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“Superman Returns to win Wrest Point Hobart 1000”

Brilliant Victorian sprinter Superman (\$3.30 Fav) finished 2006 in the best possible way winning his second Group 1 when he was successful in the \$70,000 Wrest Point Hobart Thousand over 461metres at Tattersall's Park on Thursday night.

Immediately following the presentation Superman's owner Matthew Tabb announced his star's retirement.

This was always going to be his last race – win, lose or draw,” Tabb said.

Trained throughout his star studded career by Emin Aydemir Superman has suffered with recurring injuries that have limited more Group wins and was the major reason behind calling it day, while winning the Hobart Thousand was a fitting way to end.

It is a fantastic way for his career to end and a very fitting result because this dog has changed my life and he deserves to go out a Group 1 winner,” Tabb said.

Superman only begun moderately from box one but never left the fence he railed up perfectly coming to the home turn and raced away in the finish to record an outstanding win. Tasmanian long-shot Major Bear (\$46.50) ran a brilliant race after being the surprise early leader he only failed by a 1-3/4 lengths running the race of his life to finish second with Train A Journey (\$3.60) the further 1-3/4 back in third.

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Time was very quick 26.14 after Major Bear had recorded early sections of 5.12 and 11.24. It was certainly a night for track records Speedy Babe started the ball rolling with a 26.12 race win in the second and establish new figures only to have that time lowered in the 1000 consolation by Hobart 1000 reserve Big Tone Bale, he scored brilliantly in 26.11 defeating Mountain Of Love and Jaimandy Coops. Big Tone Bale is a youngster trained by Graeme Bate.

Bate although disappointed with the well fancied Torque Bale, who was checked soon after the start and was never a chance Bate loves racing in Tasmania and he said would be back next month to tackle the Devonport Cup.

Trainer Emin Aydemir was full of praise for his champion sprinter Superman.

“He’s had a wonderful year considering the injuries he has had. He won the Perth Cup in track record time and he won the Queensland Derby and he’s raced against the best all the way along.” Aydemir said.

“The dog’s had an ongoing hock problem that he has hurt a few times and he did it again in the Top Gun and while we got that right he then tore back muscles.”

“He’s probably not been at his best of late but has still won which sums up his ability.” Aydemir said.

Owner Matthew Tabb intends to stand Superman at stud at his property at Geelong.



Happy Connections at the Hobart 1000 Presentation

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Go Go Ebo (\$7.30), 5th Torque Bale (\$3.60), 6th Faithful Love (\$15.60) 7th Buckle Up Tina (\$39.00) and Cool Stefani (\$14.20).

Superman is raced by Matthew Tabb and trained by Emin Aydemir he is a Black dog whelped November '03 by Brett Lee from I'm Puzzles (Head Honcho x Malawi Blue). The Hobart 1000 victory his second Group 1 after his Perth Cup win in March and took his career stats to 34 starts for 11 wins and 18 placings and prizemoney earnings of \$222,155.

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The Hobart 1000 is the oldest feature race final in Australia it was first run as the Hobart Cup at the old TCA circuit in 1935. The race first became known as the Hobart 1000 in 1939, it reverted back to the Hobart Cup for two years in 1942 then was not held during the war years of 1944-45 and when the race recommenced in 1946 it was again known as the Hobart 1000.

The most notable effort in the history of the Hobart Thousand must be the training feat of Hilda Williamson of Beaconsfield. She won back-to-back Thousands in 1961/62 with her grand bitch Ophir Doll, and just for good measure made it a hat trick with Ophir Gold in 1963. Another notable feat was that of Beaut Dina. She won the event run in 1976 and was the dam of Scene Control, which won the last ever Hobart Thousand run at the T.C.A. in 1980. Both were owned and trained by Ted and Laurie Rigby of Evandale. Arguments will always rage over the greatest dogs to win the Thousand. The best interstate chasers to gain victory would have to be Rookie Rebel (1958), Benjamin John (1969), (which ran down the immortal Zoom Top), Black Aztec (1981), and the freak Brother Fox (1985). Amongst the very best of the locals to salute would have to be Ophir Doll (1961/62), along with Royal Griffin (1978), True Vintage (1988), Bomber's a Flyer (1996), Top Shiraz (2000) (who held off the speedster Brett Lee) and Black Caleb (2002) who defeated Melbourne Cup winner Classic Capri. Race record over the 457m trip - 2005 winner Ralph The Mouth 25.60.

Listed below are the names of many champions that have tasted victory in the time honored event. It is certainly an impressive list of past winners.

1935 **Elwick Boy**, 1936 **Miafort**, 1937 **Loch Maree**, 1938 **On Par**, 1939 **Mr Whackles**, 1940 **Silver Rover**, 1941 **Cavalry**, 1942 **My Kenya**, 1943 **Askalon**, 1944 **"Not Held"**, 1945 **"Not Held"**, 1946 **Ebon's**

Own, 1947 Young Sign, 1948 Hero Minda, 1949 Erin's Ace, 1950 Neat Brandy, 1951 Pleasant Foam, 1952 Baron Dhu, 1953 The Mudlark, 1954 Pasha Chief, 1955 Minda Go, 1956 Baron Woomera, 1957 Rising Ace, 1958 Rookie Rebel, 1959 Peter's Treasure, 1960 Bow Rock, 1961 Ophir Doll, 1962 Ophir Doll, 1963 Ophir Gold, 1964 Sandy Stone, 1965 Fairbairn Lady, 1966 Ipswich Low, 1967 Fiery Bob, 1968 Sue Narila, 1969 Benjamin John, 1970 Plunder Road, 1971 Trion Scout, 1972 Beau Palomino, 1973 Sue's A Credit, 1974 Jamin John, 1975 Snowsim, 1976 Beaut Dina, 1977 Check Vista, 1978 Royal Griffin, 1979 Astradome Lad, 1980 Scene Control, 1981 Black Aztec, 1982 Kudaleen, 1983 Stony Point, 1984 Double Time, 1985 Brother Fox, 1986 Solitary Simon, 1987 White Gigolo, 1988 True Vintage, 1989 Scott James, 1990 Bacchant, 1990 Shantytown, 1991 Jenny's Legacy, 1992 Bomber Gleeson, 1993 Extra's Boy, 1994 Storm Hero, 1995 Clint's Pirate, 1996 Bomber's A Flyer, 1997 Shantung Tiger, 1998 Mirren Bale, 1999 Latest Lad, 2000 Top Shiraz, 2001 Black Caleb, 2002 Star Witch, 2003 Nobody Knew, 2004 Regent Thunder and 2005 Ralph The Mouth.



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