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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **“Mini’s turn to Shine”**

She may have been the less fancied sister but it was Miss Mini Mouse’s turn to shine in the final of the \$30,000 Coffex Coffee Group 2 South Australian Oaks at Angle Park last night. For Little River owner-trainer-breeder Paul Bartolo and his wife Diane it mattered not which of his outstanding youngsters won the final, a winning result was the satisfying outcome.

Following last weeks semi-finals litter sister Betty’s Angel was breathtaking with a 29.17 all the way win from box two. Blistering sections of 4.44 and 16.66 indicated she was the one to beat. Considering the other semis were won in 29.67 and 29.88 “Betty’s” seemed to have plenty on the quality field. However after drawing box eight a difficult assignment at any time at Angel Park she was easy in the market starting a \$2.10 favourite.

At box rise Betty’s Angel missed the start and was trapped wide mid field going into the first turn a tangle with Zali Bale and in a flash she was out of the race. While that was happening Miss Mini Mouse (\$3.00) was having a battle up front with Serene Bale (\$19.50) who had lead around the corner after a fast first section of 4.45. Railing up she took over in front and held her advantage around the last turn racing away up the home straight to win by four and a quarter lengths in 29.74 after a back section of 17.02. Serene Bale chased her hard all the way to finish second, with Laurels winner Pure Burst (\$6.20) overcoming a slow start and early trouble to run third.

asked Paul Bartolo how he felt going into the final. “I really thought Betty’s Angel would struggle to win from the eight she is not that quick early and in a couple of her starts from box eight she hasn’t been able to cross. I did give Miss Mini Mouse a good chance if she could get up near the lead. There is only a length between them in trials that includes Leprechaun Pace and they have taken turns at winning. I can tell you Betty’s Angel wouldn’t run Miss Mini Mouse down if she was in front.” Bartolo said.

Bartolo has another smart one in the litter recovering from injury a dog named Fast Indian. “Yes he is as quick as Betty’s Angel but snapped a metacarpal at his first start he has been out for three months and will be out for another month before he is okay to race again. So we are excited by what he may be able to achieve as well.” Bartolo said.

suggested the trio of bitches were also very valuable breeding prospects. “Yes they are and we will follow our previous pattern of giving them about 40 starts, it has worked well for us with this breed and the line has continued to produce quality stock for a number of years. We have carefully selected their race starts in a bid not to knock them around. My only disappointment was missing the Laurels it was a bit of bad luck with the grading, I was hoping to have a crack at it as their mother just failed to run down Dance Portrait in the final in 2003.”

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Leprechaun Yap has a ten month old litter on the ground to one of Ireland leading sires Spiral Nikita and will return to Brett Lee for her next litter. Bartolo has what is believed to be the last Brett Lee straw purchased in Australia.

I asked Bartolo what was next on the agenda for his talented trio of sprinters. "I will entry them for the twin tracks grade five race at Sandown, they have never been there and I can't trial because the heats are next Thursday but I will give them a walk on this weekend. After that I'll certainly be looking forward to the Group 1 Sapphire Crown." Bartolo concluded.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Abbadale Affair (\$47.60), 5<sup>th</sup> Zali Bale (\$27.10), 6<sup>th</sup> Top Entity (\$17.10), 7<sup>th</sup> Betty's Angel (\$2.10 fav) and Sundae Sipper (\$19.90).

Miss Mini Mouse is raced trained and was bred by the Paul & Diane Bartolo. She is a Black bitch whelped November 2004 by Brett Lee from Leprechaun Yap (Hotshot x Leprechaun Miss). Miss Mini Mouse has won five of her 10 starts and has been placed on three occasions and with the \$20,000 first prize for the Oaks it took her current stake earnings to \$24,185.

Last night's final was the 36<sup>th</sup> running of the South Australian Oaks, the feature has been won by some of greyhound racing star performers. Starting with the inaugural winner Bristol Miss (1971) trained by legendary South Australian mentor Doug Payne. Other outstanding chasers to win the Oaks have been Wee Rua, True To Do, Kedo's Millie, Moonambel Gem, Classic Capri, Lukeamy and last years winner Tiarta.

1971 **Bristol Miss**, 1972 **Keyway**, 1973 **Ibis Lady**, 1974 **Scarecrow**, 1975 **Just Biddy**, 1976 **Just Nonsense**, 1977 **Roshana Belle**, 1978 **Top Temissy**, 1979 **Collis Queen**, 1980 **Smoky Sheen**, 1981 **Galoa Girl**, 1982 **Canadian Queen**, 1983 **Wee Rua**, 1984 **True Shadow**, 1985 **Nifty Lass**, 1986 **Festival Sal**, 1987 **Kinky Katie**, 1988 **La Saron**, 1989 **Blackwood Fleur**, 1990 **Tinahue**, 1991 **True To Do**, 1992 **Revealing**, 1993 **Sandi's Best**, 1994 **Victorious Road**, 1995 **Outrun**, 1996 **Kedo's Millie**, 1997 **Moonambel Gem**, 1998 **Basco Bale**, 1999 **Mepunga Spark**, 2000 **Classic Capri**, 2001 **El Paso**, 2002 **Braakensiek**, 2003 **Petite Verdote**, 2004 **Lukeamy** and 2005 **Tiarta** .

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