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“Gold Cup Final Full of Talent”

Blue Lorian is back again and with the Group 1 Albion Park Gold Cup final in his sights.

The grand campaigner, a son of Surf Lorian-Winsome Bluebird, led throughout to win his heat of the Cup on Thursday night in 41.96 scoring by two and a half lengths over Bobby Boucheau with a length and three-quarters to Pillow Torque in third.

Blue Lorian chased home Nellie Noodles and Dashing Corsair in last year's Gold Cup final when he was just a promising young stayer. Since then he has won the Group 1 National Distance and WA Galaxy and been in a host of Group staying races right around the country.

Owner-trainer Peter Whye sent the dog north to be handled by local trainer Tom Tzouvelis. He arrived on Wednesday and will head back to Young in NSW on Friday morning.

Whye could not come north with his champion stayer because he is moving home to Young. He is unlikely to be able to make it to Albion Park for the final.

Tzouvelis said he expects the dog to again be flown north next Wednesday for the rich final.

Blue Lorian has now won 32 races and been placed in 23 of his 67 starts.

He has been a wonderful galloper for Whye the first dog he has owned or trained. Peter's wife bought him the dog as a Christmas present.

Blue Lorian led throughout and then held off a late charge from Bobby Boucheau. The Sandown Cup winner Bobby Boucheau began poorly and was off the track around the first turn but he ran on strongly in the home straight and he is certain to be further improved for next week's final.

Pillow Torque was a handy run beginning well and being second early but she dropped back to fourth in the back straight. She finished on again towards the line to get third.

The late Bob Biddle would have been proud and he had every right to be.

Former Queenslander Bob died of cancer on Wednesday night. Bob's family bred Bramley (Big Daddy Cool-Abbadale Gold) who swept through his field to win a heat of the Group 1 Gold Cup (710m) at Albion Park on Thursday night.

He scored by three lengths over Shimaguni with two and a quarter lengths to Lady Arko in third. Trainer Troy Iwanyk was the least surprised by Bramley's victory.

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“He’s always gone under the radar,” said Troy the former WA trainer now based in Victoria. “He’s a very underrated dog.”

Bramley now makes yet another feature race final. He was third in the Cranbourne Cup but has also been a finalist in the Sandown Cup, Perth Cup and Troy says a certainty beaten in the Henry Harrison Memorial.

Bramley had not been on the Albion Park track before Thursday night’s heat and Troy said the dog would be improved with the run.

“And I expect him to go a lot better in the final next week because he is normally a much better beginner,” said Troy.

Bramley has now won 15 of his 38 starts.

Troy will have his litter sister Pillow Torque in the final as well next week.

He admitted Bramley is such a great chaser he was not concerned about starting him in the Gold Cup heat without a look at the track.

Queensland star Dashing Corsair was unlucky not to have qualified for his second successive Gold Cup final. He went into the race underdone and was not brilliant out at the start.

But he was looming up approaching the home turn and certain to qualify but was badly checked and went up in the air. He finished fifth and will go into the final as second reserve.

Thanks to David Brasch Queensland Greyhound Magazine for story material.

GROUP ONE – MACRO MEATS GOLD CUP \$50,000 to the winner



Piping Hot

15 starts 5-5-0 (\$18,010)

Bit Chili – Nikita Grove

Black Bitch April '08

Owner: **Les Daley**

Trainer: **Glenda Dart**

Albion Park best: 42.21 (5) (6 Starts 4-1-0)

Finished fourth in her heat last week has won four on the track in a best of 42.21 will need some luck to match this class and a place chance looks best.



Lady Arko (NSW)

21 starts 11-4-1 (\$35,847)

Where’s Pedro – Zarbo

White & Black Bitch April '08

Owner: **John Cox Syndicate**

Trainer: **John Hutchings**

Albion Park best: NBT (1 Starts 0-0-1)

New South Wales stayer with a fair amount of ability has performed well at tracks like Richmond and has a win over Blue Lorian at Sandown. Finished third last week and would need to improve on that to win, place chance best.



Shimaguni (VIC)

14 starts 10-2-0 (\$45,514)

Primo Uno – Messines

Black Bitch April '09

Owners: **Robert Scg Syndicate**

Trainer: **Robert Redenbach**

Albion Park best: NBT (1 Starts 0-1-0)

Scratched before the box draw when she was found to be sore in a pin muscle after her second in her heat to Bramley.



Blue Lorian (NSW)

66 starts 32-12-11 (\$372,213)

Surf Lorian – Winsome Bluebird

Blue Dog December '07

Owner/ Trainer: **Peter Whye**

Albion Park best: 41.96 (4) (3 Starts 1-0-2)

Talented New South Wales stayer he has been a superstar of the staying ranks for some time now gets a chance to win here after finishing third last year from the same box. Impressive last week in 41.96 champion chaser looking for another Group 1.



Pillow Torque (VIC)

40 starts 14-10-5 (\$122,380)

Big Daddy Cool – Abbadale Gold

Blue Fawn Bitch October '08

Owner: **Dan Biddle**

Trainer: **Troy Iwanyk**

Albion Park best: NBT (1 Starts 0-0-1)

Very consistent performer at this level she has made a number of group staying finals this year and was another good effort last week third behind Blue Lorian. Held the 715 record at Sandown and plenty claims here. Would need some luck but a winning chance.



