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Fantastic Fanta Bale

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She provided fans with one of the most dominant UBET Gold Cup wins in recent memory, and we could be set to see Fanta Bale (\$1.60) do it all again in the Listed Superstayers Invitational at Albion Park next week.

The Robert Britton-trained bitch flew from Box 7 and made it a one-act affair around the 710m Albion Park circuit, holding off Queensland's 2016 Nationals representative.

Big Easy Red (45.80), and Queensland's darling of the track, Cyndie's Magic (\$7.10).

In winning, Fanta Bale became the first greyhound to win Group One races over 500m, 600m and 700m. The win brought with it \$75,000 in prize money and took her career earnings close to the \$800,000 mark.



The Superstar Fanta Bale in action winning the Gold Cup (Pic Box 1 Photography)

"She was terrific. It was a copybook performance," Britton said.

"I felt she needed to lead to be a good thing. There's always that element that another strong dog might run you down. She seems to know the right nights to begin well."

The Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club (BGRC) on Thursday night released its four-greyhound field for the 710m Superstayers (June 22), with Fanta Bale listed to take on Queensland's darling Cyndie's Magic, Ebby Ripper and New South Wales visitor Burn One Down.

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For Ebbly Ripper, it will be a chance at redemption after failing to qualify for the Gold Cup final a fortnight ago. She bounced back on Thursday to clock 41.81sec – just half-a-length outside Fanta Bale's winning Gold Cup time - in an Open 710m race.

Burn One Down has developed into one of the nation's premier stayers, winning 26 of his 43 race starts.

The son of Buck Fever and Fancy Jaffa has recorded four victories at Group level, including the Group 1 Zoom Top (725m), the Group 2 Topgun Stayers (725m), the Group 3 Topcat Video Cup (725m) and the Group 3 Racecallers (595m).

Cyndie's Magic is the darling of Queensland greyhound racing and the social media star has wowed audiences with her blistering finishes and amazing will to win. Bill Elson's daughter of Premier Fantasy and Regal Silver is still going as strong as ever at well over 4 years of age.

But all three will have a task ahead of them in trying to chase down Fanta Bale.

Britton said while trainer and greyhound were likely to return to Brisbane next week, he wouldn't make his final decision until Sunday.

"It's tough to fly three weeks in-a-row. Especially when you have a stayer that goes to the front and does it all the way like she did," he said.

"I'll want to see that she's bouncing and taken no affect from the run. Like all dogs the morning after they run she's a little tired today. But we'll go home and re-asses on the weekend."

The other feature of the night was taken by Brisbane trainer Terry Auckram's Shoes To Fill, which prevailed in a thrilling finish to the Flying Amy Classic (520m).

After the placed runners, the field finished in the following order 4th Teddy Monelli (\$11.30), 5th Dundee Calypso (\$5.20), 6th Starzsa Light (\$31.60) 7th Jalapeno (\$11.50) and Obi Kenobi (\$38.90).

Fanta Bale is a Black bitch whelped August 2014 by David Bale from Ucmé Typhoon (Dodgem By Design x USS Mysterious). Fanta Bale is raced Paul Wheeler and trained by Robert Britton. She has raced 39 times for 25 wins and nine placings. After adding the \$75,250 first prize for the Gold Cup her stake earnings stand at \$797,490. Fourth on the all-time stakes winning list.

The Gold Cup was first run at Gabba in 1974 and was known as the Gabba Gold Cup until 1980 when sponsored by SGIO for a year and by Woolworths of another year. It went back to the Gabba Gold Cup until 1988 when the race became the FAI Gold Cup for four years. It changed to the Albion Park Gold Cup when racing transferred there in 1993 and was sponsored by VIP Petfoods from 2002 to 2007, then by the Cartwright Property Group 2008-09-10. While in 2012-13-14 the sponsor was Macro Meats. This year's sponsor Ubet also sponsored last years race.

The Gold Cup has been won by some champion stayers over the year's Dotie Wilson the only dog to win it twice in 75 and 76. Mandarin Girl 77, Picture This 82, National Star 85, Trojan Tears 94, Miss Cruise 95, Boronia Blossom 96, Totally Ablaze 98, Questions 99, Total Denial 2002, 2006 Miss Brook, 2007 Miss Grub, 2008 Chinatown Lad, 2009 Queen Lauryn, 2010 Nellie Noodles, 2011 Bobby Boucheau, 2012 He Knows Uno, 2013 Destini Fireball and 2014 superstar winner Xylia Allen.

1974 **Captain Winter**, 1975 **Dotie Wilson**, 1976 **Dotie Wilson**, 1977 **Mandarin Girl**, 1978 **Dusty Ginny**, 1979 **Mockacindy**, 1980 **Gini's Choice**, 1981 **Final Dream**, 1982 **Picture This**, 1983 **High Monakii**, 1984 **Shy Deena**, 1985 **National Star**, 1986 **Clover Park**, 1987 **Shy Nimbus**, 1988 **Gary's Hope**, 1989 **Mary Casey**, 1990 **Rocket To Tubrid**, 1991 **Cobbalena**, 1992 **Elusive Odie**, 1993 **Pilgrim's Star**, 1994 **Trojan Tears**, 1995 **Miss Cruise**, 1996 **Boronia Blossom**, 1998 **Totally Ablaze**, 1999 **Questions**, 2000 **Amazing Dancer**, 2001 **Hotshow Vintage**, 2002 **Total Denial**, 2003 **Dooley's Mist**, 2004 **Toss O'Reilly**, 2005 **Last Quoted**, 2006 **Miss Brook**, 2007 **Miss Grub**, 2008 **Chinatown Lad**, 2009 **Queen Lauryn**, 2010 **Nellie Noddles**, 2011 **Bobby Boucheau**, 2012 **He Knows Uno**, 2013 **Destini Fireball**, 2014 **Xylia Allen**, 2015 **Dzeko** and 2016 **My Boy Brodie**.

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