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Cyndie's Magic the fastest qualifier for 2016 Group 1 Gold Cup

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CYNDIE'S Magic continued her stellar run of form on Thursday night at Albion Park, scoring a determined victory in a heat of the Group 1 Gold Cup (710m).

Beginning from box six in the third of four qualifiers, the front running stayer uncharacteristically missed the kick and was at the tail of the field in the early stages.

But the daughter of Magic Sprite and super producer Regal Silver was not done with, producing a gutsy run to weave her way through the field, levelling up with the leader, Ring The Bell (box seven), on the home turn and grinding away in the home straight, eventually sticking her head in front to score by a head in 42.12 - the fastest time of the night.

Trained by Bill Elson, it was the fifth straight win for the black bitch who has been a model of consistency throughout her career, with 23 victories from 75 starts and over \$175,000 in prize money earnings.

No Donuts was all the rage in the opening heat at \$1.30, with the Anthony Azzopardi-trained stayer working to the front soon after box rise and sprinting clear. Down the back and despite leading clearly, the dual group 1 winner started wobbling out in front and soon drifted back towards his competitors.

On the point of the turn Kilkee Flex (box one) had reached the frontrunner, but the Peter Dapiran-prepared bitch ducked wide entering the straight, bumping with No Donuts.

Despite regaining her balance in the run to the line, the brindle bitch had lost momentum, with the in form My Boy Brodie (box two) swooping in the closing stages to assume the lead, drawing clear to win by half a length in 42.14.

My Boy Brodie, a blue fawn son of Radley Bale and Giggling, has now won 13 races from 56 outings including his past four in succession.

Recently crowned Sandown Cup champion, Bells Are Ringin', was the dog to beat in the second heat of the night, with punters sending the daughter of Kinloch Brae and Absolute Stunna to the boxes as a narrow favourite over promising NSW stayer Cardiology (box four).

Jumping swiftly from box three, Bells Are Ringin' was able to roll straight to the early lead, with fellow Victorian Dublin Bull (box seven) racing up on her outside to apply some pressure in the run to the line the first time.

Despite Bells Are Ringin' kicking clear again heading through the catching pen, Dublin Bull was not going away, with the Jeff Britton-trained powerhouse switching to the inside to hit the lead in the run past the 600m boxes on the second occasion.

Swinging for home and the leader raced wide, allowing another NSW campaigner in Lovelace (box eight) to rail through along the fence, however Dublin Bull was able to produce one last surge right on the line to land the win by a nose in 42.32.

Lioness Lulu (box eight) was the class campaigner in the fourth and final heat of the night, but the fawn bitch wasn't able to find the bunny and finished in sixth spot.

Instead taking the lead was Abby's Magic (box one), a litter sister to Cyndie's Magic, with the black bitch high-balling out in front for the majority of the race before tiring in the final stages when swamped by Obi Kenobi (box two) and Tambay Bale (box six), the former going home the better to record a one length victory in 42.34.

Abby's Magic rallied late to hold on to second, with the erratic Tambay Bale filling the trifecta back in third spot.

GROUP ONE – UBET GOLD CUP \$84,700 to the winner

Box Draw and Local Market for the Ubet Gold Cup 710:

\$84,700 to the winner Group 1 Ubet Gold Cup Final 710m								
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	B/T				
	Kilkee Flex (VIC)	Peter Dapiran	\$4.00	NBT				
2	My Boy Brodie (NSW)	Trevor Rice	\$4.50	42.14				
3	Abby's Magic	Bill Elson	\$17	42.20				
4	Obi Kenobi	Andrew Monaghan	\$13	42.34				
5	Dublin Bull (VIC)	Jeff Britton	\$5.00	42.32				
6	Cyndie's Magic	Bill Elson	\$3.80	42.03				
7	Lovelace (NSW)	Mark Tapper	\$21	NBT				
8	Ring The Bell (VIC)	Gerry O'Keeffe	\$5.50	NBT				
(9)	Vegas Bound (RES)	Tony Apap	\$7.50	NBT				
10	Bells Are Ringin (RES)	Gerry O'Keeffe	\$5.00	42.05				

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

Luke Gatehouse

1st Cyndie's Magic

2nd My Boy Brodie

3rd Vegas Bound

<u>Paul Dolan</u> 1st Dublin Bull 2nd Obi Kenobi 3rd Cyndie's Magic John Brasch
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2nd Ring The Bell
3rd Lovelace

What's happening on race night?



Group 1 Gold Cup

Next week's Gold Cup Final will be the opening night of the 2016 Winter Chasing Carnival. There is a full bar and Bistro facilities, Bookmaker and Tote betting it should be a great night for all attending.



The History of the Gold Cup

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 and 14 the sponsor was been Macro Meats.

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 Xylia Allen.

Year	Winner	Trainer	Time	Year	Winner	Trainer	Time
1974	Captain Winter	J J Carr	42.12	1996	Boronia Blossom	Ron Ball	42.25
1975	Dotie Wilson	J D Canning	41.83	1997	Red Mystique	Fay Kosowski	42.06
1976	Dotie Wilson	J D Canning	42.08	1998	Totally Ablaze	Roger Nodzio	41.96
1977	Mandarin Girl	Reg Darvill	41.70	1999	Questions	Dennis Reid	42.10
1978	Dusty Ginny	P Carr	41.75	2000	Amazing Dancer	Peter Giles	42.11
1979	Mockacindy	Alan Chauncy	41.46	2001	Hotshow Vintage	Jason Thompson	42.15
1980	Gini's Choice	B Raue	41.90	2002	Total Denial	Pauline Moran	42.41
1981	Final Dream	K Dickson	41.83	2003	Dooley's Mist	Barry Dull	42.28
1982	Picture This	Gerry Robida	41.88	2004	Toss O'Reilly	Peter Giles	41.76
1983	High Monakii	K J Braund	41.75	2005	Last Quoted	John Mooney	41.74
1984	Shy Deena	E M Black	41.62	2006	Miss Brook	Paul Felgate	41.86
1985	National Star	Reg Johnston	41.61	2007	Miss Grub	Glenda Dart	41.77
1986	Clover Park	Dennis Reid	41.40	2008	Chinatown Lad	Shane Whitney	41.91
1987	Shy Nimbus	Mick O'Byrne	41.74	2009	Queen Lauryn	Tony Brett	42.08
1988	Gary's Hope	K Reed	41.49	2010	Nellie Noodles	Robert Britton	41.84
1989	Mary Casey	Harry Sarkis	41.51	2011	Bobby Boucheau	Angela Jackson	42.03
1990	Rocket To Tubrid	G Wynn	41.68	2012	He Knows Uno	Mick Patterson	41.78
1991	Cobbalena	M Hodges	41.71	2013	Destini Fireball	Norm Rinaldi	41.89
1992	Elusive Odie	Tony Zammit	41.37	2014	Xylia Allen	Jenny Hunt	41.71
1993	Pilgrim's Star	Alan Pringle	41.88	2015	Dzeko	Sam Dart	42.44
1994	Trojan Tears	Tony Zammit	42.53	2016			
1995	Miss Cruise	Alan Pringle	42.57	2017			



Fastest Gold Cup qualifier Cyndie's Magic recently winning the Rockhampton Cup

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