Bramley (VIC)

38 starts 15-6-5 (\$73,198)

Big Daddy Cool – Abbadale Gold

Black Dog October '08

Owners: **D Pearce, D Biddle**

Trainer: **Troy Iwanyk**

Albion Park best: NBT (1 Starts 1-0-0)

Second finalist for trainer Troy Iwanyk and was an impressive winner in last week's heat. Hard to win first up on the track and he is an improving type a chance of upsetting the two fancied runners, is racing well.



Elliot Tee

19 starts 4-4-1 (\$4,972)

Pure Octane – Absolute Style

White & Black Dog April '08

Owner: **Toni Graham**

Trainer: **Robert Bedford**

Albion Park best: NBT (1 Starts 0-0-0)

Got a run as a reserve last week and made the most of it finishing fourth behind Bramley. Will start very big odds and find it hard to match the more classy performers.



Bobby Boucheau (VIC)

26 starts 15-4-2 (\$205,624)

Bombastic Shiraz – Dallas Gypsy

Black Dog May '08

Owner/ Trainer: **Angela Jackson**

Albion Park best: NBT (1 Starts 0-1-0)

Fantastically consistent stayer comes into the final after winning the Sandown Cup his second Group 1 this year. Looked a bit strange to the track and will be better for the run. Most likely to start favourite and should prove hard to beat.



Dash Of Shiraz (VIC)

33starts 9-6-6 (\$29,053)

Bombastic Shiraz – Skart

Finished fifth a long way behind Bramley last week and would need to improve, she gets a start in the final with the scratching of Shimaguni.













Dashing Corsair

115 starts 51-16-13 (\$353,303)

Malfoy – Rose Flamenco

Champion all distance performer in the twilight of his brilliant career, always a chance in any race he is in.

Local Bookmaker Market on the final:

\$50,000 to the winner Group 1 Macro Meats Gold Cup (710m)			
Box	Greyhound	Trainer	Price
	Piping Hot	Glenda Dart	9/1
	Lady Arko	John Hutchings	10/1
	Shimaguni	Robert Redenbach	N/R
	Blue Lorian	Peter Whye	7/2
	Pillow Torque	Troy Iwanyk	7/1
	Bramley	Troy Iwanyk	5/1
	Elliott Tee	Robert Belford	50/1
	Bobby Boucheau	Angela Jackson	5/2
	Dash Of Shiraz	Jason Thompson	20/1
	Dashing Corsair	Dwyer Lennon	8/1

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

David Brasch

1st Bobby Boucheau

2nd Pillow Torque

3rd Blue Lorian

Luke Gatehouse

1st Bobby Boucheau

2nd Blue Lorian

3rd Bramley

Paul Dolan

1st Bramley

2nd Bobby Boucheau

3rd Blue Lorian

What's happening on race night?

Macro Meats Group 1 Gold Cup

The Brisbane club has a big night of entertaining racing planned for their first Group 1 Final night for 2011.

Next week's Macro Meats Gold Cup Final will be supported by the Group 3 Flying Amy final which has brought together an outstanding field of chasers. Including Group 1 Winter Carnival Cup winner He Knows Uno, fast heat winner Surfin' Steffi plus the other two heat winners Cawbourne Cody and Swift Warrior. Albion Park has 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 has been sponsored by current sponsor VIP Petfoods since 2002. It 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 and last year's winner Nellie Noodles.

GABBA GOLD CUP

YEAR	WINNER	TIME
1974	Captain Winter	42.12
1975	Dotie Wilson	41.83
1976	Dotie Wilson	42.08
1977	Mandarin Girl	41.70
1978	Dusty Ginny	41.75
1979	Mockacindy	41.46
1980	Gini's Choice	41.90
1981	Final Dream	41.83
1982	Picture This	41.88
1983	High Monakii	41.75
1984	Shy Deena	41.62
1985	National Star	41.61
1986	Clover Park	41.40
1987	Shy Nimbus	41.74
1988	Gary's Hope	41.49
1989	Mary Casey	41.51
1990	Rocket To Tubrid	41.68
1991	Cobbalena	41.71
1992	Elusive Odie	41.37

GOLD CUP AT ALBION PARK

YEAR	WINNER	TIME
1993	Pilgrim's Star	41.88
1994	Trojan Tears	42.53
1995	Miss Cruise (NSW)	42.57
1996	Boronia Blossom	42.25
1997	Red Mystique	42.06
1998	Totally Ablaze	41.96
1999	Questions	42.10
2000	Amazing Dancer	42.11
2001	Hotshow Vintage	42.15
2002	Total Denial	42.41
2003	Dooley's Mist	42.28
2004	Toss O'Reilly	41.76
2005	Last Quoted	41.74
2006	Miss Brook	41.86
2007	Miss Grub	41.77
2008	Chinatown Lad	41.91
2009	Queen Lauryn	42.08
2010	Nellie Noodles	41.84



Last Year's Gold Cup winner the Nellie Noodles (Pic Corey Pearce)

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