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Cromlah Bale Arrives Just In Time at Traralgon

Victorian sprinter Cromlah Bale (\$2.70 fav) stormed home to win his second Group feature final in as many weeks with a superb effort in the Chris Humphrey Office National Traralgon Cup last Friday afternoon.

Following his brilliant win at Wentworth Park in the \$50,000 to the winner Group 1 Schweppes Vic Peters Classic Final, Cromlah Bale headed to Traralgon for a win in his heat having his race start at the circuit he recorded 29.99 from box eight.

Although better heat wins, time wise were recorded especially from Avon Lyla May who scored in 29.90 on her home track and came up with the red in the final punters still opted for the recent Group 1 winner as favourite.

Its common place these days in any Victorian Country Cup to have a classy line up reach the final, very few top sprinters miss the rich prizemoney on offer at country clubs throughout the State and an outstanding field usually prevails.

Avon Lyla May (\$3.40) jumped straight to the front with her early pace and led on settling given her imposing record at Traralgon with five wins from six starts and a very fast 29.65 she was going to be hard to run down. Traction Control was making a dash at the leader and using clever track sense Cromlah Bale saved ground on the inside and railed into perfect position third just off the pace.

Down the back Willy's Buster (\$4.20) made his move and tried to rail past the leader but the gap closer at that point and Cromlah Bale started to hit top gear around the outside and looked the danger. However in the home straight Avon Lyla May refused to give in and fought hard to hold on but nearing the post Cromlah Bale just had enough to past the leader and win by a head.



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Time wasn't quick 30.21 after sections of 5.51 and 16.88 were set by the leader, only two and half lengths away third was Willy's Buster giving the locals the minor placings.

This was the second Traralgon Cup for the Dailly clan having won the feature event in the year 2000 with their super sprinter Dutchy's Angel, it was one of his many big race wins in a stellar race career that saw him bring home over \$200,000.

Trainer Andrea Dailly will now launch an assault on the Melbourne Cup and with the heats commencing at Sandown on Thursday Night Cromlah Bale has drawn box six in heat seven and in his current form he will more than likely start favourite to go through to the rich Group 1 final.



Tom Dailly with Cromlah Bale (All Pics by Winning Post)

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th My Wild Courage (\$26.50 fav), 5th Traction Control (\$21.20), 6th Xrate (\$20.10) 7th See You Later (\$7.90) and River Man (\$37.00).

Cromlah Bale is raced by Paul Wheeler and trained by Andrea Dailly he is a Black dog whelped July 2004 by Brett Lee from Mirada Bale (Farloe Melody x Bethany Bale). Cromlah Bale has won 15 of his 32 starts and has been placed on nine occasions and with the \$20,000 first prize for the Traralgon Cup it took his current stake earnings to \$98,535.

The Traralgon Cup was first known as the Latrobe Valley Cup from 1974 until 1980 when it changed its name, listed below is the Honour Roll of past winners.

1974 **Lady Anthia**, 1975 **Jaymar's Pride**, 1976 **Dunmain Scholar**, 1977 **Bolta's Gift**, 1978 **Elsie Belinda**, 1979 **Newmore's Heart**, 1980 **Weona Swinger**, 1981 **Select Band**, 1982 **Harry Shamrock**, 1983 **Drop Of Wine**, 1984 **Forever Alert**, 1985 **Rumpus Pappa**, 1986 **Lightning Boy**, 1987 **Star Affair**, 1988 **Ray Bon Miss**, 1989 **Devastate**, 1990 **Witchery**, 1991 **Malawi's Prince**, 1992 **Tough As Tears / Worth Backing (DH)**, 1993 **Lash's Choice**, 1994 **Light Of Fire**, 1995 **Wylie Boy**, 1996 **Flash Monarch**, 1997 **Shannen's Storm**, 1998 **Power Thriller**, 1999 **Four Amigos**, 2000 **Dutchy's Angel**, 2001 **Floodfawn**, 2002 **Elgrando**, 2003 **Our Barney** 2004 **Amaroo Gift** and 2005 **Zaar**.

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