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“Outstanding field in the Adelaide Cup final”

By Shaun Mathieson

Last night at Angle Park we saw five exciting heats of the Triple M Adelaide Cup where the winners and the three fastest second placegetters from each heat qualified for next week’s big Group 1 final. The fastest qualifier for the final was the Rob Britton trained Victorian Farmor Las Vegas who blitzed his rivals in the first heat of the night running a brilliant 29.36 for the 515m journey. He led throughout from box 6 running splits of 4.41 and 16.63 with his winning time equalling the fastest recorded on the track since Proven Nitro’s sizzling performance 12 months ago in last year’s Cup heats. He defeated last start Group 1 winner Peter Rocket by 4½ lengths who was slow out early and did a good job to chase home hard and also qualify for the Final.



The brilliant Tomac Bale (Pic Paul Munt)

The second heat went the way that most form judges anticipated with the Jason Thompson trained Ronan Izmir making full use of box 1 to lead throughout and defeat Kokoda Spirit who came across from her outside box early in the event and run a strong second. Ronan Izmir recorded a flying 29.63 for the 515m journey with splits of 4.42 and 16.78 in winning by 1¾ lengths with Kokoda’s Spirits time of 29.74 also qualifying her for the Final.

The third heat was also dominated by the Victorians with Tomac Bale for Mark Delbridge proving too classy for his rivals on the night. He stepped reasonably from the inside box to push through on the first turn and from there it was just a matter of how far he would win by. Tomac Bale stopped the clock in 29.63 with splits of 4.47 and 16.87 defeating South Australian Benchmark who ran a terrific race beaten 5½ lengths.

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Tomac Bale has drawn the converted red box in the final however there is plenty of speed on his outside so a quick beginning is a must.

Heat 4 saw another brilliant display of chasing by a Rob Britton trained greyhound with Iona Seven continuing on her winning way easily accounting for her rivals in a sizzling 29.41 winning by 7½ lengths. She has given Rob a two pronged attack in next week's final and after drawing box 3 for the Group 1 she is a serious player to take out the title. She ran splits of 4.39 and 16.69 in defeating SA's Fire Tyson who has been gradually getting back to his very best for trainer Tony Lagana and also qualified for next week's final as the third fastest second placegetter.

All local eyes then turned to the final heat of the night with SA's pin up chaser Ernie Bung Arrow shooting for his 12th win from 13 starts and a place in next week's Group 1. The Ken Gill trained speedster didn't disappoint his supporters with another display of front running chasing. He began faultlessly from box 8 and raced to the front early and from there it was a matter of how quick and how far. He recorded a flying 29.60 with splits of 4.35 and 16.74 in defeating Webster by 5¼ lengths. He goes into next week's final as one of the favourites after drawing the box that he wanted, box 8.

Both Ernie Bung Arrow and Fire Tyson will be looking to be the first South Australian trained greyhounds to take out the title since Miss Spicy won in 2006 and the first SA Bred and trained greyhounds since Brookside Bear won in 2002. Their Breeders will also be hoping for Group 1 glory as part of the SA Bred Super Bonus Scheme they have already won \$1,000 just by making the Group 1 final however if either can greet the judge first next Thursday night another \$12,500 will jump into the breeders pocket.

The \$107,500 Group 1 Final will be run next Thursday night 10th October. It will be race 8 on the program and is listed to jump at 9.23pm (SA time).

GROUP ONE – TRIPLE M ADELAIDE CUP \$75,000 to the winner



Tomac Bale (VIC)

22 Starts 12-2-1 (\$104,060)

Dyna Lachlan – Princess Bale

Red Fawn Dog April '11

Owner: **Paul Wheeler**

Trainer: **Mark Delbridge**

Angle Park best: 29.63 (1) (2 Starts 1-0-1)

Brilliant Victorian sprinter ran a game placing in the National Sprint final after winning the Group 2 Launching Pad earlier in the year. Perfectly drawn here the same box as last week when he showed superior pace early after box rise and lead from that point on winning in an impressive 29.63. He is a top class chaser in the best box. Big Chance.



