

Memories



GBOTA has decided to shift from Harold Park and move in as co-tenants with the NCA at Wentworth Park. Harold Park had been a greyhound racing venue since 1927.

At the Gabba, the Interstate Challenge over 704m was robbed when local champ Kirsty's First had to be scratched on race morning with a food poisoning bug. The race was won easily by Victorian National Star (2-7 fav) who ran a brilliant 41.29 just .1 outside the track record held by Kirsty's First. Melmade Gazza was second and Sharyn's Vogue third. Kirsty's First had broken track records at the Gabba and the Gold Coast in trials prior to the race.

In Victoria, Caddie's Champ (Leader Champion-Pennies Galore) proved too good for Propulsion and National Star in the John Dillon Trophy (718m) at Sandown.

The winner had been beaten six lengths by National Star in 43.67 in their heat but improved dramatically in the final to win in 43.87 at its fifth distance start.

Trainer Bob Baker, for who it was his biggest victory in 15 years of training, was to freshen up the winner for a tilt at the 513m Melbourne Cup.

In Sydney, Lorraine Wheeler prepared Sarah Bale to win the Chairman's Cup at Harold Park over 732m. Starting 4-7 favourite, Sarah Bale scored by three lengths in 43.32 beating Whata Turbo and Beejay Bale. The Chairman's Cup was a newly introduced race for low grade stayers.

In Victoria, luckless bitch Suzanne Gwenda finally won a feature event when beating Propulsion and Secret Agent to win the Anniversary Trophy (732m) at Olympic.

The daughter of Stoney-Gwenda Maree had won 16 and was placed in 24 of her 51 starts for trainer Terry Reid. She scored by five lengths in 43.87.

Third placegetter Secret Agent was so named because the number in one ear of his brand was "007".

Champion Brother Fox was retired to stud after being beaten at Harold Park when he injured a toe. Part-owner and trainer Steve Kavanagh had been receiving 10 bookings a week from broodbitch owners and finally decided to call it quits with the superstar. Brother Fox (Little Blade-Pitstock Park) started only 18 times for 11 wins and won the Vic Peters, Potential Stakes, Bi-Annual Classic and Hobart Thousand, set track records at Harold Park and Hobart and ran 30.65

at Wenty.

A \$150,000 offer for the dog was refused. A \$1000 service fee was set for the dog.

In Hobart, Samboy Gold landed the Young Star Classic from Tullah Joe and Pictish Panther. It took his record to 20 wins and 13 placings from 39 starts.

He had also won the Breeders Classic and Glenorchy Cup and set a track record at Launceston. He was Dashing Disco- Bedpost Bound.

Dangerous Adios (Temlock-Lady Pinjari) downed Dynamite Duke and Tanjo Turn to win the Winter Cup at Cannington. Since moving to WA, Dangerous Adios had won 19 and been placed in 21 of 60 starts for \$16,000 in stakes.

He was trained by Ann Van de Klashorst for her son Des.

The SA Oaks at Angle Park was a boilover when 60-1 chance Nifty Lass downed Early Scars and Egyptian Tari. The winner went out at such big odds because Chelstar Lady had won her heat in 30.46. Nifty Lass was beaten into second in her heat in 31.20 after a slow start.

Ironically Trainer Malcolm Hudson had prepared Canadian Queen who, in 1982, was the shortest priced winner of the Oaks. Chelstar Lady was never out of trouble in the final. Nifty Lass led virtually throughout. On the breeding scene, Adelaide Cup winner Smithy's Belle was mated to Chief Babwe, Royal Rumpus mated National Star's dam Popcorn, Tangairn mated brilliant sprinter Extra Progress and Monica's Mist whelped a litter to Chariot Supreme.

The sprint Interstate Challenge at the Gabba was won in another boilover by Manly Devil (Pancho Country-Dust Them Off).

He downed Rich Manner and Super Max. National Lass was in big trouble early and finished unplaced. Peter trained Manly Devil to win in 32.85.

Lord Ballina (7-4 fav) downed Meadow Ruler and Holstein Boy to win the Young Star Classic at Wentworth Park.

Trainer Les Castle prepared the dog for Jean Stubbs who took over ownership of the dog after her son Alan died earlier in the year.

Alan had raced greyhounds with the Castles kennel for 20 years. Castles bred the Admiral Lynch- Gallant Doll litter and Alan pestered him to sell a pup. When Alan died of cancer, his mother refused several huge offers to sell Lord Ballina.

Castles had been training for 30 years and prepared Jaggon who was placed behind Rose Moss in the 1966 runnings of the Sydney Cup and Association Cup.