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Fernando one in a Million

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Last Night at Angle Park history was made when champion sprinter Fernando Bale (\$1.30) became the first greyhound to break through the \$1 million dollar mark in prizemoney when he blew away a strong Group 1 Adelaide Cup field leaving them lamenting in his wake.



The Champ Fernando Bale races away with his seventh group 1 in Adelaide
(All Pics Walter Bulyga)

With history in the making there was an air of confidence as the superstar made his way to the boxes in front of a large vocal crowd on a beautiful night in Adelaide.

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The Dailly camp seemed to absorb the pressure and take it in their stride even with owner Paul Wheeler making the trip to the festival state. He was on hand to witness one of the most brilliant performances seen on the Angle Park circuit with Fernando Bale running a brilliant 29.20 in winning by over 5 lengths.

Again, he wasn't super out of the boxes however his drive to the first turn saw him race to the front and from there he waved goodbye to the chasing pack. Lachlan Brown (\$31) for SA did a terrific job to keep close to the champ but faded a little in the run to the line. At only his 7th career start he held on gamely for local trainer Paula Hearnden giving her one of the biggest thrills she has had in greyhound racing. Kayda Shae (\$8) battled on well for Kelly Bravo to run another Group placing in finishing third but there was no stopping Fernando Bale.

He ran a time that ranks him in the top 5 greyhounds that have competed at Angle Park and took his prizemoney to \$1,006,110 which sits him atop the tree in prizemoney won anywhere in the world.

Adelaide saw one of the all-time greats tonight create history in Fernando Bale and for that we thank the Dailly camp and owner Paul Wheeler and wish them every bit of success in the future.



Adelaide Cup winner Fernando Bale after Friday night's race at Angle Park

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Waymore's Blues (\$13), 5th Shared Equity (\$10), 6th Kiss The Hawk (\$41), 7th Secret Spell (\$10) and 8th Mobius (\$51).

Fernando Road is raced by Paul Wheeler and trained by Andrea Dailly he is a White & Dark Brindle dog whelped March 2013 by Kelos Fusileer from Chloe Bale (Malawi's Prince x Burgundy Bale). Fernando Bale has won 31 of his 38 starts and has been placed on four occasions after the first prize of \$75,000 for the Adelaide Cup it took his current stake earnings to \$1,006,110. The first greyhound in world history to top the magic million.

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