Ronan Izmir (VIC)

43 starts 27-5-4 (\$167,745)

Elite State – Adhara Izmir

Black Dog January '11

Owners: **Sally Burns**

Trainer: **Jason Thompson**

Angle Park best: 29.63 (1) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Another outstanding Victorian multi Group winner also well drawn. Led all the way last week in an impressive 29.63. Knows how to win when it counts and he has a big chance here if he can lead again. However it will be a mad charge to the first turn and one of these classy inside drawn speedsters may find some interference. Like the red he's a big chance.



Iona Seven (VIC)

29 starts 11-10-2 (\$60,310)

Swift Fancy – Iona Habit

Black Bitch April '11

Owner: **Michelle Sidrak**

Trainer: **Robert Britton**

Angle Park best: 29.41 (3 Starts 2-1-0)

Well performed Victorian chaser she has come along extremely well in the past month or two. Fast heat winner last week in 29.41 with quick sections of 4.39 and 16.69. Rob Britton has two in the final and both went like jets last week. Another with a very good chance if she can lead again.



Fire Tyson

54 starts 22-9-10 (\$75,380)

Emerley Carlos – Avid Willow

Black Dog February '11

Owner / Trainer: **Tony Lagana**

Angle Park best: 29.71 (1) (45 Starts 20-5-8)

Local chaser, he knows his way around Angle Park better than most 45 starts for 20 wins and 13 placings. Finished second to Iona seven last week in a handy effort to make the final. Box four no help and he'll start big odds in this classy field. Place chance best.



Farmor Las Vegas (VIC)

37 starts 15-11-1 (\$63,920)

Knocka Norris – Farmor Cee You

Black Dog February '11

Owner: **Wayne Scott**

Trainer: **Robert Britton**

Angle Park best: 29.36 (6) (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Outstanding performance last week the best of his 37 start career. 29.36 was a very quick run considering the talent that went around on the night. Box five is a problem here with a heap of speed on his inside he has to come out and head them off if he is going to feature here. Place chance looks best from the tough draw but a repeat of last week would see him in the firing line.



Kokoda Spirit (VIC)

21 starts 11-4-1 (\$49,895)

Knocka Norris – Flaming Doll

Blue Brindle Bitch May '11

Owner: **Jordan Day**

Trainer: **Mark Morrissey**

Angle Park best: 29.61 (2) (3 Starts 2-1-0)

Smart Victorian bitch she recently won the SA Oaks holding off Iona Seven in the process. Chased home Ronan Izmir last week to make the final and she is racing well at the moment. Only a youngster with 20 starts she is a nice type with bright future. Box no help, place chance best.



Peter Rocket (VIC)

48 starts 20-6-13 (\$210,605)

Where's Pedro – Belron Blue

Black Dog August '10

Owner: **Lisa Hellmuth**

Trainer: **Keith Hellmuth**

Angle Park best: 29.86 (7) (3 Starts 1-1-1)

Yet another smart Victorian sprinter he recently won the Dapto Megastar at Group 1 after winning a Group 2 earlier in the year. Very honest type he hardly runs a bad race. Chased home Farmor Las Vegas last week in the quickest time of the night, it was a solid effort to make the final. Not without a chance but needs some luck in running to feature here you would think. Top class performer.



Ernie Bung Arrow

13 starts 12-1-0 (\$44,290)

Lochinvar Marlow – Slipper's Tonic

Black Dog November '11

Owner: **Helen Deacon**

Trainer: **Ken Gill**

Angle Park best: 29.55 (2) (10 Starts 9-1-0)

The local champ he has taken all before him winning 12 from 13 and nine here at Angle Park. Won the Group 3 SA Derby a week ago and the locals won't hear of him getting beat. Has genuine early speed and will need all of it to win. It's a big rise in class here and Ernie just might be up to the task. Last year's winner Spud Regis took a similar path to glory. Won't lack any local support, they love him. Big Chance for a local win the first since 2006 when Miss Spicy saluted.



