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## MILLION \$ ROBBIE

**MENANGLE PARK REINSMAN ROBERT MORRIS ACHIEVED MILESTONES AT TABCORP PARK MENANGLE YESTERDAY WHICH FOR HIS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE WERE QUIET OVERWHEMLING.**

Young Morris drove half the eight race prestige card inclusive of two Group One winners and in doing so pushed his overall earnings through the million dollar barrier.

The successful day started for Robbie winning on board the talented gelding Greg Kelly in the final heat of the NSW Rising Stars Series Championship of which he was the defending champion.



Even though Morris won he didn't finish in the top three positions for the overall Rising Stars series which was won by Ashlee Siejka.

Greg Kelly clocked a career best 1:58.7 and has now had four starts for as many wins since returning from a two-year injury forced lay-off.

However this did not deter the Menangle Park horseman, as only two races later he won his first Group One race when driving Excel Stride to victory in the Alabar NSW Breeders' Challenge Two-Year-Old Colts and Geldings Final.

The mile rate of 1:55 set by the Emilo and Maria Rosati-owned colt was only two-tenths of a second outside of Captain Joy's Australasian record.

Morris had no time to let the feat sink in as he was back out on track in the following race, the Alabar NSW Breeders' Challenge Three-Year-Old Fillies Final, with the David Wilkins trained filly Bonnie Mahoney.

Showing real talent Robbie was able to lead throughout setting an even and unchallenged tempo with the daughter of Art Major to claim his second Group One success in the space of half-an-hour.

He then sealed the day with a confident drive on Topsy Tollgater which saw the pair effortlessly take out the Number 1 Club Carnival Of Cups Pace over 1609 metres with connections landing a confident plunge.

The career best quartet of wins has given Morris overall earnings of over \$1.1 million in stakes in under two years of race driving.



## Chariots of Fire Carnival

**Hondo Grattan Stakes - Friday 16th July**  
**Paleface Adios Stakes - Friday 23rd July**  
**Chariots Of Fire - Friday 30th July**

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