

Black Caviar's illustrious memorabilia sets hearts racing at the National Sports Museum

The National Sports Museum has unveiled its latest display featuring items from racing legend, **Black Caviar**, who was recently named 2011 Horse of the Year.

Highlights from the stunning mare's career will be displayed in the **Champions: Thoroughbred Racing Gallery** at the museum from Thursday October 20, and will include the following:

- Newmarket Handicap 2011 trophy (from Black Caviar's race at Flemington where she achieved her tenth win)
- Black Caviar's racing colours (silks)
- Ephemera from Black Caviar races (such as one of the spectator flags distributed at the Newmarket Handicap and a promotional cap)
- Race books from four of her milestone races around Australia.

The Champions gallery features some of the most exquisite and significant horseracing treasures, including some of the oldest racing footage from around Australia. The majestic skeleton of Carbine, the 1890 Melbourne Cup winner, takes pride of place, alongside the impressive 6.1kg preserved heart of Tulloch - a champion thoroughbred who dominated the racing scene in the 1960s.

Other exhibits include the hooped jockey sleeves worn during a race with horse legend Phar Lap, Bart Cumming's 12 Melbourne Cup trophies, jockey Scobie Breasley's cap, Roy Higgins' saddle, riding boots and colours donned when Light Fingers won the 1965 Melbourne Cup, and Damien Oliver's saddle used in Naturalism's 1993 Japan Cup triumph.

Foaled in Australia, **Black Caviar** is considered the best sprinter in the world, and was named World Champion Sprinter by the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings in 2010. She was also rated the top Thoroughbred racehorse in the world by Timeform, becoming the highest rated sprinter and mare in 2011.

Admission to the **Black Caviar** display is included in the admission price to the museum. For more information on the National Sports Museum visit www.nsm.org.au

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The National Sports Museum

The National Sports Museum is one of Australia's finest museums, hosting Australia's most comprehensive collection of sporting memorabilia across a broad range of disciplines. Housed within the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), one of Australia's most significant sporting stadiums, the National Sports Museum showcases world-class exhibitions of significant sporting artefacts, alongside permanent exhibitions that re-live the moments that shaped Australia's rich sporting history.

The National Sports Museum is located at Gate 3 of the MCG (Yarra Park, Jolimont) and is open from 10am to 5pm daily. Tickets can be purchased at the door and start from \$8 for children and \$15 for adults.

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