Webster

29 starts 8-5-5 (\$19,000)

Path To Power – Velocity Cloud

Local chaser finished second last week behind "Ernie". Hard to see him trouble this lot if he gained a start. There will be big odds on offer.



Benchmark

58 starts 13-9-9 (\$25,720)

Collision – Jamella Star

Another local he finished second last week behind Tomac Bale, like Webster would start giant odds if he gained a start.



TAB Fixed Odds market for the Triple M Adelaide Cup.

\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Triple M Adelaide Cup (525m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
 1	<i>Tomac Bale</i>	<i>Mark Delbridge</i>	\$3.60
 2	<i>Ronan Izmir</i>	<i>Jason Thompson</i>	\$3.70
 3	<i>Iona Seven</i>	<i>Robert Britton</i>	\$3.80
 4	<i>Fire Tyson</i>	<i>Tony Lagana</i>	\$51.00
 5	<i>Farmor Las Vegas</i>	<i>Rob Britton</i>	\$3.00
 6	<i>Kokoda Spirit</i>	<i>Mark Morrissey</i>	\$16.00
 7	<i>Peter Rocket</i>	<i>Keith Hellmuth</i>	\$21.00
 8	<i>Ernie Bung Arrow</i>	<i>Ken Gill</i>	\$6.00
 9	<i>Webster</i>	<i>Kim Johnstone</i>	\$41.00
 10	<i>Benchmark</i>	<i>Petar Jovanovic</i>	\$51.00

Local expert's selections for the final are as follows.

Matt Corby

1st Ernie Bung Arrow
2nd Ronan Izmir
3^d Tomac Bale

Shaun Mathieson

1st Ernie Bug Arrow
2nd Iona Seven
3^d Farmor Las Vegas

Tom Biddington

1st Ernie Bung Arrow
2nd Farmor Las Vegas
3^d Ronan Izmir

What's happening on race night?

As usual Racing Greyhounds SA has planned plenty of free entertainment for Cup night. Highlights of the Triple M's 41st Adelaide Cup on Thursday October 10 include;

- Chasers Buffet selling fast but limited tickets still available – Just \$40.00 per person.
- Entry still only \$10! Under 18's free
- The Greyhound Hunnies taking photos and handing out goodies, including pens, Angle Park Entry vouchers and a limited number of \$5 betting vouchers
- Bellarouge performing some awesome dance routines trackside
- Free kids rides and amusements
- DJ Ash keeping the crowd moving and grooving
- Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) display – come and meet some retired greyhounds that are now pets
- And, of course, Triple M's Mark 'Roo' Ricciuto and Chris 'Ditts' Ditmar will be here.... along with their dog, Rush Hour Return, that will be running in a lead-up race on the night

The History of the Adelaide Cup

From its humble beginnings the Group 1 Sky Channel Adelaide Cup has now become the stepping-stone to stardom for some of Australia's household names in greyhound racing.

The first Adelaide Cup was held at Waterloo Corner in 1956 and won by the Fred Grimes-owned Oakland Chief. From Waterloo Corner the cup was moved to Bolivar, near the current Globe Derby trotting complex before taking pride of place at South Australia's headquarters for greyhound racing, Angle Park, in 1972.

And it didn't take long for the 'boy from Broken Hill', the late, great Doug Payne to etch his name into the archives of Adelaide Cup history.

Payne won the first three Adelaide Cups held at Angle Park - Bristol Miss (1972), Valjuka (1973) and Bristol Sue (1974) - a record that has never been equalled.

Revered in SA for his dominance of the SA training ranks, winning a record 14 training premierships, Payne always rated Bristol Sue as the best greyhound he ever trained.

When one considers some of the big names who passed through his kennel - Ascapella Miss, Red Pulse, Fullock's Fancy, Yodel High, Harada's Pick Bristol Chant and Bristol Miss - Bristol Sue certainly had something going for her.

