

Bromac Lodge News

HALL TALKS UP CROWN BROMAC'S WA DERBY PROSPECTS

Star reinsman Gary Hallo jun. declared that Crown Bromac would be hard to beat in the \$200,000 WA Derby on April 17 after driving the speedy colt to a runaway victory in the 1080 6IX Summer Gift at Gloucester Park on Friday night.

"With his gate speed and versatility, he should be one of the favourites for the Derby," Hall said after Crown Bromac had worked hard early before storming to an eight-length win over Liquid Radar.

"The way he got away from them (his rivals) really surprised me. He did himself proud in Victoria (winning a heat and finishing sixth in the Victoria Derby) and Noel (trainer Noel Keiley) told me that he had improved since returning home.

"I was a little concerned early when out three wide with a fast pace on. So I had to mark time a bit and wait until they sorted themselves out."

Icon Ruler was first out from barrier two, but after getting a length in front of polemarker Impulsive Gift after 200m, he was unable to cross to the pegs. Icon Ruler continued to press forward for another 250m before Morgan Woodley took the trail behind Impulsive Gift.

Crown Bromac dashed to the front with 1150m to travel and simply left his rivals floundering. Impulsive Gift wilted to finish eighth, while Icon Ruler ran home solidly into fourth place.

The stewards opened an inquiry into the tactics adopted by Mark Reed (Impulsive Gift) and Woodley (Icon Ruler). They queried Reed as to why he did not hand up the lead and why Woodley persisted for so long in his bid to take the lead. The inquiry has been adjourned.

