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Golden Easter Egg Win Was Worth The Wait

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They have won just about every major greyhound race in Australia, and finally Team Dailly can add the Macro Meats Golden Easter Egg to their growing trophy cabinet after Grigorieva Bale (\$22.40) took out the Group 1 feature at Wentworth Park on Saturday night.

As expected Cracker Jack Lil (\$5.60) led from box one with Sometimes Speedy carving across from the seven and the favourite Punch One Out (three) and Grigorieva Bale (four) just off the pace, but on the first turn Punch One Out was severely checked and lost ground, while Grigorieva Bale pushed his way through to third, and then moved to second in the back straight.



Grigorieva Bale charges away with the Egg (Pic GRNSW Website)

Grigorieva Bale raced past Cracker Jack Lil prior to the final turn and set up a winning break, scoring by 3 ½ lengths from a gallant Winsome Charlee (\$29.10), who came from last early, with Cracker Jack Lil holding onto third, a further three-quarters of a length away, in a time of 29.65.

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Kennel representative George Dailly said Grigorieva Bale's bulking 38kg frame played a big part in the victory.

"I said before the race he would have to use his size going into the first turn to push his way through, which he did," Dailly said.

"When he moved to second in the back straight I thought he had a chance of winning.

"We have been coming to Sydney for a lot of years trying to win this race and we've finally done it. It has been a long time coming but it was worth the wait."

Dailly must have been thinking what might have been when Australian Cup winner Spud Regis – considered the kennel's best chance of snaring the Golden Easter Egg – was run out of the final by the Paul Wheeler-owned Grigorieva Bale in the semi-final the previous week.

Spud Regis then scored a very impressive win in The Ambrosoli in the lead up to the Golden Easter Egg on Saturday night.

"We did come up here thinking Spud Regis was our best chance, but you never know what might happen in racing and in the end Grigorieva Bale did the job for us," Dailly said.

"A lot of work goes into training a Golden Easter Egg winner and a lot of good people to make it happen.

"The staff at home do a great job and deserve a lot of credit for this win."

Grigorieva Bale had earnings of \$179,000 going into the Golden Easter Egg Final, but the bank balance has grown considerably courtesy of the \$250,000 prizemoney he earned on Saturday night.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Sometimes Speedy (\$3.80), 5th Hot Irish (\$15.50), 6th Sheikha (\$40.80) 7th General Destini (\$5.80) and Punch One Out (\$2.50).

Grigorieva Bale is raced by Paul Wheeler and is trained by Andrea Dailly at Anakie in Victoria. By Turanza Bale form Kingston Bale (Kiowa Sweet Trey x Sarina Bale). He is a Black Dog whelped June 2010 he has won 17 of his 51 starts and has been placed on 20 occasions and with the \$250,000 first prize for the Golden Easter Egg it took his current stake earnings to \$428,995.

Listed below is the Golden Easter Egg honour roll it has been won by some superstar sprinters over the years including five Hall of Famers. First conducted in 1990 when won by the Jim Coleman trained Ultra Sense the race quickly took pride of place in the Harbour city. It is one of most sought after on the AGRA Group racing calendar and each year attracts the best sprinters racing in the country, all vying for not only the outstanding first prize but also the glory and their place in history as winners of the Egg.

1990 **Ultra Sense**, 1991 **Highly Blessed**, 1992 **Jessica Casey**, 1993 **Billy Binjang**, 1994 **Mancunian Girl**, 1995 **Malawi Law**, 1996 **Tenthill Doll**, 1997 **Bahama Image**, 1998 **Rapid Journey**, 1999 **Faithful Hawk**, 2000 **Stately Bird**, 2001 **Brett Lee**, 2002 **Carlisle Jack**, 2003 **Cyrus The Virus**, 2004 **Bogie Leigh**, 2005 **Paua To Burn**, 2006 **Edie Beuchamp**, 2007 **Slater**, 2008 **Blazing Token**, 2009 **Dana Beatrice**, 2010 **Cosmic Rumble**, 2011 **Radley Bale** and 2012 **Don't Knocka Him**.

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HOTHAM BODY REPAIRS

A New Staying Star upstages the seasoned campaigners in the Association Cup Final

On a smorgasbord of feature racing, super young stayer Fancy Liza (\$2.80) showed class and experience well beyond her age to win the Group 1 Hotham Body Repairs Association Cup Final (720m).

A super run in her heat, the Chris Spratt-trained 16-start youngster railed underneath some of the more seasoned stayers to record a near record 41.94 win in the \$75,000 feature.

Fancy Liza came from fifth early to come through the field, sit on the pace then reached the lead and race away to win in impressive style by five and quarter lengths. At only her third start over 700 metres she flagged a bright future with feature races to come notable the Group 1 Sandown Cup in May.

The ever consistence Bell Haven (\$6.70) finished second and Back Page Lead (\$6.00) third, no doubt we will see both contest the Sandown feature.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Destini Fireball (\$2.90), 5th Robert Andrew (\$41.50), 6th Gully Miss (\$31.20), 7th Hotwire (\$41.50) and Miss Nicole (\$11.60).

Fancy Liza is a Black bitch whelped October 2010 by Brett Lee from Sweet Fancy (Collision x Miss Fancy). She raced by Tracsan Racing and trained by Chris Spratt. She has now won five races and been placed seven times from her 16 starts. The Association Cup first prize of \$75,000 brings her overall prizemoney to \$83,450.

Llandilo trainer Chris Arletos looked all set for his biggest pay day in greyhound racing when his charge Black Rip set up what looked to be a winning lead in the Group 3 Centrebet Magic Maiden Final.

Set to receive the \$25,000 winner's purse plus another \$50,000 for preparing the first of the Goodesy progeny to claim a Group event, Black Rip was grabbed right on the line by the John and Jane Carruthers-trained Clockwise in 30.01.

By their star sire Magic Sprite, Clockwise has shown plenty of talent through the series and looks to have a bright future.

The Carruthers night didn't end there, however, scooping the New Sensation Final with another Magic Sprite chaser Charmed Assassin.

Leaving the boxes perfectly, Charmed Assassin continued on his winning way to land the prize in 29.76.

Super Victorian bitch El Brooklyn showed her class in the \$15,000 to-the-winner Ultra Sense Final, leading throughout in 29.76.

The gala night of racing drew the curtain on a marvellous Group 1 Macro Meats Golden Easter Egg Carnival for 2013.

Full credit must go to race sponsor Ray Borda for helping elevate the Golden Easter Egg to one of the world's richest greyhound events.

The three week series was compiled brilliantly by the NSW GBOTA and GRNSW.

Bring on 2014!



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