Former Gawler Greyhound Racing Club chairman, Bernie Neal, was successful in the 1974 Adelaide Cup with Turn Pillage before a three-year dominance by Victorian trained greyhounds of SA's biggest race started.

Golden Spur (1976), Cavalier Queen (1977) and Riviera Tiger (1979), in controversial circumstances, broke the drought for interstate kennels. Riviera Tiger's win created headlines Australia-wide when the Adelaide Cup was declared a no-race and was re-run the following week after the lure had broken down.

The controversy arose as greyhounds who were engaged in that year's final were also engaged in heats of the Australian Cup at Olympic Park but, because of the no-race, were forced to miss that series to return to Adelaide for the cup re-run.

Following Riviera Tiger's win SA again dominated its premier sprint race for the next seven years.

The Clem Mitchell-trained Encanto, a natural front runner, was successful in 1979 before the Howard Gray-trained Youthful Prince, who was owned by a syndicate of 20 headed by former Adelaide Greyhound Racing Club committeeman, and since Greyhound Racing SA board member, Leon Chapman, won the race in 1980.

Colin Wachtel, now a household name in greyhound racing circles, won the 1981 Adelaide Cup with rank outsider Lady Tornquest who, in pre-post betting was a 100/1 chance to win the race.

Then based in the Riverland, Wachtel still rates Lady Tornquest, who went on to win the AGRC and Gawler Anniversary Cups as one of the best greyhounds he has trained.

The Cyril Boston-trained Smithy's Belle won the cup in 1982 before the ambitiously named Superstar won in 1983.

Trained by Darrell Johnstone, who later became a part owner of Australian 'superstar', Brett Lee, Superstar lived up to his name by not only winning the Adelaide Cup but also the 1983 AGRC Anniversary Cup and also representing SA in the 1983 National Sprint Championship at the now defunct Gabba circuit.

With greyhound racing thriving in SA during the mid 1980s, the win by the Blair Cross-trained Knocklaun Gold in 1984 set a new benchmark at Angle Park. Knocklaun Gold, in winning his heat of the cup, became the first greyhound to break the 30-second barrier in a race - clocking 29.99.

Knocklaun Gold also holds the distinction of being the shortest record holder in the history of SA, and probably Australian, greyhound racing when, just 20-minutes later that time went by the wayside with the record being lowered to 29.74.

The Gary Mellor-trained Thundering Two, one of SA's best young greyhounds to grace the Angle Park circuit took out the 1985 cup to cap off a memorable year for the Mellor kennel. A year earlier Thundering Two had won the Colin Viney Memorial Champion Puppy, the SA Derby, the WA Young Star Classic and also the Gawler Produce Stake.

The Alan Kelly-trained Farquhar took out the 1986 Adelaide Cup before the well-bred Joe Hili-trained Club Edition ran a race-record 29.94 in winning the cup in 1987.

Bev Hall, and her partner Charlie Merrett, were colourful characters in SA greyhound racing during the 1980s and they combined to win the Adelaide Cup in 1988 with High Wonder. The 1988 Adelaide Cup was the first time the race was held in January - a place it now firmly holds on the Australian greyhound racing calendar.

After winning the first three Adelaide Cups at Angle Park the 'Meadows Maestro', Doug Payne, broke a 14-year drought when rank outsider Kuriarkin, owned by the late Bill Hocking, was successful in 1989.

Payne often referred to Kuriarkin's win as one of his greatest training achievements. Drawn awkwardly in box four, Kuriarkin, who had only scraped into the field, flew the traps to snare the early lead before taking advantage of a first-turn scrimmage to score in 30.44 and, in doing so, landing some very nice wagers for loyal kennel supporters.

With the prizemoney for the Adelaide Cup on the spiral, SA's premier race was becoming a 'must' for the leading interstate kennels.

The Gerry O'Keefe-trained Sandi's Me Mum, winner of the 1989 National Sprint Championship, was the star attraction for the 1990 Adelaide Cup and she delivered the goods running out an easy three-length winner over the Payne-trained Packard in 30.23.

