

Young Guns glory for Mick

THE guys who work with Mick Hickmott reckon he's a glory grabber. It was a natural for a name for a greyhound trained by Mick. Mick has long been one of Townsville's leading greyhound trainers.

His building site boss Mark Stevens is aware of his ability with a dog, and some time ago asked him to look for a pup or two for he and his wife Judy.

One of them, a son of Trendy Leigh- Pistol Smoke, bred by Townsville breeder Mal Little, was a natural for the name Glory Grabber.

And when Glory Grabber recently downed a handy field to win a Young Guns (498m) at his home track, the boys on the worksite would be sure Mick and dog were living up to the name.

"I approached Mal Little about some pups and he had the litter out of Pistol Smoke," he said.

The dam had already produced some smart gallopers and was from Mal's famous Indiana damline. Tucker was in top grade with Dennis Guppy in Brisbane and other from Pistol Smoke were showing potential.

Mick Hickmott had to fly to Melbourne to look over the pups because they were being reared by Topgun Kennels there.

"I bought this dog and also paid \$800 for a pup which now races as Endabills (also in the Young Guns final)," said Mick.

Glory Grabber has always shown ability.

"I took him to Albion Park early in his career but he ran into some hot dogs," said Mick. "And while there I slept with him in the back of the car and it spoiled him.

"Now he plays up a bit, when before he was never a problem."

Mick has had plenty of success in recent months with a real home-bred litter by Valentine's Boy-Shocking Pink, having raced both sire and dam with great success.

Four of the litter were in the Young Guns final won by Glory Grabber.

"I've got a 14 month old litter by Trendy Leigh out of Shocking Pink, 10 of them and I kept the lot," said Mick.



	Gun Law Osti	Brother Fox
		Miss Dusty Lee
Trendy Leigh		New Tears
	Sobbing Sal	Wee Sal (by Chariot Supreme)
GLORY GRABBER		Malawi
	Malawi's Prince	Duchess Marina
Pistol Smoke		Chariot Supreme
	Indiana	Karleen Brett

Young Guns (498m) Townsville

1 **GLORY GRABBER** 9-4

(Trendy Leigh-Pistol Smoke)

Owner: Judy Stevens

Trainer: Michael Hickmott

2 **JUST FOR LAUGHS** 7-4

(Just The Best-Tears Amour)

3 **ENDABILLS** 7-1

(Hotshot-Berrigan Bid)

Others: 4 Archie Valentine 5-1, 5 Gary's

Miss 12-1, 6 Midas Image 5-2, 7

Alannah's Angel 5-1, 8 Happy Valentine

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