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“Miss Grub cleans up”

Barnstorming last-to-first win in Group 2 feature

Miss Grub returned to her sensational best with an exciting last-to-first victory in the Group Maidment Memorial at Sandown Park last Thursday night.

Flashing Floods (\$2.10 fav), seeking her 11th consecutive win, flew the boxes to lead the field for the first lap ahead of track specialist Sargent Major (\$5.50).

Miss Grub (\$5.70) began slowly and raced wide throughout the early stages to be 15 lengths last with a lap to run.

Flashing Floods still held a commanding lead down the back straight, however Miss Grub had begun to make her move and started to reel in the early leaders. Turning for home, Miss Grub switched to the rails and drove to the line to claim the \$36,000 feature by one and half lengths.



Miss Grub impressive winner in the Maidment

(Pic Peter Bryce)

Sargent Major finished well to run second, three quarters of a length clear of the tiring Flashing Floods.

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The win was Miss Grub's second group race win in 2007, having earlier dead-heated in the West End Distance Championship at Angle Park in January.

I spoke with Victorian trainer Kelvin Greenough after the win. "I think the windy conditions helped her tonight it was much harder for the front runners making the pace racing into that strong wind twice. She is racing very well at the moment probably in the peak of her career we have a good arrangement with John and Glenda (Queensland training couple John & Glenda Dart) to campaign her here for the important staying races and it's worked out well this year she will stay with us for a crack at the Zoom Top and the Gleeson and Tonta at the Meadows in a couple of weeks." Greenough said.

Miss Grub has certainly thrived while under the care of master Pearcedale trainer Kel Greenough ably assisted by his wife Jackie they are acknowledged Australia wide as one of the best combinations in the business.

The \$25,000 to the winner Group 2 Maidment Memorial is the first of an exciting season of staying events at Sandown Park.

The Loretta Dawson Memorial, a special event worth \$5000 to the winner, will kick off the staying season on 12 April 2007. This is followed by the Group 3 Lizrene Classic, now worth \$20,000 to the winner on 26 April 2006.

Sandown's staying season culminates with the nation's premier staying event, the Group 1 Radio Sport 927, still the richest race for stayers at \$60,000 to the winner.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Kibble Kruncha (\$5.10), 5th Alcala Monkira (\$34.80), 6th Lightning Ridge (\$50.80) 7th Slick Galore (\$20.60) and Urana Shiraz (\$17.40).

Miss Grub is raced by Charlie Northfield and trained by Kel Greenough while in Victoria, she is a black bitch whelped November '03 by Solve The Puzzle from Arenia Miss (Star Title x Brindle County). Her career stats stand at 62 starts for 14 wins and 27 placings and with the first prize of \$25,000 for the Maidment Memorial her prizemoney earnings went to \$91,690.

The Group 2 final pays tribute to the memory of Roy Maidment who, in 1933, became the Secretary of the National Coursing Association. One of his greatest achievements was the part he played in the formation of the Australian and New Zealand Greyhound Association in 1937 and the subsequent production of our Greyhound Stud Book. He was Secretary of the Association from its inception until 1965.

Roy Maidment was Secretary of the first Greyhound Racing Control Board and assisted the Board in laying the foundation for conduct of a sport that has such a strong following today.

The Maidment Memorial was first run in 1972 but prior to that year was known as the New Years Handicap, Gift and Stake. First conducted in 1957, it has always been run over the long distance.



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Listed below is the honour roll of past winners included those known that won the New Years Handicap, Gift or Stake.

1957 **Red Salmon**, 1959 **Montgrove Special**, 1961 **Sprig O'Heather**, 1962 **Lady Cantee**, 1963 **Lady Cantee**, 1964 **Shan's Blossom**, 1965 **Rare Grand**, 1966 **Kewin**, 1967 **Charlie Lee**, 1968 **Lyrette**, 1969 **Fawn Roamer**, 1970 **Delacombe Boy**, 1971 **Miss Kewin**, 1972 **Bubbles' Luck**, 1973 **He's Some Boy**, 1974 **Rellarena**, 1975 **Rellarena**, 1976 **Bolta's Gift**, 1977 **Del Bairn, Babe**, 1978 **Mariner's Joy**, 1979 **Vanadium**, 1980 **Collis Queen**, 1981 **Earth Humour**, 1982 **Lone Voice**, 1983 **The Gallows**, 1984 **Cee Mee Lass**, 1985 **Innocent Man**, 1986 **Club Stroller**, 1987 **Stock Agent**, 1988 **High Intensity**, 1989 **High Intensity**, 1990 **Magic Stroller**, 1991 **Magic Stroller**, 1992 **Judy Takair**, 1993 **Saltwater Sid**, 1994 **Kennel Master**, 1995 **Accolade**, 1996 **Favoured Spirit**, 1997 **Tassie Park**, 1998 **Tonight's Wish**, 1999 **Feel The Magic**, 2000 **Kobble Creek**, 2001 **Fairy Wings**, 2002 **Jedi Lightsabre**, 2003 **Oh Behave**, 2004 **Arvo's Junior**, 2005 **Last Quoted**, 2006 **Mid City Mandy**.

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