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***First Group One for Oaks Road***

Oaks Road (Spiral Nikita- Leprechaun Pace) gained his first Group 1 success for owner Edwin Kingswell and trainer Mark Gatt when he scored a run away win in the Sky Racing Perth Cup final. Showing early speed from box 2, Oaks Road (\$5.80) led and then with race favourite Heston Bale getting severely checked and allowed the son of Leprechaun Pace to race clear to win by 7 lengths in 30.22 from Lektra Jay (\$28.00) and Autoamerican (\$23.70). The \$140,000 takes Oaks Road earnings along to \$293,130 from just 37 starts where he has won 14 times.



**Oaks Road races to the line the Perth Cup** (All Pics Courtesy Joe Mulder)

Hot Irish (Premier Fantasy- Lovey Craves It) won the Group 3 Perth Cup consolation winning by 1 1/4 lengths over Big Jo King in 30.47. Having been beaten a neck by Things Missing in the heat the previous week, again the black bitch had to exit box 8 and she led from start to finish for owner Damon Fardig and trainer Ben Abercrombie.

## AUSTRALIAN GREYHOUND RACING ASSOCIATION

Jason Thompson prepared the first two winners on the program with Proven Mayhem (Where's Pedro-Proven Babe) and Knocka Knows All (Knocka Norris - Miss Venamite) saluting for the Victorian trainer. Thompson prepared the 2001 Perth Cup winner Sammy Mint and continues to support the WA chasing scene. Knocka Knows All is owned by Reg Kay who trained Size Can Matter to win the 2008 Perth Cup. Proven Mayhem saluted in 30.61 while Knocka Knows All clocked 30.64.

After the placed runners in the cup the field finished in the following order: Things Missing (\$17.70), Uno Reltub (\$18.80), Glen Gallon (\$3.30), Mepunga Geordie (\$27.00) and Heston Bale (\$2.00).

Oaks Road is a Black dog whelped November 2008 by Spiral Nikita from Leprechaun Pace (Brett Lee x Leprechaun Yap) Oaks Road is raced by Ed Kingswell and trained by Mark Gatt he has raced 37 times for 14 wins and 15 placings. His stake earnings stand at \$293,130



**A Happy Team with Oaks Road post-race**

Listed below is the Perth Cup honour roll it has been won by some outstanding sprinters over the years most coming from the eastern states. The race has had a number of sponsors over the years and was known as the Brownes Gold Cup from 1976 to 1986. In 1987 it was called the Australis Mining Gold Cup, in 88 it was the Fairplay Gold Cup then from 1989 until 1992 it was called the Winfield Gold Cup. In 1993 a long sponsorship begun with Be Active and it was known as the Be Active Gold Cup in 1993 and 94 before being called the Be Active Perth Cup until the last four years when the club welcomed their new sponsor Sky Racing.

1976 **Marcus Rate**, 1977 **Canonero's Gift**, 1978 **Biafra's Son**, 1979 **Rare Discovery**, 1980 **White Panther**, 1981 **General Jeff**, 1982 **Wotta Wizard**, 1983 **Superstar**, 1984 **Legatee**, 1985 **Supreme Carmen**, 1986 **Farquhar**, 1987 **Pretty Fearless**, 1988 **Karinya Flash**, 1989 **Miss Crisp**, 1990 **Sand Pebble**, 1991 **Frantic Night**, 1992 **Wynlee Supreme**, 1993 **Amy's Doll**, 1994 **Just Like Whisky**, 1995 **Brisk Bill**, 1996 **Tenthill Doll**, 1997 **Star Tribute**, 1998 **Rapid Journey**, 1999 **Bliss Bale**, 2000 **Nifti Fire**, 2001 **Sammy Mint**, 2002 **Modern Assassin**, 2003 **Elgrando**, 2004 **Kilby Supreme**, 2005 **Sun Hero**, 2006 **Superman**, 2007 **Betty's Angel**, 2008 **Size Can Matter**, 2009 **Miss Slick**, 2010 **High Earner** and 2011 **High Earner**.

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## GALAXY FINAL

Miata (Bombastic Shiraz - Winsome Bluebird) recorded her first Group 1 win when she demolished her rivals in the Sky Racing Galaxy final for trainer Paul Stuart. This Group 1 victory should be the first of many this season going on the way she put the sword to Shimaguni (\$7.40) who finished second and Zipping Lad who finished fourth behind Freeway Fame (\$51.90). With the two Eastern states greyhounds on the arm and Miata (\$1.40) in third early she raced between the two going along the back and raced home to set a new race record 41.30 and equal her own track record. Miata is the best WA greyhound seen for many years and Stuart and part owner Nicole Wheeler-Whye must be excited for the Zoom Top coming up in Melbourne in two weeks.



### The Magnificent Miata proves way too good in the Galaxy

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order: Zipping Lad (\$5.80), Kalden Mayhem (\$19.30), Kalden Petroni (\$59.60), Mortal Combat (\$43.00) and Kalden Athena (\$19.20).

Miata is a Red Fawn bitch whelped October 2009 by Bombastic Shiraz from Winsome Bluebird (Lansley Bale x Winsome Duchess). She raced by Nicole Wheeler-Whye & Paul Stuart and trained by Paul Stuart at Oakford in Western Australia. She has now won 19 races and been placed on twice from his 22 starts. The Galaxy first prize of \$80,000 brings her overall prizemoney to \$159,065

The Galaxy first became a group race in 2002 as the major distance support race to the Perth Cup Carnival prior to then it was conducted as a minor feature and was first run in 1982.

1982 **Afro Freeway**, 1983 **Supreme Carmen**, 1984 **Aulfee**, 1985 **Lady Temlock**, 1986 **Abilene**, 1987 **Lassie's Girl**, 1988 **Red Rambo**, 1989 **Ghetto's Glider**, 1990 **Busy City**, 1991 **Galahad County**, 1992 **Petite Emma**, 1993 **Cousin Johnny**, 1994 **Floral Kwondo**, 1995 **Wits End**, 1996 **Rocket Racer**, 1997 **Gemarly Park**, 1998 **Paradise Street**, 1999 **Harvard Bale**, 2000 **Alencia Bale**, 2001 **"Not held"** 2002 **Jennev** 2003 **Why Complain** 2004 **Winter** 2005 **Best Quoted**, 2006 **Ronray Dancer** 2007, **Flashing Floods**, 2008 **Elektra**, 2009 **Western Land** 2010, **Drill 'Em** and 2011 **Blue Lorian**.

Greyhounds WA delivered once again with a spectacular evening of greyhound racing, on a very pleasant night a healthy cup crowd turned out to greyhound racing main night in the west.

The curtain fell on very successful \$500,000 Autumn Chasing Carnival that appears to be continuing to get bigger and better each year. The West has again showcased Australia's best chasers in the Sky Racing Group 1 Perth Cup (\$140,000 to the winner) and Group 1 Galaxy (\$80,000) and there is no doubt West Australia is a great place to race.



A happy team post-race with Miata



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