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Fanta Bale the fastest qualifier for 2017 Group 1 Gold Cup

By Neil Brown

Fanta Bale has been made the favourite to take out the Group 1 Ubet Gold Cup (710m) following another outstanding performance first up at Albion Park on Thursday night.

The Robert Britton-trained greyhound begun well from box eight in the first heat and settled just off the speed in a handy spot early, she closed in on the leader coming off the back straight and raced away for brilliant win. Fanta Bale put the remaining heat winners on notice with a best of the night 41.66 about three and half lengths outside the track record of 41.44 held by Queensland superstar and multi Nationals winner Dashing Corsair.

She will jump from box seven in next week's final and be aiming for her fourth Group 1 victory this year. She has raced extremely impressively since the start of April having won four races, including a thrilling win in the Group 1 Sandown Cup at the end of May.

Jalapeno battled on for second and Big Easy Red finished third both making the final.

After the disappointment of Dundee Osprey in heat two, when he went amiss and appeared injured, visiting Victorian trainer Geoffrey Scott-Smith would have been a lot happier with the heat three win of his well performed distance star Dundee Calypso. She held off the darling of Albion Park Cyndie's Magic to score in 42.02 first up on the track.

Dundee Calypso had to be at the top of her game to beat the Queen of the Creek, a track specialist who has amassed 34 wins at the venue, Cyndie's Magic's has earned a whopping \$359,483 in her 118-start career, which includes 41 wins and 48 minor placings, with her get back and fly home racing pattern capturing the imagination of punters across the country.

The little champ will be trying hard to win her first Group 1 in what may be her last group racing campaign after a stellar career. Seasoned stayer Obi Kenobi made yet another group final finishing third. He returned to Queensland following successfully racing out of Victoria for Glen Campbell.











Front running West Australian stayer Teddy Monelli won the second heat, Teddy proved too strong for New South Wales visitor Starzsa Light and Tasmanian Pickled Tink. It was a solid effort from the David Hobby trained leader, winning in a first up time of 42.03. He also has raced well on the road recently and was a finalist in the Group 1 Sandown Cup.

\$75,000 awaits the winner the Group 1 Ubet Gold Cup, it will be supported on the night with the final of the Ubet Flying Amy Classic over 520 metres. Five heats were run on Thursday night of the listed event, with the winners Jackson Benz (29.72), Opal Nera (29.94), Shoes To Fill (30.03), Tooka Turn (30.04) and Bikini Cloud (30.04).

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GROUP ONE – UBET GOLD CUP \$75,000 to the winner

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

\$75,000 to the winner Group 1 Ubet Gold Cup Final 710m				
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price	B/T
	Dundee Calypso (VIC)	Geoff Scott Smith	\$4	42.02
	Jalapeno	Tony Apap	\$17	NBT
	Cyndie's Magic	Bill Elson	\$6	41.96
	Obi Kenobi (NSW)	Rodney Magnay	\$26	42.34
	Starzsa Light (NSW)	Dean Swain	\$21	NBT
	Teddy Monelli (WA)	David Hobby	\$8.50	42.03
	Fanta Bale (VIC)	Robert Britton	\$1.70	41.66
	Big Easy Red	Rusty Dillon	\$41	41.73
	Pickled Tink (NSW) (RES)	Philip Cassidy	\$67	NBT
	Lovelace (NSW) (RES)	Mark Tapper	\$101	NBT

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

Luke Gatehouse

1st Fanta Bale
2nd Cyndie's Magic
3rd Dundee Calypso

Paul Dolan

1st Fanta Bale
2nd Dundee Calypso
3rd Teddy Monelli

John Brasch

1st Fanta Bale
2nd Teddy Monelli
3rd Cyndie's Magic

What's happening on race night?



Next week's Gold Cup Final will see the continuation of the 2017 Winter Chasing Carnival. There is a full bar and Bistro facilities, Bookmaker and Tote betting it should be a great night for all attending.

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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 race was sponsored by 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	My Boy Brodie	Trevor Rice	42.17
1995	Miss Cruise	Alan Pringle	42.57	2017			



Fastest Gold Cup qualifier Fanta Bale recently winning of the Sandown Cup

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