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Echo All The Way In Auction Final

Girl power reigned supreme in Dapto's biggest greyhound race last Thursday night.

Adris Echo (\$3.75), the only lady in an elite field of eight in the Country Motor Company Group 2 Final (520m), dominated her rivals to secure the \$50,000 to the winner race by a clear 3-1/4 lengths.

Trainer Roger Ancliffe's run of feature race wins with the diminutive blue bitch is quite remarkable.

"We have now won three feature races with Adris Echo but have not been able to win a heat of any particular series," he said with a laugh after last night's victory.

"We set her for this race when we purchased her as a nine-month-old pup in April last year and to win it is just a dream come true.

"This Dapto race has been just great for greyhound racing and for us personally. We were lucky enough to win the Consolation in 2004 with Miss Ruby Lee but she had nothing like Adris Echo's early pace and strength."

The win took Adris Echo's earnings to a "shandy" short of \$100,000 and her net worth is well beyond that mark.

In running a fast 29.86sec, she accounted for kennelmates Sky Lion (\$3.50) and Master Airbourne (\$9.00) in a contest which was all but over after the first 50m.

Mid-race, Adris Echo withheld a challenge from Sky Lion, yet drew away on the line to score in emphatic fashion.

"I'm rapt with how the dogs went but the winner was just too good," said Jane Carruthers - trainer of Sky Lion and Master Airbourne.

The win was Adris Echo's 10th win from just 19 starts and, at 26 months of age, there is room for improvement.

"Where we go next, I don't know but it's just great to win this for (owners) David and Doris Francis," Ancliffe continued.

"David got his first dog (Sydney Bull) as a 40th birthday present some eight years back but I reckon all his birthdays have come at once now."

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Here is the photo finish image of the final showing Adris Echo a clear winner



After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Koutu On Fire (\$9.00), 5th Ashes Platinum (\$6.00), 6th Class Mate (\$3.00) 7th Pepper Assassin (\$16.00) and Striped (\$10.00).

Adris Echo is raced by David & Doris Francis and trained by Roger Ancliffe she is a Blue bitch whelped July 2004 by Black Double (Newry Blue (import) x Double Air (import)) from Irinka Ros (Malawi's Prince x Quality Tears). Adris Echo has won 10 of her 21 starts and has been placed on six occasions and with the \$50,000 first prize for the Dapto Auction Series it took her current stake earnings to \$98,500.

The Dapto Auction Series was first conducted in 2000 when sponsored by All Fab Constructions they remained the race sponsor until 2003 when the Glendon Motor Holden Company took over in 2004/05 and this year the club welcomed new sponsor Country Motor Company. Listed below are the previous winners.

2000 **Electric Grace**, 2001 **Toll Security**, 2002 **Most Awesome**, 2003 **Bazwill**, 2004 **Miss Megastar**, 2005 **Here I Come**

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