



MEDIA RELEASE

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“Sargent Major” salutes the judge in the Hume Cup final.”

The Lauren Gorman trained Sargent Major (\$2.80 fav) continued his excellent recent form with an all the way win in the Group 2 Hume Cup final at the Meadows last night defeating a talented line up in the process.

As he so often does in his races he was quickly into stride and in search of the lead, Springvale Jinx (\$41.70) led for a short time up to the first mark in 5.01, but the “Sargent” railing hard on her inside and took over as the pilot a position were he does his best racing.

Most eyes were trying to find the well fancied Queenslander Quidame (\$2.90) and after beginning slowly she was back worst than mid field looking for a run. The “Sarge” had put his foot down and raced to a handy lead with sections of 16.09 and 29.75 he was certainly going like a winner as nothing appeared to be making any ground off the back. Springvale Jinx lost her forward spot when she went a miss with a hock injury and Quidame was doing little at the rear.



Sargent Major too good in Hume Cup

(Pic Paul Munt)

On the home turn Sargent Major was in no danger of defeat and he raced away to record an impressive win in the smart time of 42.60. Not far off his best winning time at the Meadows of 42.28 the track record. Runner- up was Elektra (\$7.20) who made up a lot of ground from last and only joined in at the home turn, with the ever consistent Rocky (\$6.00) third.

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Big disappointment in the race was Quidame who failed to fire a shot finishing some ten and a half lengths from the winner. The run must have been of some concern to trainer Tony Brett as she has been in such brilliant recent form with wins in the Sydney Cup, followed by Albion Park and last weeks heat of the Hume Cup.

Sargent Major has certainly raced well since being spelled from the end of July until early October it was his four straight win this campaign building up steadily from 500 to 600 up to the distance heat last week when he won in the quickest time of 42.73. He was no doubt the freshest stayer in the final and he won like one. The "Sarge" will now be set for the Group 2 Bold Trease at Sandown in a couple of weeks.

Sargent Major has enjoyed a solid year considering his time off he won the Group One Sandown Cup in May, after finishing unplaced in the Lizrene Classic at Sandown, made the Albion Park Gold Cup in Brisbane finishing fourth and was unplaced in the final of the AWM Distance Championship at the Meadows.

After the placings the field finished in the following order 4th Spalding (\$12.50), 5th Holly Rock (\$21.70), 6th Quidame (\$2.90) 7th Speedy Lino (\$37.10) and Springvale Jinx (\$41.70).

Sargent Major is a White & Brindle dog whelped October 2003 he is raced by Charlie Magrin and is by Stately Bird from Triumphant Tears (Bobniak x Terror Tears) he has raced 40 times for 19 wins and 10 placings with the Hume Cup first prize of \$30,000, taking his overall stake earnings to \$138,025.

Earlier in the night the Group 3 Sport 927 Silver Bullet was held of the 525 metres and another sparkling performance was handing in by Go Go Ebo the win followed his 17 length victory in the Group 3 South Australian Sprint Championship last Thursday night, another quick time of 29.88 lowered his previous best of 29.91 in a FFA at the Meadows on October 21st. The Zed Three sprinter appears set for more wins in the coming weeks.

The Hume Cup was initially called the Lord's Mayors Cup and was first run over 675 yards at North Melbourne in 1960, it moved with the club to Olympic Park and in 1964 became the Lord Mayors Trophy and remained a sprint race until 1988. It then became a distance event until 1994 when it was discontinued. The MGRA due to the tremendous support they are given by the Hume City Council resurrected the feature in 2000 calling the race the Hume Cup. Listed below are the past winners.

1960 **Fair's Orders**, 1961 **Rustling Breeze**, 1962 **Tree Lover**, 1963 **Diropace**, 1964 **Rocket Streak**, 1965 **Cheltenham Lass**, 1966 **Munich Boy**, 1967 **Bold Charmer**, 1968 **Fawn Waters**, 1969 **Dashing Phantom**, 1970 **Mayo Gold**, 1971 **Banca**, 1972 **Flying Stage**, 1973 **Half Your Luck**, 1974 **Temlee**, 1975 **Plain Winnie**, 1976 **Matireka**, 1977 **Shelley O'Reilly**, 1978 **Manteca Boy**, 1979 **Shane's Level**, 1980 **Vibrant King**, 1981 **Striding Ahead**, 1982 **Durante Lad**, 1983 **Castle Ridge**, 1984 **National Poppy**, 1985 **Rumpus Pappa**, 1986 **I'm Nugget**, 1987 **Swift Laser**, 1988 **Regal Kid**, 1989 **Blue Speed**, 1990 **Interest Only**, 1991 **Modern Express**, 1992 **Modern Express**, 1993 **Saltwater Sid**, 2000 **Mr. Boswell**, 2001 **Bentley Babe**, 2002 **Tears Of Jupiter**, 2003 **Oh Behave** and 2004 **Triple Trio** and 2005 **Jacarrest**.

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