

Bromac Lodge News

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GARNET RIVER RUNS THEM RAGGED IN CLASSIC

Red River Hanover three year old **Garnet River** upset the hotpot **Village Of Dreams** last night by quite literally running him and his other opponents off their feet in the **Reg Withers Kilmore Classic**.

The super consistent pacer showed gate speed from the 5 pole to hit the lead just after the start and was never headed from there on in.

Village Of Dreams might have been at pretty short odds (\$1.50) to win the race but **Garnet River** was a clear second choice (\$4.10) with third favourite **Coastal** promising a return of \$11.30 if he should clear the line first. However that didn't look likely from quite a distance out, even though he was in the neat one out one back position.

An unexpected second last quarter of 27.7 after some cruisy sectionals woke up many of the horses with a couple quickly deciding the back of the field was an easier place to be. Favourite **Village of Dreams** was out three wide down the back and although he made ground admirably, as they rounded the home turn he never looked likely to catch the flying leader.

Garnet River covered the 2180m in 2:41.8, more than 4 seconds faster than 4YO **Tanabi Bromac** did when winning later in the night. The three year old rated the mile in 1:59.4 and the final 800m in 56.2.

Village Of Dreams ran bravely to take the second stake, albeit more than seven metres back while **Coastal** stuck on well for third.

Garnet River is a pacer anyone would be proud to own, if only for his super consistency. He has raced 22 times to date for 10 wins and 9 places, finishing 6th in his other three starts. His lifetime earnings are bordering on the \$150,000 mark.

His start prior to last night saw him finish second in the **Group 1 Australian Pacing Gold 3YO Final** while last season he finished a gallant second in the **Group 1 Australasian Breeders Crown 2YO Final**, a race where less than half the field was lucky to finish the race.

Garnet River is out of the group winning **Gemfire**, a **Torado Hanover** mare who won 13 races and \$110,000 in stakes. She is the dam of 10 named foals to date with 8 qualifying and of her seven winners, an impressive five have taken sub 2:00 marks thus far.

Her biggest winner is the **Bromac Lodge** owned **Fake Left** mare **Zante Beach** who won 16 races and over \$115,000 in stakes.

More on Garnet River and Zante Beach can be seen by visiting Zante Beach's pedigree in our broodmare section.

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