) 7th Spice Magic (\$6.80) and Sweet Hand (\$16.20).

The GBOTA are to be congratulated on trying an interesting new concept on Saturday night with a Dinner – Cabaret featuring hot Sydney crooner "Alfio". The popular Italian singer who has his debut Album charting in the top 20 entertained the 170 plus dinners between races and featured until almost 11 pm. In these times where doing it differently is the name of the game the GBOTA's brilliant idea is sure to be copied at other clubs around Australia.

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Magenta Rose is a black bitch whelped October 2003 by Lindale Blue from Fluent Lee (Token Prince x Subjective) she has raced 34 times for nine wins and 12 placings and the \$25,000 first prize took his stake earnings to \$51,940.

The Ladies Bracelet was first conducted by the GBOTA at Harold Park over 500 yards in 1971 when won by that mighty little brindle sprinter Shapely Escort. The feature was held at the GBOTA's head quarters until 1987 when the track was closed for greyhound racing. It moved to Wentworth Park in 1988 and has been won by some famous bitches over the years. Gold Spring won the race in successive years 79/80 plus AGRA Hall of Famer Winifred Bale in 1983. Other brilliant greyhounds to win included Mandarin Girl, Camden's Ghost, Jessica Casey, Short County and Victorians Amy's Doll and Mutombo Miss. Listed below is the full honour roll.

1971 **Shapely Escort**, 1972 **Shane's Monaro**, 1973 **Thunder Sue**, 1974 **Maybe Now**, 1975 **Swanky Matic**, 1976 **Mandarin Girl**, 1977 **Nimity Streak**, 1978 **Smooth Spectre**, 1979 **Gold Spring**, 1980 **Gold Spring**, 1981 **Judo Art**, 1982 **Friendly World**, 1983 **Winifred Bale**, 1984 **Better Flight**, 1985 **Silver Tail Miss**, 1986 **Camden's Ghost**, 1987 **Paris In Spring**, 1988 **Aussie Value**, 1989 **Peerless Star**, 1990 **Spider Web**, 1991 **Jessica Casey**, 1992 **Short County**, 1993 **Amy's Doll**, 1994 **Stormy Opera**, 1995 **Mutombo Miss**, 1996 **Flash Davina**, 1997 **Oriana**, 1998 **Lucy Lawless**, 1999 **Nella Lucy**, 2000 **Junoesque**, 2001 **Mint Mojo**, 2002 **Hotshow Lil**, 2003 **Eriskay**, 2004 **Fool's State**, 2005 **Twisted Angel**.

First Bracelet winner Shapely Escort



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