

Kunof 1958 & 1961 Towong Cup Winner

Kunof was bred by Steve Paton at Tooma. He was by Amazed, from Kid Glove, and he won 22 races, including the Towong Cup twice, the Chiltern Cup in 1961, Wodonga St Patrick's Gold Cup, Flying Handicap (Wodonga) and the Neville Bye Stakes (Wodonga).



Image 1. Kunof winning the 1958 Towong Cup. Source: Corryong Courier

Kunof was named after Val Kurnof, a well liked local tradesman who had migrated from Russia in the 1950's after the second World War and spent a lot of time at Tooma. There are still many Kurnof descendants living in the district.



Kunof won the Towong Cup twice, in 1958 and 1961.

Dixie Coutts

With assistance from the Paton family.

Image 2. T.J. Waters presenting S.M. Paton, owner of Kunof with, the 1958 Towong Cup trophy. Source: Corryong Courier, 1958

Towong Turf Club: Kunof



Cheers greeted local horse's cup win

(By "Artilleryman,")

Cheers for the local horse greeted Kunof's narrow win in a thrilling three-horse finish to the 87th Towong Cup yesterday.

Kumof (3/1) defeated Colvalley by half a head, with Bow Carey close up third.

The three horses had a disappointed last furlong and the lightlyweighted Kunof, tackling open company for the first time, ners in the six races. fought on courageously to get. the decision.

ly beaten Fair Eagle in an Saturday. Improvers' handicap at Wodonga.

Yesterday Kunof was al-ways well placed and took over the running from Mannus Eight before the home turn. He looked likely to go down when Colvalley, recent Tumut winner, ranged up on the inside at the top of the straight.

Jockey Keith Browne lost his whip at this stege, but Kunof refused to give in. Half way up the straight Bow Carey, who had been a fair way back at the turn, joined in on the outside, but Bow Carey, floundering a little in the soft patches. could not guite reach the other two. Margin between Colvalley and Bow Carey, who started equal favorites at even money, was officially half a

length, but it appeared to be much less than that. The Cup finish highlighted meeting which bitterly 11

Towong Tur1. ding-dong struggle over the Club officials---so far us fields were concerned. There were only 26 run-

But the crowd, despite the change of date from Satur-Kunof is owned by Mr day to Friday, was good. Sieve Paton, Coorna, and Takings, 2460 including mem-trained at Towong by Mr bers' tickets, were almost as H. Stockwell. Two weeks good as last year, when the ago the horse had narrow-meeting was held on a

Image 3. Courier writeup following Konuf's 1958 Towong Cup win. Source: **Corryong Courier**

The 1958 win was popular especially as there had been concerns regarding the horse's condition.

Contemporary comments from the **Corryong Courier offer** insight to his ability, and accounts of his races make entertaining reading.

far out of his ground Kunof .- (H. Stockwell) : Has won up to a mile in Improver class. Shows promise of developing into a very useful galloper in longer races. Might find the rise in class here a bit sudden. D 1.)

Image 4. Form guide for Kunof leading into the 1958 Towong Cup win. Source: Corryong Courier 20 February 1958.

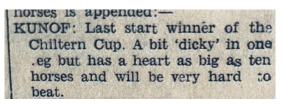


Image 5. Form guide for Kunof leading into his 1961 Towong Cup win. Source: Corryong Courier 19 January 1961.