O'Keefe, one of the industry's gentlemen, was always receptive to the media and one of the best advertisements for greyhound racing was his promotional shot leading into that year's cup - a man and his dog - O'Keefe and Sandi's Me Mum stretched out in bed having an afternoon 'kip'.

Following her Adelaide Cup win, Sandi's Me Mum confirmed her status as one of Australia's all time great bitches by winning her second National Sprint Championship.

Another of Australia's highly-feted bitches, the Doug Ferrami-trained Highly Blessed and a slick 29.95 in winning the 1991 cup before the Ray Cunneen-trained South Road Sid ran a race record 29.83 in winning the 1992 cup.

With three victories on the trot in the Adelaide Cup it again was SA's turn when the Joe Perovic-trained Croatia Star became the youngest winner of an Adelaide Cup when scoring a 30.17 win in 1993. At just over two years of age, Croatia Star defeated a classy line up which included Gun Law Osti and 1993 National Sprint Champion, Casino Tom.

Don and Helen Foster, one of SA's most successful husband and wife teams, landed the 1994 cup with Perplexed in a new race-record time of 29.49. On occasions injury-prone, Perplexed flew the traps to lead throughout and beat Golden Currency, who deadheaded in the inaugural Topgun, and Golden Mike, who also was owned and trained by the Fosters. In the twilight of his career, Golden Mike, who had won the 1992 Gawler Gold Cup, was very gallant in defeat.

Perplexed also holds the distinction of being the last SA-trained greyhound to win the Adelaide Cup. Since 1994, interstate raiders have won the \$50,000 winners' cheque.

In 1995 New South Wales tasted its first success in the Adelaide Cup when Forest Fin, a son of arguably one of SA's finest sprinters, Ginger, ran a new race-record of 29.33 in beating Jurassic Vapour and Golden Currency. 1995 also heralded another amazing piece of history for SA's only Group 1 feature.

In finishing second the John Keep-trained Jurassic Vapour had just started to make his mark on the Adelaide Cup.

Based in Queensland, Keep vowed to return again in 1996 to try and avenge Jurassic Vapour's defeat. True to his word, Keep did come back and Jurassic Vapour was successful in beating the Both Barrels in 29.55.

Despite his rising years, and having competed at the highest level for almost two seasons, Jurassic Vapour returned to SA in 1997 to again tackle the cup.

A third placing behind the Merv Patching-trained Rare Deceit and Grand Illusion was enough for Jurassic Vapour to snare his piece of Adelaide Cup glory. He is the only greyhound to have won, and been placed in two Adelaide Cups, in three consecutive years - a feat which may never be equalled.

Rare Deceit's Cup win, like that of Riviera Tiger in 1978, was shrouded with controversy when a no-race was declared in one of the heats, necessitating a re-run the following Monday night to allow the final to be staged on the Thursday night.

Ironically, it was Rare Deceit's heat which was declared the no-race and, after winning the re-run and drawing box one for the final, she proved too classy in leading throughout.

However, it was the no-race, which destroyed the Adelaide Cup aspirations of two of SA greyhound racing's stalwarts - Brian Lee and Edlin Lienert. Lee and Lienert owned star SA sprinter Oak Raider who crashed into the outside running rail when the lure failed and was scratched from the re-run.

Twelve months later Oak Raider won through to the Adelaide Cup final but in his swansong, was no match for Australia's emerging superstar, Rapid Journey.

Trained by Jane Carruthers, Rapid Journey had little form leading into the cup series but, after a power-packed performance to land an effortless 9.5-length win over Plumb Bob and Brookside Cindy, he was the name on everyone's lips.

From Adelaide Cup glory, Rapid Journey went on to win the Australian Cup, Perth Cup, Golden Easter Egg and Melbourne Cup amassing almost \$500,000 in prizemoney for the year. Now standing at stud, Rapid Journey's progeny has really made its mark on the Australian racing scene.

