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### Maestro Mackay's Summer Doll

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Jason Mackay's reputation as a master conditioner of stayers was further enhanced when rising star Glen Abbey Doll claimed the Group 2 EverythingGreyhounds.com Summer Cup (720m) at Wentworth Park last Saturday night.

Over the past five years Mackay has won many of Australia's greatest distance events through greyhounds of the calibre of Texas Gold, Classy Customer and Big Sam Banner and he added his second Summer Cup to his list of conquests when Glen Abbey Doll led throughout to claim the \$25,000 winner's purse.

Glen Abbey Doll, a stoutly-bred daughter of champion sire Token Prince and Pacific Style which is raced by prominent breeder/rearer Martin Hallinan, had emerged as a stayer of great promise leading into the Summer Cup series.

The black May 2004 whelping was undefeated in three 720 metre appearances at Wentworth Park prior to her Cup heat, breaking 43 seconds on each occasion, however she finished a disappointing fourth, beaten five lengths, to champion Queenslander Quidame in her heat.

Sneaking into the Summer Cup Final, Glen Abbey Doll was sent out at 7/1 for the decider, with Quidame, which was undefeated in three visits to Wentworth Park, favourite at 13/8, while Kibble Kruncha (3/1), a 42.73 heat winner, Miss Porsca (15/4) and Spalding (6/1) were also in commission.

"Based on her heat performance, I wouldn't have given her a winning chance in the final, but I knew that something was wrong with her after that run," Mackay said.

"I couldn't get a blood profile done on her quickly enough and it turned out she did have a few problems. Fortunately we had just enough time to correct things.

"I knew she was going to improve from the heat but I wasn't sure whether it was going to be enough."

In a masterful training exhibition that underlined just why Mackay is ranked with the very elite of the conditioning caper, the Richmond Vale mentor had Glen Abbey Doll back to her best when it mattered most with his charge bouncing straight to the front from the three alley.

Quidame began poorly before driving through into second place, but she wasn't able to make any impression on Glen Abbey Doll, however Mackay's charge had to survive a powerful finishing burst from Kibble Kruncha to prevail by a nose in 42.85.

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Trainer Jason Mackay and happy Connections with Glen Abbey Doll (Pic George Cliff courtesy Recorder)

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Spalding (\$7.00), 5<sup>th</sup> Miss Porsca (\$4.80), 6<sup>th</sup> Elektra (\$26.00) 7<sup>th</sup> Manizzy Hypo (\$41.00) and Red Dusk who fell (\$15.00).

Glen Abbey Doll is raced by Martin & Fiona Hallinan and trained by Jason Mackay she is a Black bitch whelped May 2004 by Token Prince from Pacific Style (Head Honcho x Prize Dancer). Glen Abby Doll has won 10 of his 18 starts and has been placed on six occasions and with the \$25,000 first prize for the Summer Cup it took her current stake earnings to \$42,575.

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The Summer Cup was first run in 1965 and until 1991 was run over the 720 metres on the grass surface at Wentworth Park before the track converted to loam in 92. The race has been won by some of the best stayers to ever grace our tracks. The Summer Cup was sponsored by Petbarn from 2003 to 2005 apart from one year in 1987 it was known as the Black Tie Liqueur Cup. This year the club welcomed a new sponsor Everythinggreyhounds.com.



**1985 Summer Cup Winner Hall of Fame Superstar National Lass**

1965 **West Opal**, 1966 **Rose Moss**, 1967 **Lord Baden**, 1968 **Zoom Top**, 1969 **Bunyip Bint**, 1970 **Travel Rev**, 1971 **Slender Eyra**, 1972 **Dynabolt**, 1973 **Allocate**, 1974 **Dotie Wilson**, 1975 **Liberty Lover**, 1976 **Mandarin Girl**, 1977 **Alisha Amanda**, 1978 **Brettianly**, 1979 **Irish Haste**, 1980 **Rod's Advice**, 1981 **Dench**, 1982 **Fawn Villager**, 1983 **Olympic Rose**, 1984 **Shy Julie**, 1985 **National Lass**, 1986 **Terimoto**, 1987 **Sonic Wave**, 1988 **Revon Rebel**, 1989 **Frosty Zulu**, 1990 **Fast Appeal**, 1991 **Pace Galore**, 1992 **Gem Supreme**, 1993 **Trojan Tears**, 1994 **Rob's Rebel**, 1995 **Ultra Desire**, 1996 **Donovan Bailey**, 1997 **Ringside Fire**, 1998 **Gallant Seagull**, 1999 **Joyful Azz**, 2000 **Mr Boswell**, 2001 **Yaroun Express**, 2002 **Baretta Betty**, 2003 **Spanish Belle**, 2004 **Classy Customer** and 2005 **Royal Riddle**.

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