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France Soir Produces Special Performance in Dapto Classic

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France Soir was a very impressive winner of the \$67,500 Group 2 Dapto Puppy Classic (520m) at Dapto on Thursday night.

After a rough house start which saw Dokmai fall and Nobu taken out of the race France Soir found himself in a winning position at the first turn.

The finalist in box five a litter brother and kennel mate to the winner IL Bacaro caused the early drama when he speared out then veered in at the start.

This resulted in Pippa Pepper box four colliding with Skate Thin Ice and Nobu while in between those two was Dokmai who got checked badly and fell.



Official Photo Finish of France Soir's win in the Dapto Classic

Pantera Near (\$3.40) led into the first turn and down the back with France Soir (\$5.10) close up and the danger, he swept to the lead coming around the home turn and raced away for a smart win in a fast 29.57 the quickest run of the three week series.

Skate Thin Ice (\$8.30) got home well for second and Pantera Nera hang on for third.

It was another Group success for in form trainer Anthony Azzopardi and France Soir adds to the array of smart sprinters he has in his outstanding kennel at the moment.

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Azzopardi has a solid opinion of the Magic Sprite youngster stating last week that he was one of the quickest dogs in his kennel.

“He is pretty good, I was surprized when he ran 29.60 in the semi but he backed it up in the final and went better”. Azzopardi said.

One New South Wales leading trainers he is relocating with his family in the New Year to Myrniong in Victoria. The pleasant rural town is located near the Western Freeway, 72 kilometres north-west of Melbourne and 15 kilometres west of Bacchus Marsh.

Azzopardi has raced a lot in Victoria during the last two years and he will be a welcome addition to the training ranks. Given the team he brings with him the popular mentor is sure to make a success of his important shift south.

France Soir appears to have many more wins in store and more than likely will target the upcoming Group 1 Silver Chief Classic at the Meadows on December 19, 26 and January 2nd 2016.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order 4th Espanyol (\$7.60), 5th IL Bacaro (\$9.70), 6th Pippa Pepper (\$31.20) 7th Nobu (\$13.20) and Dokmai (\$4.40).

France Soir is raced by Amanda Stollery. He is trained by Anthony Azzopardi at Londonderry in New South Wales. France Soir is a Black dog whelped November 2013 by Magic Sprite from Magic Capers (Spiral Nikita x Unmatched). He has won four of his six starts and with the \$67,500 first prize for the Dapto Auction Series it took his current stake earnings to \$69,935.

The Dapto Auction Series was first conducted in 2000 when sponsored by All Fab Constructions they remained the race sponsor until 2003 when the Glendon Motor Holden Company took over in 2004/05 while current sponsor Country Motor Company came on board in 2006 and stayed until 2014. Listed below are the previous winners.

2000 **Electric Grace**, 2001 **Toll Security**, 2002 **Most Awesome**, 2003 **Bazwill**, 2004 **Miss Megastar**, 2005 **Here I Come**, 2006 **Adris Echo**, 2007 **Merciless Lu**, 2008 **Never Quoted**, 2009 **Jedd Lion**, 2010 **Vancouver Kiss**, 2011 **No Rules League** 2012 **Magic Fancy**, 2013 **My Bella Rose** and 2014 **Bertacious Bee**.

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