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## LOMBARDO KICKS CLEAR IN BONNET RACE

**PROMINENT OWNER MICK LOMBARDO SECURED HIS FIFTH NEVELE R STUD PINK BONNET LAST FRIDAY NIGHT, COURTESY OF AN OUTSTANDING DRIVE BY BLAKE FITZPATRICK.**

Ima Spicey Lombo, who started as a hot second-pick in the 30th running of the feature, was expected to play second fiddle to the brilliant filly, For Dear Life.

Driver Fitzpatrick, however, in the sulky for his father-trainer Paul Fitzpatrick, gave Ima Spicey Lombo every chance of winning after holding the front soon after the start.

Making an early dash for home in the back straight the final time, Fitzpatrick kicked clear on Ima Spicey Lombo, making a statement of 'catch me if you can' to his rivals.

Despite sustaining a long sprint out three-wide on the Glebe circuit, For Dear Life pegged back most of the margin in the home straight, but it wasn't enough.

The win ensured that Lombardo remained 'king' of the Pink Bonnet as Wayne Honan, who trains and drives For Dear Life, remains on three victories.

In a rarity, Ima Spicey Lombo is one of the very few horses these days that Lombardo has purchased at a yearling sale.

Usually one to breed and race his own stock, the daughter of Pacific Fella and Sexy Lexy Whitby was bought by Lombardo at the Bathurst Yearling Sales.

She joins Mazzini Magic (1988), Lombo Adreamin (1998), Lombo Bella Petite (2001), Lombo La Fe Fe (2002) as his winners.



**Stallion Station**  
**Chariots of Fire**  
**Friday 29th August**



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