



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Coops is greyhound's sharpest shooter

Jaimandy Coops completes second leg of Triple Crown

Jaimandy Coops completed the second leg of greyhound racing's Triple Crown after leading all the way to win the Group 2 Shootout at Sandown Park on Thursday night.

Jumping from box 1, Jaimandy Coops (\$1.50fav) railed through to take an early lead around the first turn from Andy Palmer (\$2.80), with Sydney raider Old Blue (\$5.30) running wide in third.

Andy Palmer stalked Jaimandy Coops down the back straight, but the winner of the Group 1 Sky Channel Topgun found another gear on entering the home straight and powered to the line in 29.63 seconds.



#### Jaimandy Coops way to good in the Shootout

Andy Palmer chased hard to finish 1.75 lengths adrift of the winner, while Old Blue, who battled through an interrupted preparation, finished 10 lengths from the winner in third.

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The win was Jaimandy Coops' fourth in succession (all at Sandown Park), and his winning times of 29.72, 29.60, 29.62 and 29.63 marks Paul Donohue's black speedster as arguably the fastest and most consistent chaser in Australia.

The victory in the \$30,000 winner-takes-all event was his 19<sup>th</sup> career victory and took his career prizemoney beyond \$210,000.

Jaimandy Coops will now attempt to join Bombastic Shiraz as the only greyhounds to take out greyhound racing's Triple Crown when he contests the heats of the \$215,000 Schweppes Melbourne Cup at Sandown Park this Thursday.



Happy connections after the Shootout win

(All Pics Paul Munt)

Seven Schweppes Melbourne Cup Preludes were also run on the night, with Graeme Bate sounding an ominous warning to his rivals by training a treble. The only man to prepare three Cup winners (and prepared a remarkable 18 Cup finalists) saluted with Torque Bale (\$3.70), Dyna Redbull (\$2.60F) and Dash Of Venom (\$19.10). The three chasers are now guaranteed a start in next week's Schweppes Melbourne Cup heats.

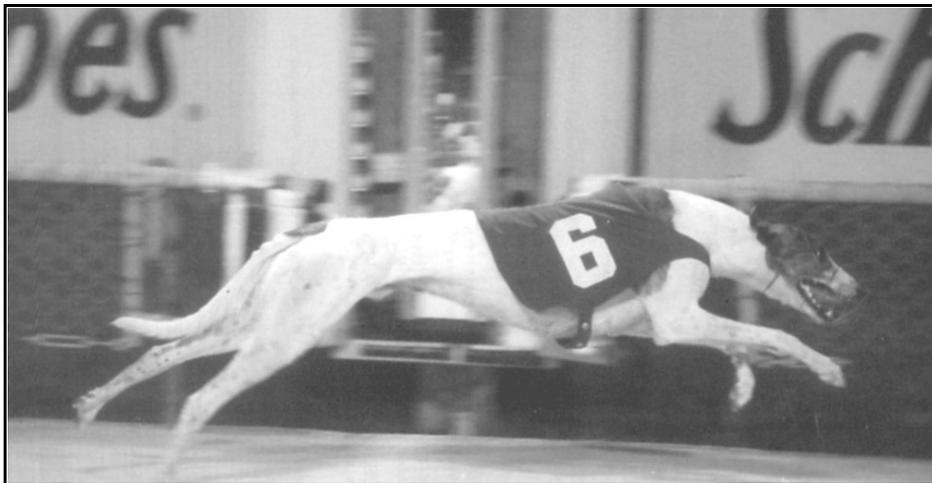
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The first Shoot-Out was contested in 1998 and it's fair to say the concept wasn't entirely embraced. Hall Of Fame superstar of the time Rapid Journey's connections didn't chose to participate openly declaring they didn't support the concept. In fact the Sandown Club only received three nominations, Time Framer from Victoria who started long odds on favourite and finished last Golden Butter from New South Wales and Western Australian Reggemite a brilliant sprinter of his time he lead all the way to win easily by three and half lengths. Since 98 the race has become well accepted and over the previous few years the club received between seven and 10 nominations hoping for a start in the winner take all feature. However mainly due to injuries this year's race was the first three dog field since the first running of the race.

### Group 2 Shootout Honour Roll

Year	Winner	Trainer	Time
1998	Reggemite (WA)	Allan Britton	29.74
1999	Great Wish	George Kantzidis	29.83
2000	Go Wild Teddy (NSW)	Mark Bell	29.71
2001	Junior Whisky (NSW)	Judy Hayley	30.00
2002	Silver Saul (SA)	Angela Modra	29.90
2003	Bombastic Shiraz	Darren Cairns	30.17
2004	Whisky Assassin	Jason Thompson	29.69
2005	Bond (NSW)	Darren McDonald	29.38*
2006	Jaimandy Coops	Paul Donohue	29.63

\* Track record



**First Shoot-Out Winner Western Australian Reggemite**

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