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# Dzeko Storms Home to win Gold Cup

Young Dulguigan trainer Sam Dart was delighted to win his first Group 1 after taking out the Albion Park Gold Cup Final with Dzeko on Thursday night.

Dzeko (\$3.40) started favourite after the unfortunate scratchings of Tony Brett's pre-race favourite Tuavasa Shek and Luna Jinx from boxes one and two respectively.

Sam Dart is part of the stalwart Dart training clan based on the New South Wales far North Coast. Father John said his son, who also runs a lawn mowing and tree-logging business alongside training, was feeling confident ahead of the final.

"We gave Dzeko's a really good chance," he said. "She's beaten the likes of Sweet It Is in Melbourne, so she was definitely competitive.

"Last week was the first time she's led, but she always comes home very strong.

In an amazing effort Dzeko came home better than her rivals storming down the outside in the home straight to get up on the line after being back last with 300 metres to go.



**Dzeko winning the 2015 Group 3 Lizrene Classic at Sandown**

She had no end of trouble getting going during the race after beginning okay she found herself mid-field most of the trip and back second last and last at other times.

Several greyhounds made their runs approaching the home turn and it looked any dogs final at that stage. However once Dzeko found open ground she powered to the line, scoring by half a length over Mullaway (\$6.30) with Lady Toy third (\$4.10) for the sixth time was placed in a group final. It was another solid effort after copping several checks in the run.

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Dzeko's namesake is Edin Dzeko, the Bosnian striker who plays for English giants Manchester City.

She was named by Sam's brother Tim, an avid Manchester City fan.

"Tim names all of Sam's dogs," Dart senior said.

"He is absolutely crazy about soccer.

"It's nice that we have this bond as a family (and) you love being in these big races.

"We're not drinkers, so we won't celebrate too much. It will be back to business as usual tomorrow."

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4<sup>th</sup> Zipping Maggie (\$5.90), 5<sup>th</sup> Reality Ghost (\$36.02), 6<sup>th</sup> Cyndie's Magic (\$25.40) 7<sup>th</sup> Cosmic Vee Bee (\$8.10) and Hougenie (\$8.20).

Dzeko is raced by the Dart Jordan Syndicate and is trained by Sam Dart at Dulguigan in New South Wales. By Radley Bale from Rematch (Go Wild Teddy x Design). She is a Black Bitch whelped October 2012 she has won 11 of her 37 starts and has been placed on 12 occasions and with the \$84,700 first prize for the Gold Cup it took her current stake earnings to \$160,080.

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 the last three years the sponsor has 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 last year's 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 Noodles**, 2011 **Bobby Boucheau**, 2012 **He Knows Uno** and 2013 **Destini Fireball** and 2014 **Xylia Allen**.

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