The strong, wide-running Ken Welsh-trained Young Harrison took out the 1999 cup in one of the most open Adelaide Cup finals before history-making performances in 2000 and 2001.

Peter Giles, one of Australia's leading mentors, had never tasted success in an Adelaide Cup but that changed with the turn of the century when Jack Junior record a track and race-record 29.32 win.

From Knocklaun Gold becoming the first greyhound to break the 30-second barrier at Angle Park in 1984 to Jack Junior's track-record gallop in 2000, greyhound racing in SA had come a long way.

Late in 2000 greyhound racing circles were abuzz with the 'new kid on the block', Brett Lee. Greyhound Racing SA's prime objective was to lure connections of Brett Lee to Angle Park.

He was the hottest piece of property. Get Brett Lee to Angle Park and the crowd would be hanging from the rafters.

GRSA was successful in attracting Brett Lee to Adelaide. And, following a sizzling 28.96 solo trial around the Angle Park circuit, he was the cynosure of all eyes.

Trained by Darren McDonald, Brett Lee won the Group 3 Interstate Challenge Cup before streeting his opposition in his heat of the Adelaide Cup.

Despite meeting a classy field in the final, which included recent Group 1 winners Classic Capri and No Intent, an air of expectancy hovered over the track as Brett Lee was paraded towards the boxes for the final. Drawn awkwardly in box three Brett Lee exploded from the boxes to lead throughout for a six-length win over Classic Capri and Renzo Bale in a new race and track record 28.88 - yes, Brett Lee had become the first greyhound to officially break the 29-second barrier at Angle Park.

Like Rapid Journey, Brett Lee was destined for stardom with the Adelaide Cup providing the stepping-stone. His 28.88 track record run was his fifth individual track record.

Following his Adelaide Cup win Brett Lee went on to win the Australian Cup, Golden Easter Egg and Warrnambool Classic. The Adelaide Cup honour roll contains the names of no less than four AGRA Hall of Famers Sandi's Me Mum, Highly Blessed, Rapid Journey and Brett Lee.

Following Brett Lee local star Brookside Bear won the cup in 2002 recording 29.67 he was raced by Ray Borda and trained by Terry Cahalan Brookside Bear defeated Victorian's champions Carlisle Jack & Henerik Bale.

In 2003 the Peter Dapiran trained Waterview Star defeated Melbourne Cup winner Excite Ability and Arvo's Junior who later become a superstar of the staying ranks winning the National Distance Championship at Angle Park. Waterview Star ran a smart 29.34 but unfortunately had his career cut short due to serious injury.

Underrated Victorian sprinter Hotline Hero won the cup in 2004 and became the first group 1 success for outstanding trainer Kelvin Greenough. Raced by Greenough's good friend Corey Siekman, the black and white chaser upstaged the more fancied finalists' including long odds on (\$1.50) favourite Big Daddy Cool and Hall of Fame superstar Bogie Leigh in 29.56. from box 4.

Darren McDonald returned in 2005 to win the cup with the talented Collide raced by AFL superstar Tony Lockett. Collide defeated Go For Forever and Black Lee in 29.52.

After another drought of local trained winners classy sprinter Miss Spicy upset a team of Victorians with a brilliant win in the 2006 cup. The former Queenslander raced by Sarah Pringle was trained by Troy Murray who with his father Ray had enjoyed a long association with Pringle. Miss Spicy recorded 29.46 and proving it was no fluke when she also took out the Australian Cup in March only to have her career cut short in the lead up to the Easter Egg.

In 2007 Victorian Big Time Max ran down Airbourne Bale to win the cup brilliantly in 29.30. The talented sprinter begun well and stalked the leader for most of the trip before racing away in the home straight to win well. It was a star studded field including AGRA Greyhound of the Year Betty's Angel.

In 2008 a youngster with only 15 starts under her belt blasted out the seven ally to win brilliantly in 29.40 for Victorian trainer Jason Thompson. Whippy's Image was to race only briefly for the rest of the year because of injury and we perhaps never saw the best of her. Raced by New South Wales legendary greyhound man Dennis Reid it was another success after decades of breeding and racing top class chasers.

