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***High Earner finally reaches Group One status in
the Perth Cup***

It seemed like it was always going to happen but as we all know something's are easy said than done. Plus the fact if you continue to draw box five it can make your task all that bit harder. However Queensland High Earner scored his first Group 1 success in the most emphatic way last Saturday night. It was an extremely impressive performance in the final of the Sky Racing Perth Cup at Cannington.

The Queensland dominated from the front and went within .05s of Velocette's 12 month-old track record in snaring the \$140,000 to the winner feature.

Always a dominant favourite in betting, High Earner (\$2.10) assumed control of the 530m sprint before the winning post the first time and dominated thereafter.



High Earner races to the line the Perth Cup (All Pics Courtesy Joe Mulder)

Carving out record breaking splits of 5.65, 13.25 and 18.61 he raced away from Victorian Arvo's Breeze (\$19.20) and local Wassim Bale (\$25.90) to win by seven lengths in 29.97.

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The win came as a huge relief to trainer Dave Robartson: "It was just great to see him show what he is capable of doing," the former WA-based mentor said.

High Earner will head to Sydney for the rich pickings on offer in the Group 1 Macro Meats Easter Egg he is up with the best in the land and has won at Wentworth Park in a slick 29.82s.

He's taken care of business at Cannington and, with it being his sixth Group One final, it was thoroughly deserved.

Only three weeks back he fell at the first turn in the Australian Cup final at The Meadows and, for a fleeting moment, Dave and Christine Robartson would have feared for the welfare of the son of Collision.

He, fortunately, came through the tumble unscathed and showed his tenacity in spades at Cannington.

Perth was a watershed moment, Wentworth Park represents a tilt at history and a record \$250,000 winner's prize.

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order: Oxley Spirit (\$7.00), Zini's Gump (\$11.50), Regent Diamond (\$8.70), Joanne Monelli (\$4.30) and How I Role (\$28.50).

High Earner is a Black dog whelped May 2007 by Collision from outstanding dam line and brood bitch Double Guess (Wild Season x Roxy Reason) he is owned and trained by David & Christine Robartson from Churchable in Queensland. High Earner has raced 48 times for 26 wins and 16 placings, his prizemoney earnings took a big boost with the Cup's first prize of \$140,000 taking his overall stake money to \$336,110.



Dave Robartson with his champ on the victory dais post race

Listed below is the Perth Cup honour roll it has been won by some outstanding sprinters over the years most coming from the eastern states. The race has had a number of sponsors over the years and was known as the Brownes Gold Cup from 1976 to 1986. In 1987 it was called the Australis Mining Gold Cup, in 88 it was the Fairplay Gold Cup then from 1989 until 1992 it was called the Winfield Gold Cup. In 1993 a long sponsorship begun with Be Active and it was known as the Be Active Gold Cup in 1993 and 94 before being called the Be Active Perth Cup until the last two years when the club welcomed their new sponsor Sky Channel.

1976 **Marcus Rate**, 1977 **Canonero's Gift**, 1978 **Biafra's Son**, 1979 **Rare Discovery**, 1980 **White Panther**, 1981 **General Jeff**, 1982 **Wotta Wizard**, 1983 **Superstar**, 1984 **Legatee**, 1985 **Supreme Carmen**, 1986 **Farquhar**, 1987 **Pretty Fearless**, 1988 **Karinya Flash**, 1989 **Miss Crisp**, 1990 **Sand Pebble**, 1991 **Frantic Night**, 1992 **Wynlee Supreme**, 1993 **Amy's Doll**, 1994 **Just Like Whisky**, 1995 **Brisk Bill**, 1996 **Tenthill Doll**, 1997 **Star Tribute**, 1998 **Rapid Journey**, 1999 **Bliss Bale**, 2000 **Nifti Fire**, 2001 **Sammy Mint**, 2002 **Modern Assassin**, 2003 **Elgrando**, 2004 **Kilby Supreme**, 2005 **Sun Hero**, 2006 **Superman**, 2007 **Betty's Angel**, 2008 **Size Can Matter** and 2009 **Miss Slick**.

GALAXY FINAL

Earlier in the night, Victorian Drill 'Em (\$3.60) continued his rich vein of form to take out his second Group One success in the Galaxy (715m). It was another front running display and in dominating fashion after fast sections of 15.44, 23.57 and 29.34 he lower the track record recording 41.33.

It had stood for only a week after Jarvis Bale set Cannington alight in last week's heats. But like their last encounter in the Group 1 Super Stayers at the Meadows Jarvis Bale (\$3.10) had to once again settle for second place chasing his superior opponent all the way to be beaten by a hollow five lengths. Queenslander Dashing Corsair (\$9.60) finished third a fair back with all honours to the winner. Like High Earner, he will now head to Wentworth Park for the riches on offer at Easter.

Connections have but a few days to savour the moment. Sydney beckons and Drill 'Em will take no end of beating in the Group Two Easter Chase at WP.



Drill 'Em proves too strong when takes out the Galaxy

After the placed runners the field finished in the following order: Supreme Command (\$27.10), Symmetry (\$27.00), Sirocco Style (\$27.50), Next Top Model (\$4.90) and Blue Lorian (\$6.00).

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Drill 'Em is Brindle dog whelped March '07 he is by Texas Gold from Geoff's Mate (Ashigga x Executive Maggie). The Group 1 Sky Channel Galaxy win took his record to 37 starts for 16 wins and 11 placings and prizemoney earnings stand at \$267,125. He is raced by the Binborrin Syndicate and trained by David Knocker at Langwarrin in Victoria.



A happy team post race with Drill 'Em

The Galaxy first became a group race in 2002 as the major distance support race to the Perth Cup Carnival prior to then it was conducted as a minor feature and was first run in 1982.

1982 **Afro Freeway**, 1983 **Supreme Carmen**, 1984 **Aulfee**, 1985 **Lady Temlock**, 1986 **Abilene**, 1987 **Lassie's Girl**, 1988 **Red Rambo**, 1989 **Ghetto's Glider**, 1990 **Busy City**, 1991 **Galahad County**, 1992 **Petite Emma**, 1993 **Cousin Johnny**, 1994 **Floral Kwondo**, 1995 **Wits End**, 1996 **Rocket Racer**, 1997 **Gemarly Park**, 1998 **Paradise Street**, 1999 **Harvard Bale**, 2000 **Alencia Bale**, 2001 "Not held" 2002 **Jennev** 2003 **Why Complain** 2004 **Winter** 2005 **Best Quoted**, 2006 **Ronray Dancer** 2007, **Flashing Floods**, 2008 **Elektra** and 2009 **Western Land**.

Greyhounds WA delivered once again with a spectacular evening of greyhound racing, a healthy cup crowd turned out in the warm but pleasant conditions enjoying a spectacular fireworks display after the last race.

The curtain fell on very successful \$500,000 Autumn Chasing Carnival that appears to be continuing to get bigger and better each year. The West has again showcased Australia's best chasers in the Sky Channel Group 1 Perth Cup (\$140,000 to the winner) and Group 1 Galaxy (\$80,000) and there is no doubt West Australia is a great place to race.

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