Jason Thompson made it back to back cups in 2009 when his Superstar El Galo held off a late challenge from the popular local star Scull Murphy. The "Scull" almost brought the house down when turning for home he appeared a winning chance but it wasn't to be and the 2008 AGRA Greyhound of the Year El Galo added another Group 1 to his already impressive resume.

Outstanding Paul Wheeler owned and bred Dyna Lachlan made a one act affair of the 2010 Cup with an all-the-way win from box two. Recording a fast 29.63 it was his 22nd career victory for the Dailly camp from Anakie in Victoria and took the star sprinters stake earnings to over 271 thousand dollars.

Due to a change in the AGRA calendar the Adelaide Cup was conducting twice in the one year in 2011. The race was changed to an October fixture after being run in January most years. The first Adelaide Cup for 2011 was won by smart Victorian Kilty Lad. The outstanding sprint talent made it 17 and four from only 27 starts and collected his second Group 1 in 20 days after scoring in the Silver Chief final at the Meadows on New Year's day. The brilliant youngster, had also made the Hobart 1000 in late December 2010 so he was no stranger to elite level racing, he had won the Group 3 WA Young Star Classic at Cannington in November and made the final of the Group 3 SA Derby in October. In the second edition of the cup for 2011 Victorian youngster Mepunga Nicky who only a month before had claiming the Group 3 SA Oaks led all the way to beat a top quality field. Mepunga Nicky, who started \$4.10 on Tattsbet, flew the lids and cleared the field from box eight, railing hard and holding off a late challenge from \$2.90 favourite Radley Bale she claimed her first Group 1.

2012 and less than a week after being involved in a serious crash that claimed the life of his litter-mate Big Black Mac, Spud Regis collected the biggest pay cheque of his career to that point and stamped himself as a genuine star of the sport. Shooting for his eighth straight win, the son of Bombastic Shiraz showed his class flying out of box five to be second to the first turn. He quickly overhauled local hope Prank Call down the back straight, shooting clear as they turned for home. Spud Regis \$4.40 kept his composure in the run to the line, stopping the clock in 29.75 seconds and holding off fast finishing Qua Vadis \$9 by a length-and-a-quarter. Proven Nitro \$4, the fastest qualifier, was two and three-quarter lengths back in third.

Adelaide Cup Honour Roll

1972 **Bristol Miss**, 1973 **Valjuka**, 1974 **Bristol Sue**, 1975 **Turn Pillage**, 1976 **Golden Spur**, 1977 **Cavalier Queen**, 1978 **Riviera Tiger**, 1979 **Encanto**, 1980 **Youthful Prince**, 1981 **Lady Tornquest**, 1982 **Smithy's Belle**, 1983 **Superstar**, 1984 **Knocklaun Gold**, 1985 **Thundering Two**, 1986 **Farquhar**, 1987 **Club Edition**, 1988 **High Wonder**, 1989 **Kuriarkin**, 1990 **Sandi's Me Mum**, 1991 **Highly Blessed**, 1992 **South Road Sid**, 1993 **Croatian Star**, 1994 **Perplexed**, 1995 **Forest Fin**, 1996 **Jurassic Vapour**, 1997 **Rare Deceit**, 1998 **Rapid Journey**, 1999 **Young Harrison**, 2000 **Jack Junior**, 2001 **Brett Lee**, 2002 **Brookside Bear**, 2003 **Waterview Star**, 2004 **Hotline Hero**, 2005 **Collide**, 2006 **Miss Spicy**, 2007 **Big Time Max**, 2008 **Whippy's Image**, 2009 **El Galo**, 2010 **Dyna Lachlan**, 2011 **Kilty Lad (1) Mepunga Nicky (2)** and 2012 **Spud Regis**.



The 2012 Adelaide Cup winner Spud Regis (Pic Walter Bulyga)

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